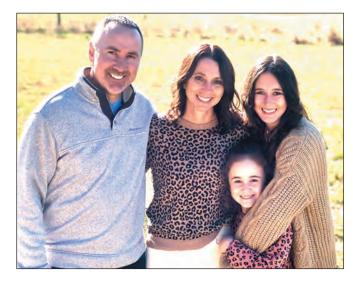
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Dr. Merlyn Johnson takes up Cassville R-IV baton



Shown above, Cassville R-IV's new superintendent, Dr. Merlyn Johnson, is shown with his wife, Amy (center) and daughters, Alyssa (right) and Reagan (front). Submitted photo.

Ezra DeVore

On July 1, Dr. Merlyn Johnson began his career as Cassville R-IV's new superintendent. Johnson has previously held the superintendent position in two school districts: from 2010 - 2016 in Summersville, and in St. James, where he's worked for the past five years.

After completing his education at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, at age 22, Johnson's first academic job was with the Arkansas Department of Corrections, a maximum security prison in Newport, Arkansas, There, from 1997

- 1998, he taught the final classes needed for acquiring a GED.

"I think teaching in a prison taught me not to be intimidated by leadership," Johnson said."

After his experience with the Department of Corrections, he taught high-schoollevel science, math, and social studies in the boot-heel of Missouri, at North Pemiscot High School in Wardell, where he was also the baseball coach.

"I got some really great experience at those schools," said Johnson. "I'm ready to bring that to Cassville." Johnson speaks highly of former Cassville Superintendent, Dr. Richard Asbill.

"Richard and I have a lot of respect for each other, and he reached out to me about this position before I applied. At the time, I was unsure if I should apply or not, and he gave me information that I felt would make me a great fit for Cassville, and Cassville a great fit for my family. We've been friends for many years; he's been good to me."

Johnson is originally from Alton and his wife, Amy, is from Van Buren.

"We have a lot of Ozark roots," he said.

The Johnsons' oldest daughter, Alyssa, is studying Speech-Language Pathology at Missouri State University, and their younger daughter, Reagan, will be entering third grade in the fall.

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Amy Johnson is also joining Wildcat Nation as the new FACS (Family and Consumer Sciences) teacher.

Amy has taught business for years, and "in many cases," Johnson said, "what people don't realize when they hire an Administrator or Superintendent is that the spouse is just as good or better. I think people are go-

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Aviation career opportunities opening up, says local flight instructor



Shell Knob resident, Justin Richmond, owner/operator of EAS Flight Training, shifted from a career in "Hamburger-ology" to one in aviation some 30 years ago. Above, he poses outside his hangar at the Monett Municipal Airport.

Photo by Chuck Nickle Photography.

Sheila Harris

A career in aviation, or simply flying an airplane as a hobby, has the reputation of being something one can only dream about. That's not always the case, a fact confirmed by area pilots who subscribed to the adage, "Where there's a will, there's a way." Or, in other words, "One flight and you'll be hooked."

Justin Richmond, of Shell Knob, was first bitten by the aviation bug when he worked as the manager for the Monett and Aurora Mc-Donald's restaurants some 30 years ago.

"I walked through the lobby in the Aurora Mc-Donald's one evening as I was headed for home," Richmond said, "and one of my young employees was sitting there looking worried. When I asked him if I could help him with something, he said, yes, he needed a ride to the airport for his flight lesson. I was floored. I'd never even been up in a small airplane before, and here was this kid much younger than me taking flight lessons. I said, 'Let's

Richmond was given a ride in an old Cessna 150 at the airport that night, all the incentive he needed to begin flight lessons of his own. With much perseverance, those lessons eventually led to his management of the

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Aurora Airport, a position which included flight instruction and aircraft maintenance experience.

Richmond has since spread his geographical wings and, as owner of EAS Flight Training, provides flight instruction and aircraft maintenance at airport locations in Monett and Fayetteville, Arkansas, in addition to Aurora. He also provides pilot services for clients who need someone to fly their planes

Another local pilot bitten some 40 years ago by the aviation bug is Howard Frazier, manager of the Monett Municipal Airport.

"When I worked at Barry County Lumber in Cassville years ago, Max Fields offered to give me a ride in his plane," Frazier said. "I took him up on it. I thought, 'Hey, this is pretty neat,' and I started



Shown above, teenage pilot, Hans Graybill (left), and his pilot-in-training brother, Arthur Graybill (right), pose beside their family's 1968 Cessna 150 after returning from a flight to the Grand Canyon in February, 2020. Submitted photo.

working toward getting my pilot certification and various ratings afterward, a little at a time."

Although Frazier now has a pilot certificate with multiple ratings (for different levels of expertise) under his belt, he opted not to pursue a career in aviation when he was younger.

"I had just started a family and didn't want to be away from home," he said. "Plus,

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Veterans invited to Roaring River picnic

Sheila Harris

Paul Fiscus, a member of the local chapter of Veterans Taskforce of America, invites all honorably-discharged military veterans to a free family picnic at the CCC Shelter on F Highway at Roaring River this Saturday, July 17, 12 - 4 p.m.

The picnic is planned, says Fiscus, just to provide the opportunity for socialization and camaraderie to those who have served in the military.

"We hope to make it an annual event," he said.

The picnic is hosted by the local chapter of the Veterans Taskforce of America.

"We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs and the stuff to go with them," he said. "We'll



All honorably-discharged U.S. military veterans and their families are invited to a free picnic hosted by Veterans Taskforce of America on Sunday.

also have live music and games. Just bring your families and have fun."

Fiscus, a Vietnam veteran who lives in Eagle Rock, says the local Veterans Taskforce chapter, which currently has about 30 members, was only open to Vietnam vets for its first ten years.

"There are fewer of us around these days, though," he said, "so we'd like to see new and younger members

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Multiple agencies assist in arrest of fugitive

Sheriff Doug Rader, Stone residence at 5621 E. Highway County Sheriff's Office

On Wednesday, July 7, deputies from the Barry County Sheriff's Office requested assistance. During a traffic stop in Eagle Rock, the driver, Ben Reagan, left the car and fled on foot.

Stone County deputies responded to the call for assistance and accompanied Barry County deputies to a

June 5 arrest nets

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Dale Silva is currently be-

ing held in the Barry County

Jail on several warrants that have No Bond and other war-

rants with bonds totalling

\$50,900, cash only.

On June 5, Deputy Larson

discovered in a June 5 arrest made by Deputy Anthony Larson.

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When they arrived on scene, further investigation led to inconsistencies which led deputies to believe Reagan was inside the residence. A perimeter was formed around the residence, and officers from the Stone County Sheriff's Office, the Barry County Sheriff's Office, the Missouri State Highway Pa-

After several hours, phone contact was made with Mr. Reagan, who was negotiated into walking out of the residence with his hands up. He surrendered without inci-

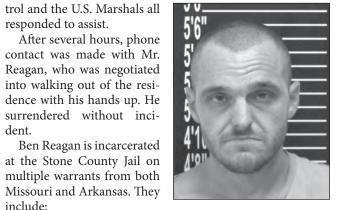
responded to assist.

Ben Reagan is incarcerated at the Stone County Jail on multiple warrants from both Missouri and Arkansas. They

- Parole Violation; Original Charge, Dangerous Drugs, Felony, No Bond.
- Unlawful Use of a Weapon; Shoot from a Motor Vehicle towards or at a Motor Vehicle or Person, Class B Felony, No
- Unlawful use of a Weapon, Exhibiting a Weapon, Class E Felony, No Bond.
- Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Class D Felony, No • Property Damage 1st De-
- gree, Class E Felony, No Bond. • Driving while Suspended
- or Revoked, Class A Misdemeanor X 2.
- Operating a Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility, Class D Misdemeanor X 2.
- Bond of Misdemeanors set at \$5,000 cash or surety

Arkansas Warrants include:

- Attempted Murder of a Police Officer X 2.
- Kidnapping
- Aggravated Assault
- Possess Firearm by Certain Persons.
- Fleeing on Foot.



Ben Reagan was tracked in two states prior to his arrest July 7.

Misdemeanors from Arkansas include:

• Failure to appear X 4 on Obstruction of a Government Official, Fleeing, Driving on Suspended License, No Insurance, Theft of Prop-

Arkansas Warrants are from an incident on June 12, when Reagan attempted to kidnap an individual in Carroll County. When Deputies arrived on scene, he fired his rifle at them multiple times, then fled into the woods.

When Reagan was stopped in Barry County and fled on foot, multiple weapons, along with C4 Explosives, were located in the vehicle he was driving.

Ben Reagan has been a priority for Law Enforcement to apprehend since that occurrence. He has been tracked in both Missouri and Arkansas over the past weeks by the Federal Marshals, State Patrol and Stone, Barry and Carroll County Deputies.

Area sees increase in **COVID-19 cases**

Sheila Harris

The Barry County Health Department reported a significant increase in new cases of COVID-19 on its July 8 situational update. With 83 new cases, the number was almost double the number of new cases reported the previous week.

The health department also reported that a male, age 61 or older with significant underlying health conditions, died due to complications of COVID-19. His death brought the total number of COVID-related deaths in Barry County to 60 since the counting period began in March of 2020.

Neighboring counties are also reporting an increase in active cases and deaths between June 30 and July 8. Lawrence County reported an increase of 95 active cases and two additional COVIDrelated deaths; Stone County reported an additional 66 cases and one death; and Newton County reported 149 new cases, with no COVIDrelated deaths for that period.

Southwest Missouri has gained national attention for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases it is facing, coupled with its low vaccination rate compared to the national average.

Erik Frederick, Chief Administrative Officer of Mercy Springfield, said in a July 11 tweet that with 133-plus COVID patients, Mercy had plans to open a sixth COVID unit, up from last year's five

CoxHealth CEO Steve Edwards told Ky3 staff that on July 11 they had 119 COVID inpatients, in contrast to 14 during the middle of May. That number is expected to increase as the month pro-

The total of number of confirmed cases of COVID in Barry County stood at 3,405 on July 8. Of that number, 3,230 people had recovered, seven were hospitalized, 115 were in isolation with active cases and over 150 people were in quarantine.



er, Dale Silva, along with his Ford Flex on State Highway 112. Deputy Larson repassenger were driving with revoked licenses. membered that Silva had a Deputy Larson located a revoked driver's license and bag of suspected methamconducted a traffic stop. Afphetamine inside the car, and ter further investigation, a summons was sent to the Deputy Larson located more suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Silva was also charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

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Notice:

<u>Seligman Chamber Event Center</u> is having a country dance with live bands every Saturday night from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10 per person. 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prices. For more information, call (417) 662-3612.

<u>Discovery Quilters</u> meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. at the Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church. New members are welcome.

<u>Bluegrass Music</u> at Roaring River State Park is a family friendly free event every Friday night 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. starting May 28 through September 24. Performances will be held at the River Shelter.

<u>Garden Sass Farmers Market</u> will be held every Saturday, rain or shine, 8 A.M. to noon on the south side of the square in Cassville.



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<u>Cassville Pantry</u> is currently well stocked and offering free food assistance via a curbside method. The agency is a Feeding America Pantry located at 800 W. 10th Street, Cassville. It provides fresh produce, meat, bakery, dry goods, and personal care products. Pantry is open every Monday through Thursday morning from 9 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. and every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 6 P.M. Pantry director, Janet Mills, can be reached at (417) 846-7871.

The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton will be open on Sundays from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA).

<u>Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities</u> 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.

Soil samples need to be received at the MU B.C. Extension office by 12 P.M. on Thursday. Shipments go out once a week on Friday. The fee for the soil sample test is \$15. A \$6 shipping fee will be added if you choose to have your soil samples mailed the same day you bring it in. Contact the Extension Office at (417) 847-3161 with any questions.

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.

July 16

Annual Stones Prairie Picnic will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on the church grounds, located two and a half miles north of Purdy, with serving to begin at 6 P.M. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held on Saturday, July 17. The traditional menu will consist of hamburgers, chips, hot dogs, bratwurst sandwiches, ice cream, beverages, and an abundance of homemade desserts. The event will feature games, baked goods, many handcrafted items, bingo, along with a showing of antique farm equipment, jeeps, and motorcycles. A home made quilt, crafted by the quilting society, will be given to the holder of the winning ticket. Tickets for the drawing will be available at the picnic. For questions, you may call the church office on Wednesdays at (417) 442-3836.

July 17

Drury Monett is hosting their first annual 5K Run & Walk at 8 A.M. There is a \$25 cash entry fee for 3 divisions, men's, women's, and children under 12; and 3 medals in each division. Register at Drury Monett, 400 4th St., Monett, to guarantee T-shirt. Call (417) 873-6621 for more information.

<u>10th Annual Purdy Festival</u> will be held at the Purdy City Park from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

<u>Thunder in the Park Car Truck & Bike Show</u> will be held at the Purdy Veterans' Park from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

July 20

<u>Habitat for Humanity of South Barry County</u> will hold their annual meeting at the OACAC building at 5 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

An Open House Event for perspective students will be hosted by Crowder College and Drury University at Crowder Cassville from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. This is a come and go event to find out more about the schools, talk to staff and students, and get a free burger.

July 24

Southwest Trap Team is hosting a Friends and Family Shoot at the White River Valley Sportsman Association, 407 County Road 2197, Berryville, Arkansas. This is a fund raiser to support the Southwest Trap Team. The Individual Shoot will start at 10 A.M. There is a \$10 entry fee for 25 targets, and a \$25 entry fee to shoot for a gun. There will be silent auctions and prizes. Lunch will be available for \$5 or \$10, and guests are asked to bring their own lawn chairs.

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Dear Editor.

I'm glad to say we have our first cutting of hay finally done. The rain has been a blessing and a curse, leaving us little time between downpours to get our hay done, but we got it finished, thankfully. The rising cost of fuel and availability of products and parts has certainly played a big role in our operation costs and bottom line. Which leads me to why I am writing an opinion piece.

A couple of weeks ago, I got a check from the county for eight cents. That's right, .08. I overpaid property taxes by eight cents, and they sent me a check. And, in the right hand corner, no kidding, is the postal stamp for 45 cents.

Barry County, or the state (or whoever) spent at least 45 cents to send me a check for eight cents. What did the tax-payer pay for paper, cost to print the check, and pay

the person who stuffed the envelope with the check sent to me for eight dang cents?

I'm no mathematical genius, but it's pretty obvious my tax dollars are being wasted. I would invite anyone in the so-called Barry County Administration to tell me otherwise. Perhaps I will ask our fellow Barry County resident, Mr Scott Fitzpatrick, State Treasurer, his opinion on my eight-cent check.

It's not just the city, the county, or the state; it's the country in its entirety that has become so far-removed from reality that only a complete removal of every elected official could change the course of this nation.

We need to wipe the slate clean. Common sense needs to be taught again. Anyone with half a brain can figure out an eight-cent check printed on government paper, on government printers, stuffed in government envelopes by government employees, and postmarked by a government agency is obviously a waste of money, uncalled for, and unacceptable. If we don't stand together and hold our elected officials accountable, then we will surely fall as a nation. The revolution doesn't come from the top; it comes from the bottom to topple the top. Josh Bob Roper

Eagle Rock Farmer, resident, American

Project RISE teaches life, financial skills

Ezra DeVore

Reaching Independence through Support and Education, or RISE, is an educational program, primarily for adults, promising to "help families overcome the challenges that have kept them living in survival mode." First created in Springfield by the Drew Lewis Foundation, the program will soon be opening a branch in Monett. The curriculum will educate students on everything from gaining self-sufficiency to changing a victim mentality, with the potential to help generations by teaching them financial skills and developing life skills," said Governing Board Member Jack Wil-

The assets taught follow their "10 pivotal assets of a thriving lifestyle," including Financial Planning, Affordable Housing, Transportation, Career Development, Parenting, Quality Childcare, Legal Resolution, Accountability, and Health and Well Being. On average, the classes increase household income by \$1,100, and add 122 points to students' credit scores. "We want to decrease debt, and increase savings," Williams continued. RISE recommends their full 24 month

course, divided into sixteen week chapters. The program also reaches out to banks and mechanics to create a small community that know, trust, care for, and can help one another, "so, for instance," Williams continued, "if a student's car breaks down, we can help contact the right re-

Although COVID-19 impacted RISE's plan to open their Monett branch in 2020, the governing board (Jack Williams, Yezy Perez, Rhonda Schilly, Brian Hunter, Scott Young, and Andrew Zahn) look to open the first sixteen week course Wednesday, August 25, with an introductory meeting for the class on August 11. Classes will open with a meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by an hour and a half of "basically a big discussion," said Williams, ending around 8:30 p.m.

Williams spoke on how prevalent poverty is in local communities, and mentioned how education and support can emerge someone from the survival cycle of "being one paycheck away" from being truly impoverished. To join or volunteer, email projectrisemonett@gmail.com.

Exeter Pre-K, Kindergarten Screening July 27

Pre-K and Kindergarten screenings at Exeter Elementary School will be held Tuesday, July 27.

To schedule your child's appointment, please call 417-835-2922, extension 1.

Parents must bring the following documents for the

Proof of Residency (con-

taining a current physical address).

- Birth Certificate.
- Immunization Record.

In order to attend classes during the 2021-2022 school year, children must be:

- Four years old before August 1, 2021, for Pre-K.
- Five years old before August
- 1, 2021, for Kindergarten.

Animals rescued from Barry County property

Sheila Harris

According to Barry County sheriff, Danny Boyd, several abandoned and neglected animals were removed from a property on Highway 86 over the weekend.

"A man who was camping in the area pulled over when he spotted three dogs that kept showing up in the Highway 86 roadway," Boyd said. "Because the dogs were obviously neglected, he called us to come do something. At first, we didn't think we had authority to do anything, but after finding out from the prosecuting attorney that the property owner had died and that the estate was in probate (which makes it legally the property of the courts), we were able to go inside and

check on the status of other animals that may have been on the property."

Boyd said they found multiple animal carcasses inside the house in advanced stages of decay.

"We called Haven of The Ozarks and they were able to help us with the rescue of the animals that were still living,"

According to Boyd, nine dogs, one cat and 14 goats were rescued from the prem-

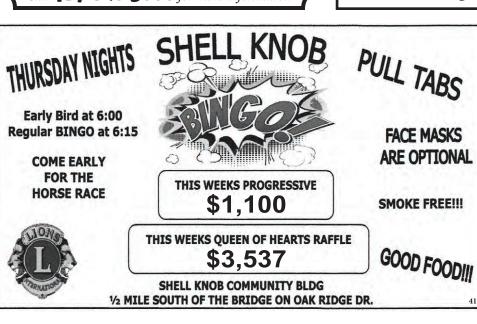
Boyd said a relative of the deceased property owner had said she would care for the animals, but because she lived in Arkansas, it was difficult for her to make the trip.







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Exeter Teacher Receives Grant from WGU



Kerry Mattingly

Kerry Mattingly, a kindergarten teacher at Exeter Elementary School, has received a \$350 grant through WGU Missouri's "Fund My Classroom" initiative. The funds will be used by Mattingly to create sensory learning centers for her students in the upcoming school year. Mattingly learned she was selected for the grant on May 5 when WGU staff surprised her with a virtual check pre-

Mattingly believes sensory centers are essential for young learners as they provide children with a handson opportunity to learn and socialize through play. She

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Alex Hodge

will use the funding she received from WGU Missouri to purchase materials to make multiple sensory learning centers that provide active learning opportunities for her young students.

The innovative classroom project is one of 52 across Missouri chosen by WGU Missouri to receive funding. The nonprofit, fully online university issued a call in March for K-12 teachers across the state to nominate proposed classroom projects by April 18 for the opportunity to receive full or partial funding through its "Fund My Classroom" initiative. Mattingly's proposal is one of almost 400 nominations received statewide. Most grants were awarded during Teacher Appreciation Week, which ran from May 3-7.

"We were happy to read about all the amazing projects our teachers have planned and are excited we can bring so many to life through our 'Fund My Classroom' initiative," said Dr. Angie Besendorfer, Chancellor of WGU Missouri. "This past year has been a challenging one for

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both teachers and students as they were forced to adapt to new styles of teaching and learning. This initiative is an opportunity for WGU to celebrate teachers and thank them for their dedication to educating and positively impacting their students, while enhancing learning for students – both in and out of the classroom."

To learn more about the "Fund My Classroom" initiative and the work WGU Missouri is doing to help teachers advance their careers, visit missouri.wgu.edu.

About WGU Missouri

WGU Missouri is a competency-based, online university created to expand access to higher education for Missouri residents. The university offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the fields of business, K-12 teacher education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing. WGU Missouri faculty members serve as mentors, working one-on-one with students, offering guidance, support, and individualized instruction.

Established in 2013 through a partnership with nationally recognized Western Governors University, WGU Missouri is open to all qualified Missouri residents. The university is nonprofit and self-sustaining on flatrate tuition of about \$7,000 per year for most programs.







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Start Your Scholarship Search This Summer

By Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick

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Scott Fitpatrick, Missouri State Treasurer

As a kid, summer is often a time to relax, forget about the rigors of school, sit by the pool and get a tan, and maybe earn some spending money in a summer job. But summer is also the perfect time to get your high schooler thinking about higher education and how to pay for it.

According to the 2020 "How America Pays for College" study by Sallie Mae, the amount of money American families paid for higher education increased across the board for the 2019-2020 academic year. The study found that American parents pay the bulk of this cost (44%), scholarships and grants covered the second highest portion (25%), and loans paid for about 20% of the cost of college for a typical family.

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With homework and extra-curricular activities paused, students can spend some time thinking about how to maximize scholarships, often referred to as "free money," to pay for college. Unlike student loans which must be repaid with interest, scholarships do not have to be repaid and are no cost to families.

Earlier this year, my Office launched the Show Me the Money Scholarship Search Engine as part of our Financial Literacy Portal. We partnered with Sallie Mae, a nationwide consumer banking institution specializing in student loans, to gather more than 6 million scholarships worth over \$30 billion in one place for students. The search engine connects Missouri students with scholarship and grant opportunities tailored to their unique inter-

Identifying the right scholarships and submitting applications can be time consuming—but the search engine makes it a little easier. If your child isn't quite ready to submit applications, it can be a useful exercise to see what is available. Perhaps it will inspire them to become involved in an extra-curricular activity, start volunteering, or even have a part-time job to start saving.

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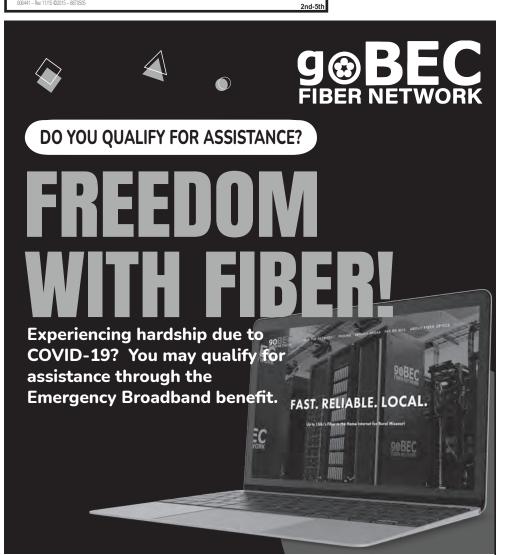
tile tool for families saving for education costs. Missouri's 529 plan allows contributors a state income tax deduction of up to \$16,000 (if married and filing jointly) and earnings in MOST accounts grow tax free. A dollar saved is one less to borrow, but the tax benefits of a 529 account mean a dollar saved is worth even more when it is used to pay for education. Funds in MOST 529 accounts can be used nationwide for whatever education comes after high school including two and four-year colleges, trade school, and graduate school.

Outside of the Treasurer's Office, the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development administers a number of scholarship and grant programs for Missouri students including the A+ Scholarship Program, Bright Flight, and Access Missouri. Students and families should see if they qualify and keep these in mind when making education decisions.

Information about all of these programs is available on the Financial Literacy Portal. Organized by financial goal, the Portal has resources for the many stages of life as well as financial topics like building credit and budgeting.

Poolside or not, take time this summer to consider how you'll pay for higher education. If the time is rapidly approaching, encourage your child to use the search engine to find scholarship opportunities

Regardless of your background, there are financial resources available to help make higher education dreams a reality. Visit Treasurer.mo.gov to learn more.



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Purdy City Council Met July 12

Ezra DeVore

According to Purdy City Hall Member Lonnie Lowery, the water leak that caused Purdy to lose nearly one third of their water supply, approximately one million gallons of water each month, has possibly been found near Highway C. Measures are being taken to fix the leak.

June Police Report

- June 5: An officer responded to 7758 Farm Road 2090 to check on a dog that reportedly had no food or water. Later that day, the officer responded to a loose cow, but the cow retreated back to its property.
- June 6: There was a call that children were on the roof of King Food Saver, yet when the officer arrived, there were no children on the roof.
- June 11: An officer was called from the First Assembly of God Church with a re-

port that someone had shot a BB gun through the glass in the front door. Investigation is ongoing.

• June 23: A nickel-plated Taurus PT 111 .40 caliber handgun and a bottle of prescription medication were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Commercial Street. Investigation is ongo-

Possibly related, later that day, an officer was called because a person was threatening suicide. The individual was later taken into custody and placed in a 96-hour mental-health hold and transported to Cox Monett Hospi-

• June 28: The sheriff's department responded to a verbal domestic disturbance. A suspect allegedly broke out a vehicle window with his fist. No charges were filed in the incident.

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join. We've reorganized and opened it up to veterans of all ages, including to those who haven't seen war-time ser-

Fiscus said the Veterans Taskforce typically holds three or four fundraisers a

"Proceeds from the fundraisers," he said, "stay within the community. Sometimes we help individual veterans who have a need, or sometimes we donate to organizations that benefit veterans."

Fiscus said they've recently donated to Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp, in Jenkins, which serves the children of wounded veterans and lost warriors.

"We also donate to Honor Flights," he said.

Honor Flights transport military veterans to war memorials in Washington D.C., at no cost to the veterans.

"Another reason we're planning the picnic," Fiscus said, "is just to make area veterans aware that we're here. We want to let them know we're here if they need us," he

Veterans Taskforce America meets the first Sunday of every month, at 4 p.m., at Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett.

Cassville City Council Met July 12

Sheila Harris

The service and retirement of Larry Privett, 31-year employee of the City of Cassville, was honored at Monday night's city council meeting. Privett began working for the city July 9, 1990. He spent 23 years with the water department, before transferring to the wastewater treatment plant. During his tenure, he served as chief water meter reader for over two decades and played a major role in mapping the city's water and sewer lines for the city's GIS

July 13 question and answer sessions with FEMA and SEMA representatives regarding Cassville's possible rejoining of the National Flood Insurance Program were postponed due to the agents' concerns about the prevalence of COVID in southwest Missouri.

The council gave the nod to rezone the lots southeast of the Clark Center from residential (R-2) to commercial (C-2). The change will make way for additional parking and future expansion for the Clark Center.

The Employee Policy Manual of the City of Cassville was modified to add Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth as legal holidays to the holiday benefit policy.

The council adopted the Barry County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple pre and post-disaster mitigation grant programs made available by the passage of the U.S. Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

A green light was also given by council to dispose of surplus equipment, including Toshiba copiers which are no longer being used.

Director of Finance Isaac Petersen reports that total revenue for the year, so far, continues to track ahead of budget and ahead of last year.

According to Petersen, sales tax receipts of \$254,127, for the month, are up ten percent from last year, and receipts for the year, of \$1,568,876, are up 9.6 percent from a year ago.

Water and sewer receipts, too, are up: 9.9 percent, and

Shown above, retiring City of Cassville employee Larry Privett (left) prepares to accept a proclamation honoring his service read by Cassville mayor, Bill Shiveley (right).

7 percent for the same time

General operating expenses and personnel expenses are both below budget at \$99,000 and \$132,000, re-

Petersen expressed plans to work on a mid-year budget adjustment recommendation to present to council during their August meeting.



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Exeter FFA Hosts 31st Chapter Banquet

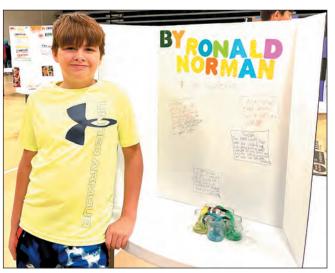


Cassville Middle School **Science Fair Awards Presented**



Shown above, Bradyn Alley poses beside his team's first place Cassville Middle School science fair entry named "Fast Food or Fat Food." Other team members included Jade Arreola, Abbie

Robertson and Stephanie Hernandez.



Shown above, Ronald Norman took second place in the Cassville Middle School Science Fair with his entry titled "Paper Towel Project."

See 3RD PLACE 9A

Natalie Crumpler, Exeter FFA Reporter

Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m., Exeter FFA hosted its annual Chapter Banquet. With 109 people in attendance, it was a great turn-

To start off the night, Cade Shepard gave an outstanding speech about taking chances.

Awards given to many hard working members of the chapter included Scholarships awards, Leadership awards, and Outstanding *Service award.*

One of the higher degrees that was given out was the State Degree, which was presented to Jamison Nichols and Lane Willis for 2021. Wyatt Hoppes and Savannah Riley Still received one for 2020.

Members from both 2020 and 2021 got their deserved awards due to no banquet last year because of Covid-19.

There were many recipients of Green hand degrees and Chapter degrees with a total of 48 recipients. The chapter also gave out Honorary degrees to people who are a tremendous help to the chapter. Ronald Brown and Ernest Raney received this degree. Dylan Henry also received this award in memory of Willie the goat.

The Exeter Chapter received an award from the Smokey Bear Program for outstanding contributions to fire prevention.

New officers were then sworn into office with four new officers and three returning members.

Exeter FFA would like to thank everyone who attended banquet and supported Exeter FFA this year. A special thank you goes to C and C Country Store for catering the banquet this year.

Shown above, left to right, are members who attended the banquet with guest speaker Cade Shepard, top row: Levi Gautney, Jude Still, Aubry Antle, Natalie Crumpler, Emilia Hatfeild, Cade Shepard, Ali Daniels-Arivett, Hailie Eaton, Makenzi Reed, Jasmine Hall, and Lane Willis; bottom row, left to right: Savannah Riley Still, Olivia Garner, Macy Barrett, Emma Sorensen, Izabella Logan, Madison Crumpler, Aubree Reed, Abbi Cosey, and Emily Sandlin.

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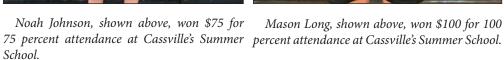
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CARLOTTA ANN LEDENHAM

Carlotta Ann Ledenham, age 69, of Washburn, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at her home.

She was born July 8, 1951, in McCook, Nebraska, the daughter of John Daniel and Lillian Joan (Kopriva) Kidd. On December 25, 1970, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Dale Ledenham, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Alissa Porter and her husband, Brad, of Cassville, and Amy Hendrix and her husband, Johnie, of Ashland; two grandchildren, Bailey Hendrix and Brylee Hendrix; and one sister, Mary L. Hare and her husband, Larry,

of Derby, Kansas.

Preceding her in death were her parents and an infant brother.

Carlotta grew up and received her education in Atwood, Kansas, graduating from Atwood High School. She worked as a secretary for J.B. Nations at State Farm Insurance in Cassville for several years. She loved watching the Kansas Jayhawks play basketball, but she especially loved her grandchildren. She was of the Baptist faith and attended First Baptist Church in Washburn.

Graveside services were held Friday July 9, 2021, at Rowley Cemetery in Washburn, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Glenn Erwin conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Washburn in memory of Carlotta.

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On July 8, 2021, Bobby passed suddenly in his home.

Bobby was married to Tammy on April 30, 1998, and together they shared 23 years of marriage, five children, and ten grandchildren.

Surviving him are his wife, Tammy; his children, daughter Tabitha and husband, Paul Barker, son Coby and wife, Laura Utter, son Coy and wife, Carrie Utter, daughter Neely and husband, Justin Beattie, and daughter Chasidi and husband, Joe Webb; grandchildren: Lilly, Will, Gabe, Jackson, Javier, Pacie, Jairo, Ella, Joaquin and Johnathan; siblings, Donna

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and husband, Dennis Evans, Jo Ann and husband, Johnny Hilery, and Peggy and husband, Gary Murray; in-laws, Bonnie and Johnny Williams, Dixie Henry and Vaughn Smith, Craig and Stacey Williams; as well as several nieces and nephews, and special friends, Bill and Peggy Utter.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a niece, Desiree Evans; and one brotherin-law, Dave Henry.

Bobby spent his free time raising cattle and always being "on call" for his children's needs. From running around to grandkids ball games to slowing down for weekend dinners, his favorite time was spent surrounded by loved ones. Sometimes we even thought he was more excited to roast hot dogs and make s'mores than the grandkids were. He will be missed by many, and we are thankful for the memories we have.

Graveside services were held today, Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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MARY M. CHAPMAN

Mary M. Chapman, age 84, of Exeter, passed away Friday, July 9, 2021, at her home.

She was born April 13, 1937, in Marshfield, the daughter of Noble Sterling and Bertha (Cantrell) Nunn. On June 25, 1955, in Herford, Texas, she was united in marriage to Alfred E. Chapman, who preceded her in death on February 27, 1997. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two sons in infancy; one daughter in infancy; a grandson, Cyrus Edward Chapman on November 17, 2008; two brothers, Jim Nunn and Jack Nunn; and one sister, Lorine Nunn.

Surviving are one son, Matt Chapman, of Exeter; one daughter, Bonnie Clark and her husband, Ron, of Exeter; one brother, Clyde Nunn, of Springfield; four grandchildren, Kellie Worley, Kasie Clark, Abby Chapman and Isabella Chapman; an honorary granddaughter, Kaylee Patrick; and three great-grandchildren, Andy Jacobson, Ronnie Clark and Dawn Clark.

Mary received her education in Marshfield and then traveled to Texas, where she met Alfred. In the later 1950's, she and Alfred moved to Wichita, Kansas, remaining there for a few years before moving to Exeter in the early 1960's to be closer to family. Mary was a member of Washburn Church of Christ. Some of her favorite

bible. She loved her grandkids and enjoyed making everyone happy. Family was the most important thing to

Services were held Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Bill Banks conducted the services. Burial was at Concord Cemetery in Ex-

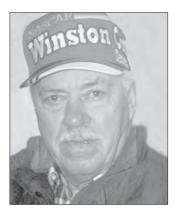
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LEROY "PETE" **BLALOCK**

Leroy "Pete" Blalock, 86, of Monett, passed away Thursday, July 8, 2021.

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



GORDON B. LITZSINGER

Gordon B. Litzsinger, age 89, of Shell Knob, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021, at his home.

Funeral services with Masonic services and VFW ceremony will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Central Community United Methodist Church under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Dave Atkinson will conduct the services. Burial with military honors will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield.

Contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children in memory of Gordon.

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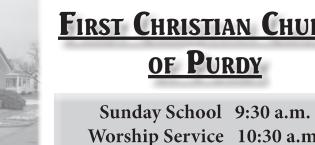
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WILMA QUADE

Wilma Quade, age 81, of Shell Knob, passed away at her home on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Mrs. Quade, daughter of Loren and Frances (Holloway) Haworth, was born on March 27, 1940, in Purdy. She was a 1958 Purdy High School graduate. On July 10, 1964, she was united in marriage to Steve Quade, Sr. Wilma enjoyed fishing and loved spending time with her family. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Quade, Sr., of Shell Knob; one son, Steve Quade, Jr., of Shell Knob; one grandson, Alex Stoica; and one brother, Steve Haworth,

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob, with Reverend Myles Schultz officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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





DOROTHY ELIZABETH (HALE) LEE

Dorothy Elizabeth (Hale) Lee passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 30, 2021. She was born to Asa and Madalyn (Cone) Hale on May 9, 1923, in Mexico, New York.

At an early age she went to live with her uncle and aunt, Edward and Mary Cope, in Wetumka, Oklahoma, where she completed 4th through 12th grades. It was at the First Baptist Church of Wetumka where Dorothy was saved, baptized, and began a lifelong walk with her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dorothy married Seidel A. Lee on July 1, 1940. They moved from Oklahoma City to Richardson, Texas, with their two daughters, Peggy and Jeanne, in 1956.

As an adult, Dorothy continued her walk with Christ by actively serving in church. She was a member of The Heights Baptist Church in Richardson for 65 years

where she enjoyed being a door greeter and had been a devoted Sunday School teacher.

Dorothy always loved to work and had a tremendous work ethic. She was an executive secretary at Ling Electric in Richardson until retirement, and subsequently went to work for H&R Block until she retired permanently at the age of 80. She loved to travel, especially with her sister, Gladys, and her nephew, Roy Hunt, Jr., and she was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Dorothy was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Seidel; her sister, Gladys Killam; and her cousin, Claudine Tieman. She is survived by one brother, Bob Hale; two daughters, Peggy (Edwin) Reynolds and Jeanne (Jack) Hamblett, Jr.; five grandchildren, Michael (Marcela) Reynolds, Paula (Richard) Sloane, Philip Reynolds, Sharon Collie, Jack (Mandy) Hamblett, III; fifteen great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas, on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., and service officiated by Dr. Gary Singleton at 2:00 p.m. in the Wildwood Chapel, followed by burial.

Pallbearers will be Michael Reynolds, Jack Hamblett, III, Campbell Turner, Carson Callaway, Sam Hamblett, and Ben Hamblett. Honorary pallbearers are Philip Reynolds, Ryan Fletcher, and Hunter Mor-



CECIL ELWOOD CUNNINGHAM

Cecil Elwood Cunningham, age 86, of Cassville, passed away at his home on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Mr. Cunningham, son of Frank and Ann (Thomas) Cunningham was born on



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BITUARIES

June 4, 1935, in Marshall. Subsequent to graduating high school, Cecil joined

the United States Army where he served his country proudly. Cecil was united in marriage to Audrey Unruh and to this union two children were born, Doug and Lesly. For the last several years, he and Myonza Kennedy, his significant other, spent countless hours together making lasting memories. Some of Cecil's favorite pastimes included making copper jewelry, dancing, wood working, and enjoying the outdoors. He attended Mountain Bible Church in Washburn.

Survivors include his significant other, Myonza Kennedy, of Cassville; one son, Doug Cunningham and his wife, Kitt, of Valley Center; three daughters, Lesly Decker and her husband, Greg Stobart, of Wichita, Kansas, Tonya McCool and her husband, Kelly, of Green Forest, and Melissa Cox and her significant other, Jeff Rawlins, of Riverton, Kansas; five grandchildren, Britt Cunningham, Amy Duron, Megan Frye, Mason Frye, and Scott Mc-Cool; three great-grandchildren, Gracia Duron, Gage Duron, and Liam Carrier; and several nieces and nephews, including Tom Titus and his wife Susan, of Pacific, with whom Cecil spent several camping trips.

In addition to his parents, Cecil was preceded in death by two brothers; ten sisters; and his second wife, Pat Cunningham.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Roaring River State Park in Cassville, and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

Memorial services with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor James Duncan officiating.

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

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PATRICIA "PATTY" **RUTH NOVAK-RHOADS**

Patricia "Patty" Ruth Novak-Rhoads, age 64, of Cassville, passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Patty, daughter of Theresa Ruth Allen, was born on July 7, 1956, in Fort Worth, Texas. She graduated from Edison High School in 1974 and subsequently continued her education receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Education with honors. On May 17, 1975, she was united in marriage to Murray Adrian Rhoads, Jr., in Lawton, Oklahoma; they shared a love together that very few get to experience.

Patty was a one-of- a-kind teacher and loved teaching. She always made time for all children to see their potential and pushed them to be their best. Patty taught special education for area schools including Cassville, Exeter and Billings, where she retired in 2016. She was a remarkable woman who lived her life to the fullest. Patty never met a stranger and was always one to put the needs of others before her own. Her family was

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her pride and joy, especially her four grandchildren, never missing an opportunity to spend time with them.

Some of her favorite pastimes were reading, sewing and crafting. She also had her antique booth at the The Ole' Home Place in Cassville. Patty loved the Lord and enjoyed listening to Christian music everywhere she went; everything she did, she did with excellence, as unto the Lord. Patty was a member of First Baptist Church in Cassville where she was very active in several church activities.

Survivors include her loving husband, Murray Rhoads, Jr., of Cassville; two sons, Adrian Rhoads and his wife, Stephanie, of Springfield, and Dustin Rhoads and his wife, Amy, of Cassville; four grandchildren, Catherine, Cosmo, Maxwell, and Corbin; one brother, Neal Puckett and his wife, Nancy, of Eagle Rock; three sistersin-law, Adria Suina and her husband, Greg, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Melanie Motah and her husband, Galon, of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Jolene Schonchin and her husband, Lyn, of Elgin, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews, including Chynna Ashbaugh, whom she was very close to and with whom she had a special bond.

In addition to her mother, Patty was preceded in death by one son, Tomahsah Adam Rhoads; her grandmother, Freddie Mae Stephens; stepfather, Kermit Allen; brother, Lewis Puckett; and brother in-law, Jeffrey Rhoads.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 10, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Cassville, with Pastor Jason Mackey officiating; burial followed at Oak Hill Cem-

etery, Cassville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Missouri Special Olympics and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO

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





JOHN ROBERT "BO" **JAMES**

John Robert "Bo" James, age 68, of Cassville, passed away Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, July 16, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Branch President Ira Brookes will conduct the services. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. The family requests that masks be worn.

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JOHNSON from FRONT

ing to really enjoy getting to know Amy as well. She's been a really great advocate for kids over the years.

"My goal is to represent what the voters want for their school," Johnson continued, "what they want for their

kids, and honor their wishes - as long as it's best for the kids. Honor the wants and needs of the community, and try to progress the district. Not just to be okay or good, but we want to be great. The kids at Cassville deserve the best education, and we don't want to be second best to any other district in the area. We want to be the best.

"I'm excited about being a Wildcat," Johnson said warmly, "and meeting people in the community."

Johnson's first day with the Cassville R-IV district was

AVIATION from FRONT

there was a lot of competition for aviation jobs when I started flying in 1981. A lot of pilot positions had been filled by veterans who were home from Vietnam."

More recently, Wilbur Graybill, of rural Purdy, was smitten after his first-ever flight in his neighbor's small airplane.

"I went home and downloaded a flight-simulator app to my home computer and began to learn to fly in the privacy of my own home," Graybill said.

Soon afterward, he bought a small, 1968 Cessna 150 airplane and began flight

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lessons at the Aurora Airport in real-time. He was followed swiftly by his two oldest (then teenage) sons, Hans and Arthur, who set off shoulder-to-shoulder a little over a year ago on a crosscountry venture from Monett to the Grand Canyon in the compact cabin of the Cessna. It was the first time they'd been away from home.

None of the Graybills have plans to pursue a career in aviation, although the field appears to be ripe for one.

Justin Richmond believes that the pilot shortages and aviation career opportunities that were beginning to appear prior to the pandemic will again resurface.

"Prior to the 2020 pandemic, our new flight instruction students were predominantly between the ages of 16 and 25," he said. "During the pandemic, most of the new starts were in the 40 - 50 age-range.

"I expect that to change again, though, as career opportunities open back up," Richmond added.

In spite of what looks to be a favorable climate for budding aviators, retired commercial pilot Mark Ingram, of Butterfield, warns beginners not to expect an easy path to that target, especially if one is pursuing a career with an airline.

"Multiple ratings are needed, and each one requires accumulating hours of flight time before it can be attained."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires a minimum of 1,500 hours of active flight-time before a pilot can apply for an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (ATP), which is needed to work as a captain or first officer for a commercial airline. In addition to the ATP certification, education requirements must be met.

"At one point, when the competition was fierce, airlines wanted their pilots to have a bachelor's degree," Ingram said, "although that's been known to vary, depending on a company's need for pilots. There's a supply-anddemand principal involved.

"There are other types of aviation careers which require fewer hours of flighttime and education, though," he said, "so if you're not interested in working for a commercial airline, there are plenty of other aviation opportunities out there."

Ingram, who worked his way through college by giving flight lessons, said, not only did the money pay for his college, the hours he put into instruction counted toward his total active hours of flight time.

"A lot of pilots accumulate flight-hours by giving lessons to other people," he said.

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Moore named Joplin Globe "Girl Wrestler of The Year"



Annie Moore, an athlete from Cassville High School, was named Joplin Globe's Girls Wrestler of The Year.

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her way to history for the Cassville girls wrestling program last March.

Competing at the 112-pound weight class, the sophomore capped a 34-1 season by winning a state championship at Cable Dahmer Arena in Independence, making her the first girls state champion wrestler in Cassville history.

Moore has been named the Globe's girls wrestler of the year for the 2020-2021 school year.

"I knew she was capable of it," Wildcats coach Nathan Fortner said. "It's also a state tournament, a very tough tournament. Everyone is good there. She had a good day, too. She wrestled really well."

And that may have been putting it lightly.

Moore's run to the state title was a dominant one as she picked up three consecutive falls in the second period or sooner. She pinned Josie Moody of Waynesville in 59 seconds in the quarterfinals and pinned Aiva Mayer of Carrollton in 2:39 in the semifinals.

Then she capped the tournament with a fall in 3:02 over Chloe Sheckells of Staley in the championship round.

"The latter part of the season, she had really good practices and worked on technique," Fortner said. "She's very strong and athletic for a 112-pound girl. Once she worked on some of the technique, she was pretty dominant at the state tournament."

Moore also went 3-0 with three falls at the Sectional 3 Tournament at Harrisonville. Two of her falls came in the first period before she recorded a third-period pin over Josey Crisp of Diamond in the finals. The triumph made her a state qualifier for a second consecutive season.





Tim Homesley

Fishing has been very good this week; the water is below 50 CFS. It is now at 42 CFS, and this does make for some very good dry fly-fishing.

We have had good fishing this week with elk-hair caddis, blue-wing olives, griffith's gnats, para-adams, and on light cahills in the evening and afternoon.

We're still doing very well on beetles, ants, cracklebacks, hoppers, and on caterpillars.

Most of the dry flies I'm fishing are smaller sizes - #16's and smaller - and griffith's gnats, and blue-wing olives as small as #22's. There are still good numbers of Tricos in the morning; I fish these as small as #26s right now, but you can get 'em on 22s and 20s most mornings.

There is lots of good nymphing right now. I'm using a lot of pheasant-tails, and sow-bugs.

Black zebra-midges, and brown zebra-midges are working well right now.

Small egg patterns are good right now; small down to #20s.

Black, olive, brown, and tan buggers work very well early in the morning; the small buggers - #14s in black and olive - have been working well all afternoon.

The water is still very clear, so I recommend the use of 9' 7X leaders for dries, and 9' 6X leaders for nymphs and buggers. I will use 9'5X leaders when throwing heavier woolly buggers early in the

morning, sometimes.

There is really good fishing on marabou jigs right now, with great sight fishing. The black/yellow, olive, white, olive/yellow and pink/yellow jigs have been good all week

A good two-pound line will make your fishing so much better right now. Use a good two-pound line in moss green or clear fluorocarbon. A four-pound line is just too heavy for good fishing; it works pretty well, early, but I don't recommend using it all day long. The camo, the red, the blue, and the white lines will make the catching very difficult at the moment.

Plastic baits are still working very well; white eggs, orange eggs, and pink eggs have all been working well. Plastic

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worms, the cheese-yellow, white, and the orange worms have been working best.

Black spinners, and brown spinners are still working pretty well in the mornings. Remember, spinners are called 30-minute wonders for a reason. They are only good for about 30 minutes, then switch to worms, eggs, or marabou jigs, or put your fly rod to use.

In Zone 3, soft power-bait is working pretty well. The trout nuggets are very good in Zone 3. Lots of trout are caught in Zone 3 using night crawlers, and corn can be a good bait some days.

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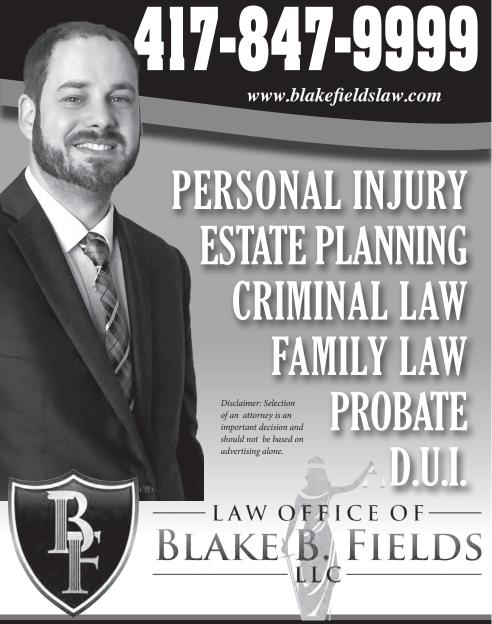
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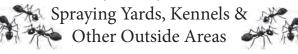
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Disaster Declaration

Cassville, MO., July 8, 2021 - The Administrator designated Arkansas counties as primary agricultural disaster areas making certain farmers and other agricultural producers in primary and contiguous counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Two Missouri counties were designated as contiguous natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by excessive snow and freeze which occurred from February 14, 2021 to February 21, 2021; and excessive rain, flash flooding, flooding, freeze, hail, high winds, lightning, and tornadoes which occurred from April 1, 2021 to June 11, 2021.

programs based on this designation. The contiguous counties are: Barry and Mc-

were designated disaster areas on June 28 or May 14, 2021, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of

counties may be eligible for of 70% on chapter quizzes is All counties listed above

losses, security available and repayment ability.

Loans for physical losses must be used to replace or repair damage to buildings, fences or to compensate the farmer for losses of basic livestock, stored crops, or supplies on hand, equipment, etc., that was lost due to the disaster. Loans for production losses may also be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate or chattel debts. Generally, loans for production losses cannot be approved until crops have completed their production cycle or have been harvested.

In order to qualify, a farmer must have suffered a 30% loss in production or an actual physical loss that was essential to the successful operation of the farm.

tact the Barry County FSA office at (417) 847-2862 for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs or visit www.fsa. usda.gov

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MU Extension Master Gardener online training begins August 23

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A new session of online Master Gardener training begins Aug. 23.

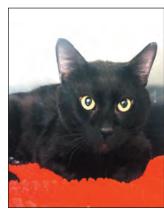
The course is taught by Trinklein and MU Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler. Classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system as a series of scripted and narrated video presentations. Students work through 14 learning modules at their Producers in contiguous own pace. A composite score needed to pass the course.

Topics covered include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, landscape design, woody ornamental plants, herbaceous ornamental plants, turf management, insect and disease management, and pesticide

Core training is the first step toward certification as an MU Extension Master Gardener. Trainees must also complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service, Trinklein said. Local Master Gardener coordinators can help online trainees find volunteer opportunities to meet the service hour requirements.

The deadline to register for the fall session is Aug. 13. For more information, visit mg.missouri.edu.

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Meet Scarface, the Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week! Scarface is a handsome and snuggly six-year-old boy who weighs in at a whopping 13 pounds. He came to the Haven after being found in an area known for a large stray cat population. Unfortunately, in his struggle to survive, Scarface contracted the feline immunodeficiency virus. For this reason, Scarface is looking for a home where he will live only indoors. He will also need to be the only cat, or live with others who also have FIV.

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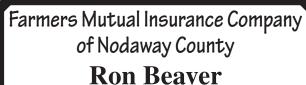
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