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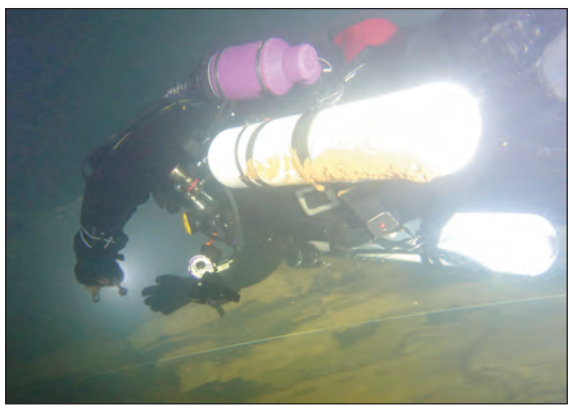
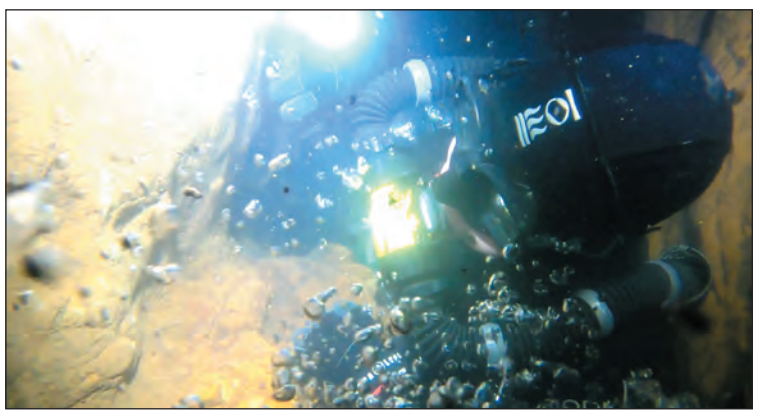
Record set, history made in Roaring River Cave

Above, the KISS Rebreathers team prepares for their Saturday morning, history-making dive into Roaring River Spring, where they descended to a never-before-reached depth of 239 feet and breached a narrow restriction once thought impenetrable. Divers, left to right, are Charles Walker, of Louisiana; Gayle Orner, of Wisconsin; Joe Heinrichs, of Fort Smith, Arkansas; Jon Lillestolen, of Virginia; and Mike Young, of Fort Smith, Arkansas.



Above, KISS Rebreathers owner and head-diver, Mike Young, approaches the narrow stricture 224 feet below the surface water of Roaring River Spring.
Photo courtesy of KISS Rebreathers.



Wearing his "skinny" diving gear, Mike Young eases through the narrow stricture to discover a navigable passageway running laterally at a depth of 239 feet. Further exploration is planned for the team's next scheduled diving expedition August 27 - 30. Photo courtesy of KISS Rebreathers.

Sheila Harris

While some 50-plus-year-old men are starting to make plans for retirement, Mike Young, owner of KISS Rebreathers in Fort Smith, Arkansas, is slipping into layers of warm clothing, a dry-suit, and closed-circuit underwater rebreathing equipment and diving into places where no man nor woman has gone before.

He and his team of equally-intrepid, experienced divers did it again over the weekend. Reaching a depth of 239 feet below the surface water, they dove deeper into Roaring River Cave than any person has been. Their purpose, however, was not solely

See DIVERS 6A

Purdy Festival attracts large crowd of auto enthusiasts, family fun-lovers

Some 60 vehicles were on display in the Purdy City Park Saturday at the 10th annual Purdy Festival. Photo by Ezra DeVore.

Sheila Harris

Purdy Festival organizer, Renae Neill, said record crowds were in attendance Saturday at the 10th annual celebration of the community festival, popular for its free kiddie rides, large car show, live music, craft and vendor show, and bathtub races. Neill believes Saturday's moderate temperatures played a part in the large turnout.

"People stayed this year since temperatures were cooler," she said, "instead of showing up for a while, then leaving."

New to the festival this year was a children's petting zoo, and monster truck rides.

"Kids loved them both,"

See PURDY 8A

Above, children enjoy a "real petting zoo" brought to the Purdy Festival Saturday by Friendly Farms Mobile Petting Zoo.
Photo by Renae Neill.

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Three employers cited at Bentonview Park Health & Rehab

OSHA inspectors allege that three employers at Bentonview Park Health & Rehab in Monett exposed employees and residents to asbestos during a floor renovation project at the facility which began in December 2020.

Three employers at a Missouri residential nursing facility exposed workers and residents to asbestos hazards and failed to ensure safe removal of the known carcinogen during a flooring replacement project, a federal workplace safety inspection alleges.

In January 2021, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration initiated an inspection at the Bentonview Park Health & Rehabilitation in Monett based on a referral from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

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Cassville Police Department reports arrests, structure fire

Cassville June 29, 2021:

Officers from the Cassville Police Department executed a pair of search warrants within the city limits of Cassville. The first was served at 1004 Harold Street, where officers located several stolen items inside of the residence as well as narcotics and paraphernalia. The stolen items were identified as being from a recent burglary at a business in Cassville. One female was taken into custody for the items as well as for an outstanding warrant. The stolen property, which included two laptop computers, was returned to the owners the following day. A male and female have been charged with felony stealing and burglary in connection with the incident.

Officers and deputies from the Barry County Sheriff's Office then executed a second search warrant at 205 W. 9th Street. Inside of the residence, officers located numerous drug paraphernalia items as well as illegal narcotics. One male and one female were taken into custody and placed on investigative hold. Another female who had left the residence as officers arrived was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant. Additional narcotics and paraphernalia were located in her belongings. Charges on all subjects are pending.

Cassville, July 14, 2021:

On July 14, officers from the Cassville Police Department responded to a structure fire at 1008 Harold Street. Extensive damage was suffered to the residence, both from fire and smoke. Officers quickly determined that the fire could have been intentionally set and identified their suspect. A short time later, officers made contact with and arrested Mitchell Davidson, 36, of Cassville. He was booked into the Barry County Jail on charges of harassment and ex parte violation. The following day, Davidson was interviewed at the Cassville Police Department and admitted to starting the fire. A charge of Arson 2nd degree was added, and he remains in custody with a $75,000 bond. The incident was also investigated by the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office.

Shotguns Donated to Sheriff's Office

Four shotguns have been donated to the Barry County Sheriff's Office, including two from 4-States Electronic Monitoring and Tracking and two from Terry Burgess at 37 Pawn and Gun. From left are: Sheriff Danny Boyd, 4-State Employee Joel Weston, 4-States Employee JD Hunter, 4-States Co-Owner Travis Meador, 4-States Co-Owner Charlie Bowman and Maj. Angela Cole. Kyle Troutman/editor@cassville-democrat.com.

Area accidents result in injuries

Ezra DeVore

• According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, on July 14 at 7:20 p. m., Donna Sugg, 53, of Prairie Grove, AR, was eastbound in a 2011 Kia Forte when she ran off of Farm Road 2250, went down an embankment, and her vehicle overturned. Sugg and her three-year-old passenger were taken to Mercy Hospital of Rogers, Arkansas, by Mercy EMS with minor injuries. Both occupants were wearing safety devices. The vehicle was totaled.

• According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, on July 15 at 11:10 a.m., a juvenile, 14, of Ward, Colorado, was driving an eastbound 2006 John Deer Gator with three occupants: two juveniles, and Madison Blake, 26, of Pompana, FL. The juvenile lost control of the vehicle, swerved left, and overturned on Bridgeview Drive, one half-mile from Shell Knob. All occupants were ejected; none were wearing safety devices. They were later transported to Mercy Hospital in Springfield with minor or moderate injuries

• According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Sunday evening, July 18, at 6:15 p.m., a juvenile female, 11, of Derby, Kansas, was driving a Polaris Ranger Side by Side with passenger Joy Confer, 57, also of Derby, Kansas. While westbound on Centerwood Lane in Shell Knob, the juvenile lost control of the vehicle, causing it to travel across the roadway and overturn. Neither driver nor occupant were wearing safety devices. Confer was transported to Cox South Hospital in Springfield with serious injuries. The Highway Patrol report doesn't mention the injuries of the juvenile. The vehicle suffered minor damage and was driven from the scene.

Pharmacy hours to expand at Cox Monett

Beginning July 19, the Pharmacy at Cox Monett expanded its hours of service.

The new hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The expansion will help us meet the needs of our nursing team and our patients," said Louis Kynard, system director of pharmacy services at CoxHealth. "Since the opening of the new hospital, we are seeing patients with higher degrees of acuity. This has required more intense drug regimens, and treatment protocols are more complex."

Expanding services will also allow Cox Monett to provide chemotherapy and other infusions for patients. "The new hospital allows us more options for patients to receive care and services close to home," he added.

For more information about pharmacy services at Cox Monett, visit https://www.coxhealth.com/our-hospitals-and-clinics/our-locations/cox-monett-pharmacy/.

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Community Calendar

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Notice:

Seligman Chamber Event Center 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.

Discovery Quilters 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.

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The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market runs every Thursday from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. Visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings and practice six-foot physical distancing while shopping. Old Church Gallery is located on Farm Road 1240 in Shell Knob and can be reached at (417) 858-2510.

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service, however, face masks are required on the bus due to COVID-19. Please call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about service in your area. Visit their website at www.oatstransit.org and click on the bus schedules tab for your county to see the full schedule. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. They also contract with a number of agencies to serve their clients.

Cassville Pantry 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 5:30 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).

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.

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.

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

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.

Rock Springs Baptist Church VBS Registration Promotion will be held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the church, 26243 Farm Road 1050, Seligman. Folks are welcome to attend for free food and VBS registration.

July 25

The Stella Senior Center will host a Dinner and Dance starting at 7 P.M. Doors open at 6 P.M. with food served until 8 P.M. and refreshments served all evening. Cover charge is $5 and live music will be performed by The Timberline Country Band. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (617) 640-6742 for more information.

July 26

Cassville Area Friends of the Library will hold their quarterly meeting at 6 P.M. in the Cassville Library meeting room downstairs. Current members and other interested individuals are invited to attend.

July 27

Cassville Pantry will be distributing USDA food boxes from 3:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. For questions, or to find out if you qualify, call (417) 846-7871.The food pantry address is 800 W. 10th Street, Cassville.

July 29

Oakhill Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held at 6 P.M. at The Family Life Center, Cassville.

Aug 2 - Aug 6

Rocky Railway VBS is being hosted at Mission Baptist Church, 3 miles west of Washburn on Hwy. 90, each night from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Dinner will be provided each night from 5:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. Pre-registration will be at Mission on Sunday, August 1, from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. or online at missionbaptistchurch.net. Ages 3 years old to adult are welcome. A nursery will be provided. Parent's Day is Sunday, Aug. 8, at 10:45 A.M. There will also be an evening Pool Party. Call (417) 826-5232 for a ride between 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

Aug 9

Southwest Volleyball Tryouts begin Monday, August 9, 2021. Southwest High School girls interested in volleyball will have practice from 9 A.M. to noon Monday to Friday and 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. on Saturday. Players need an athletic physical and proof of insurance to participate. For answers to any questions, contact Coach Steve Voyak (svoyak@swr5.net) or Coach Mandy Henry (mandyhenry@swr5.net).

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Drury announces COVID-19 vaccination incentives

Drury University is incentivizing students attending its residential day school to get vaccinated to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

"Our students showed incredible leadership and community spirit last year in doing everything possible to keep one another safe as we held in-person classes," says Drury President Dr. Tim Cloyd. "We were encouraged to see nearly a third of students get vaccinated in just a few weeks' time once they became eligible this spring. Still, we want to do everything we can to encourage vaccination and that's why we've put together these incentives for students who take this important step to protect themselves and others."

Drury's incentives include:

- Three $1,000 tuition discounts for either the fall or spring semester
- Two "park anywhere" parking permits
- One night in the president's suite at a home basketball game
- Laptop or iPad
- Apple pencil
- Three $100 bookstore vouchers and three $50 bookstore vouchers
- One $200 Panther Bucks voucher (for campus food service); one $100 Panther Bucks voucher; and two $50 Panther Bucks vouchers
- Assorted restaurant gift cards

Drury is also offering two rewards for the entire student body if certain vaccination goals are reached:

- When 55 percent of the student body is vaccinated, the university will hold a campus event.

If 70 percent of students are vaccinated, the university will add one extra day to fall break, currently scheduled as a four-day weekend on Thursday, Oct. 21-Sunday, Oct. 24. The additional day of break would be Wednesday, Oct. 20.

All students who submit proof of vaccination to the Dean of Students office will be entered into a drawing to win one of these prizes. To submit proof of vaccination, students can email an image of their vaccine card to DOS@drury.edu or stop by the Dean of Students office to show it in person.

To help make vaccination easy, Drury will host a vaccine clinic on campus the day before classes begin on Monday, Aug. 23. The university held a clinic in June during a summer orientation day for new students.

Drury is also incentivizing employee vaccinations through health care premium reimbursements and cash incentives for those who are not on the university health care plan.

Fall protocols

In addition to encouraging all students and employees to vaccinate, Drury will take steps to protect community health during the coming school year, including:

- Testing – Randomized, asymptomatic community testing a key reason why Drury was able to hold classes fully in-person throughout last year. Drury will continue a testing program for unvaccinated students, faculty and staff next year. Proof of vaccination will be required to opt out of testing.
- Masking – Drury will not require masks. The university will continue to work with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department as the situation evolves.
- Social Distancing – Some distancing measures may be in place in classrooms and certain academic settings.

"Just like last year, Drury will continue to do everything possible to keep our campus safe and healthy while offering a robust in-person learning experience," says Provost Dr. Beth Harville. "We will adjust protocols as necessary based on the latest recommendations from the CDC and in close consultation with local public health officials."

Drury is an independent University, church related, grounded in the liberal arts tradition and committed to personalized education in a community of scholars who value the arts of teaching and learning. Education at Drury seeks to cultivate spiritual sensibilities and imaginative faculties as well as ethical insight and critical thought; to foster the integration of theoretical and practical knowledge; and to liberate persons to participate responsibly in and contribute to a global community.

Cassville School Board Met July 15

Ezra DeVore

Program Evaluations and Reports:

The Board reviewed updates to the CDC guidelines and the District Return to Learn Plan. The District will be closely monitoring local cases over the next few weeks and will communicate a plan closer to the beginning of the August 24 school start date. CDC guidance updates strongly emphasize the importance of being vaccinated for individuals 12 years and older. Depending on County and School COVID trend data, the District will plan on a "no-mask" requirement for staff and students; masks may be worn if the student/staff member elects. If positive cases and quarantines increase beyond a manageable level, more rigorous mitigation strategies will be reinstated. Those who are vaccinated will not be required to quarantine unless they are symptomatic or test positive. Those who are not vaccinated will be subject to all past quarantine protocols.

The Board reviewed the Back to School Plans and Schedules. The New Teacher Workshop is scheduled for August 10-11. The Back to School Workshop is scheduled for August 16-23.

Employment:

The Board approved the employment recommendation for: Kasey Hayward - Special Education Aide position. Two internal transfers were announced: Tiffany Davis will be moving from a cook position to a Special Education Aide position and Becky Ewing will be moving from a custodial position to a Special Education Aide position.

Discussion, Information, and Review Items:

ESSER III budget planning was discussed. ESSER III provides funding to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) through Section 2001 of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund, to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools. The District will organize public input and consult with stakeholders during the ESSER III budget development process. The ESSER III budget application is due to DESE on August 23, 2021.

The Cassville Board of Education plans to implement a new Performing Arts Center in the coming years. Draft contracts with Paragon and RE Smith are presently being reviewed. All preliminary plans are focused on ensuring that decisions that could impact cost or schedule are proactively addressed during the design phase rather than reactively during construction. This is all preliminary work as the District is in a great position to wait and see what happens with construction costs over the next few weeks/months.

Merlyn Johnson, new Cassville Superintendent, spoke enthusiastically of his new position. "Since my arrival," Johnson said, "I have enjoyed meeting the great folks who make Cassville a great place to live, work, and play. My family and I continue to feel blessed to be welcomed so warmly by the wonderful people of Cassville, the school district and so many great professionals within it. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday, August 16!"

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ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MILK

The Exeter R-VI School Board is accepting bids for milk for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Interested parties are invited to present sealed bids to the office of the Superintendent, Exeter R-VI School District no later than 12:30 p.m. August 11, 2021.

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR BREAD

The Exeter R-VI School Board is accepting bids for bread for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Interested parties are invited to present sealed bids to the office of the Superintendent, Exeter R-VI School District no later than 12:30 p.m. August 11, 2021.

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DIVERS from FRONT

Above, left to right, Joe Heinrichs, Mike Young and Gayle Orner pause for a park visitor's photo opp prior to Saturday morning's dive into Roaring River Spring. Photo by Sheila Harris.

6Ato break a record.

With the permission of state park officials, the dive team from KISS Rebreathers has plans to create a video for use in the park's nature center and to map previously uncharted territory below the spring's surface.

Making history, Mike Young, while wearing his "skinny diving gear" was able to successfully penetrate the narrow stricture at a depth of 224 feet in Roaring River Spring Saturday morning. The stricture had been discovered by previous divers in 1979 and in 1991. However, due to their traditional bulky SCUBA equipment, they had been unable to pass through the narrow opening.

With the new technology offered by Young's compact Sidewinder Rebreather with sidemounted air tanks which fit snugly below his arms, he was able to slip through the fissure which before had been considered impenetrable.

"There's a navigable tunnel on the other side that runs laterally," Young reported, after he resurfaced. "Due to time and air limitations, I couldn't explore any further on this dive, but I hope to later."

Young said he had been closely monitoring the water flow at Roaring River prior to the team makings its third scheduled trip to the park on Friday.

"The first part of the week, the cubic-feet-per-second (CFS) water flow was in the mid-30s, about the lowest it's been all summer," he said. "After rainfall Thursday night, it was up to the 50 CFS mark before our first dive Friday.

(The water flow can be easily determined by checking the United States Geological Survey (USGS) site at https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?07050152.)

The KISS team made an initial dive into the spring Friday afternoon to check out subsurface water conditions and put safety lines and air tanks in place. Tim Bass, a videographer with NWA Adventure Dive, was also on hand to begin filming the KISS team's explorations.

"The water was the clearest we've ever seen it Friday," Mike Young said, as he geared up for what he hoped would be his record-breaking dive Saturday morning.

With the water-flow down and the visibility good, Young's confidence that he could make it through the stricture was well-founded.

Some two hours later, Young, along with teammate, Joe Heinrichs, returned to the surface of the spring and reported "mission accomplished."

Satisfied with the day's 239-foot dive and the breaching of a stricture once thought to be impenetrable, the KISS team was content to wait until the following day to begin mapping efforts of the newfound underwater area.

According to diver Greg Ables, the mapping dive planned for Sunday would be a bit riskier since it would call for time-consuming underwater technical work by cartographer Jon Lillestolen.

As it turned out, Sunday's mapping plans were put on hiatus after heavy rains Saturday night took the water flow up to over 120 on Sunday morning.

"The water flow was just too high to get any more work done this trip," Young said, "so we brought all of our air tanks and safety lines back up, and we'll try again in August."

In a light moment for onlookers, a two-year-old child was startled to the point of screams when the first of five divers resurfaced beside her feet as she stood with her parents at the guard rail of the spring.

Above, Jon Lillestolen (right) receives an adjustment to his regulator from surface manager Greg Ables (left) prior to Saturday's dive.

Before doffing their diving gear, Jon Lillestolen and Mike Young surprised hatchery visitors by slipping into the spring-fed pond for a leisurely swim in search of the remains of the old undershot mill wheel reputed to lie below the surface.

Last weekend's dive was participated in by Mike Young, Joe Heinrichs, Jon Lillestolen, Greg Ables, Neal Brownlow, Charles Walker and the sole female diver, Gayle Orner.

Orner was pleased that the record-setting dive was accomplished on July 17, a date recognized as "Women's Dive Day" by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI).

Mike Young, however, was a little disappointed that mapping efforts had to be postponed.

"In the caving world," he said, "broken records and new discoveries aren't real until divers can bring back survey data.

"We'll get it next time, though," he added.

The KISS divers have a fourth trip to Roaring River State Park planned August 27 - 30.

In the meantime, Young has three other diving expeditions planned: one to an area 40 miles off the coast of North Carolina, another to a cave system in the Bahamas, and a third to explore shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, where, he said, the cold water has reputedly preserved the lumber on a ship that sank in 1850.

Above, Jon Lillestolen prepares to explore the mill pond after his Saturday morning dive into Roaring River Spring.

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Balance needed for student COVID-19 precautions

Ezra DeVore

As Barry County schools wade cautiously to normalcy, a great amount of additional strain continues to be placed on their faculties to balance what implemented protocol earns their vital state funding, and what follows the true return to normalcy that many parents, students, and staff crave. Although guidelines are relaxing, school staff are now required to maintain a heightened vigilance in regards to safety and health. Masks and vaccines are strongly recommended by the CDC, though not a required condition for school attendance, due to the CDC considering it a decision properly made by individual states, counties, and schools.

Currently, no direction is given by the CDC on how to differentiate vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff. So, in Cassville, for instance, the Board of Education has elected to invite students to undergo the separate guidelines for unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals based on an honor system of alerting staff to the status of their vaccination.

March saw the reduction of CDC-recommended desk-distancing in schools; from 6 feet apart to 3, as well as dismissing a recommendation for the use of plastic shields between desks. The CDC maintained, however, that distancing of this kind among vaccinated students or staff is not required. The CDC states that ventilation and hand-sanitization remain crucial to minimizing exposure, and to always stay home when feeling symptomatic or unwell. Frequent COVID-19 tests for unvaccinated individuals are recommended as well.

Each school in Barry County has different, and evolving, pandemic responses. School staff are working tirelessly to provide up-to-date mitigation strategies to maximize health, comfort, and safety. To stay aware of your district's specific protocol, your district's school's official website will list their mandates, options for safety, and specified conditions to your district and area.

Thoughts from The Editor

Sheila Harris

In newspapers published one hundred years ago, or maybe even as recently as 50 years ago, families listed the cause of death of their loved ones in obituaries. Some of them were a bit graphic, mind you, with perhaps more details included than were absolutely necessary. However, in some cases, perhaps the details served as a warning to others: to be careful when felling trees and crossing flooded rivers, for example.

Nowadays, causes of death are, for the most part, left unmentioned. Unless one knew the person and his or her family personally, it's unlikely we'll ever know how they died. Most of the time, just to know that a person has passed from this life is enough information.

But these times are exceptional. And with the exception, comes the need for more information. It's important for the local community to know when a loved one dies from the complications of COVID-19. Not to arouse undue fear, but to serve as an alert that our community has a real problem with the virus, and that, as a community, we need to be taking simple measures to prevent other families from experiencing the losses that have taken our loved ones.

There's nothing shameful about the virus, other than the political maneuvering that has made its prevention tactics anathema. Our martyrdom is often misplaced, I've found.

COVID-19 has taken many of the best of us, even right here in Barry County. According to health officials in southwest Missouri, those numbers are likely to keep growing.

Yes, death is inevitable, but it doesn't necessarily have to come via a preventable virus. Our silence in the face of its spread doesn't make it go away. In fact, the opposite is highly likely.

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BENTONVIEW from FRONT

On Jan. 22, the state agency evacuated the facility's residents – 31 days after flooring work began on Dec. 21, 2020.

OSHA alleges Eastern Coast Management Inc., SRZ Mgmt Holdings LLC and SRZ OP Bentonview LLC failed to test for the presence of asbestos, did not erect protective barriers to contain residue and failed to use respiratory and personal protective equipment to prevent exposure. Bulk samples of tile backing and mastic collected at three locations in the facility indicated that between 45 percent and 51 percent of the samples contained chrysotile asbestos.

OSHA inspectors allege that workers for the three employers removed about 10,000 square feet of floor tiles containing asbestos, and that none of the employers completed an asbestos assessment to determine its presence.

"Asbestos is a known human carcinogen released into the air when asbestos-containing materials are removed. Exposure to its fibers can cause irreversible lung damage, which is often undetected for years," said OSHA Area Director Karena Lorek in Kansas City, Missouri. "Employers must test building materials before removal and ensure all measures are taken to prevent exposure."

"On multi-employer projects such as this, each employer must ensure workers are safe from potential hazards. When they fail to do so, the U.S. Department of Labor will hold them accountable under the law," Lorek added.

After its inspection, OSHA cited the three companies for not implementing a respiratory protection program, exposing workers to asbestos hazards and failing to inform employees of the potential presence of asbestos. Additional violations and penalties proposed against each company include:

Eastern Coast Management Inc., the project's lead contractor, faces proposed penalties of $105,127 for 11 serious violations. SRZ Op Holdings LLC, the facility's owner, hired the Woodmere, New York, company to remove and replace the flooring.

SRZ Mgmt Holdings LLC of Jefferson City faces proposed penalties of $95,570 for 10 serious violations. Investigators determined the company's regional director of operations removed flooring and used removal equipment and scrapers to keep the project moving in the lead contractor's absence. The company assigns managers to the Bentonville facility.

SRZ OP Bentonview LLC, which operates as Bentonview Park Health and Rehabilitation, faces $38,228 in proposed penalties for four serious violations. As the facility's manager, the company had responsibility for protecting its employees and other workers in the rehabilitation facility from potential respiratory hazards.

Bentonview Park Health and Rehabilitation provides both short-term rehabilitation and long-term care.

All three companies have 15 business days from receipt of its citations and penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director, or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

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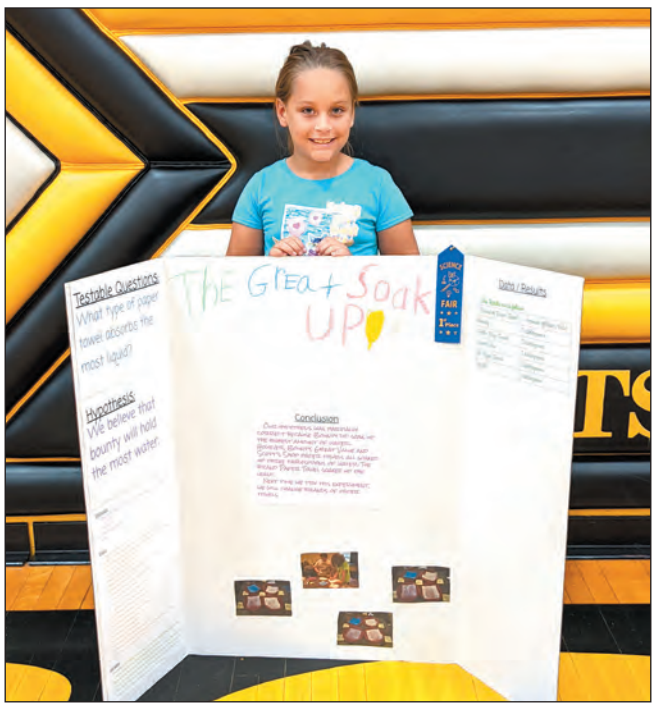
PURDY from FRONT

Neill said. "The monster truck rides were $10 each, but parents willingly paid the price so their kids could enjoy the experience."

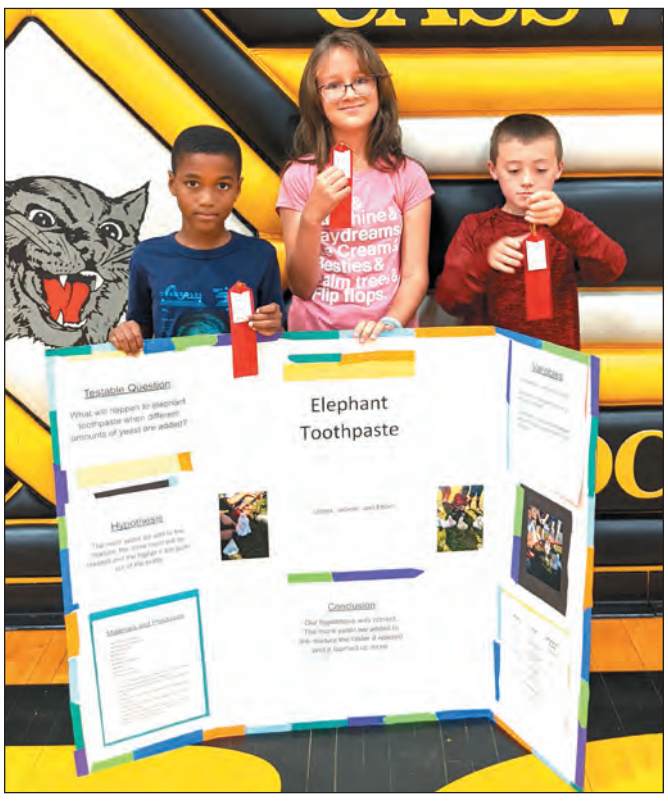
Water was a popular feature at the festival, too, with a deluge from the heavens competing with manufactured rain from Purdy's fire engine to delight kids of many ages.

Below, free kids' rides were a main attraction at the Purdy Festival Saturday. Above, the ever-popular bathtub races offered one more opportunity for Purdy festival-goers to get wet. Photos by Renae Neill.

Cassville Intermediate science fair winners



First place went to Elizabeth Buntin, above, for her project, "The Great Soak Up."



Shown above, left to right, Jackson Maben, Liliana Burgess and Ethan Hannam won second place for their project, "Elephant Toothpaste."

Aubrey Taylor, Madison Yockey and Hallie Hughes won third place for their entry, "Store Bought Soil versus Ground Soil."

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Exeter Trap Team competes at State

Left to right, front row: Coach Don Gautney, Lily Stevensen, Star Xiong, Levi Gautney (holding plaque) Skyy Xiong, Coach Lee Tripp; back row: Aaron Beck, Peyton Rayburn, Jeremiah Reed.

Mr. Lee Tripp and Mr. Don Gautney coached six Exeter Junior High and High School students in Trap Shooting at the State Competition.

High School: Levi Gautney, 1st; Skyy Xiong, 1st; Star Xiong, 1st place; Aaron Beck, 2nd.

Junior High: Lily Stevenson, 3rd; Jeremiah Reed, 3rd.

Arvest Bank in Cassville donates to Cassville Food Pantry

Janet Mills, director of Cassville Food Pantry, says, "Our gratitude goes out to Arvest Bank Cassville for supporting us in fighting food insecurity."

A $1,000 donation was given to the food pantry through Arvest's Million Meals fundraising project.

Shown above, Cassville Food Pantry director, Janet Mills (center) accepts the check from Arvest employees.

CMS volleyball team completes camp

Cassville Middle School Volleyball Camp took place July 12-15. The players would like to thank Security Bank & Four States Stockyards for sponsoring the camp and Sports World for making their shirts.

Shown above are those who participated. Left to right, front row: Tomi Blankenship, Alexis Lopez, Riley Stumpff, Gwen Harmen, Claire Rueter, Kimberly Hang; Middle row: Kami Stough, Zoey Moylan, Emma Jett, Neveah Johnson, Kennedy Truman, Amber Davis, Keely Bailey, Maura Boise; back row: Jon Horner/Security Bank Representative, Sydnee Carlson, Ansley Harris, Ava Hinson, Joei Blankenship, Grace Hurst, Kierstan Fare, Kierstyn Kalbaugh, Lyryk Messimore, Courtney Hammen/Four State Stockyards Representative. Sara Stockton was absent from the photo.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN ROBERT "BO" JAMES

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

He was born January 9, 1953, in Springfield, the son of John Edward and Bobbie (Dyer) James. On October 19, 2013, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, he was united in marriage to Linda Stinecipher, who survives. Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Rachael Damiani and her husband, Patrick, of Huntsville, Alabama, and Rebecca Kay, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two adopted children, Benjamin John James, of Provo, Utah, and Kristen Vallen and her husband, Jake, of Saratoga Springs Utah; one brother, Don James and his wife, Mary Lee, of Grain Valley; eight grandchildren, Sarah, Josephine, Jacob, Briar, Jay, Harper, Liam and Matthew; one nephew, Ryan James and his wife, Jessi, of St. Louis; one aunt, Billie Denton, of Shawnee, Kansas; and cousins Ralph Denton, Wylie Denton and Mark Denton, all of the Kansas City area.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a cousin, Jim Denton.

Bo moved from Willow Springs to Cassville with his family in 1963. He attended school in Cassville where he graduated from Cassville High School in 1971. After attending the University of Missouri in Columbia, he worked with his father at James & Sons Auto in Cassville. Later, he managed O'Reilly Auto Parts and then managed the parts department at Les Jacobs Ford. After retiring, he started NuTech Lures where he invented and had patents in the fishing industry and was an avid fisherman. Most of all he loved being with his family. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Services were held Friday, July 16, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Branch President Ira Brookes conducted the services. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to the Cassville High School Fishing Team in memory of Bo James through Freedom Bank, Attn: Kelly Mills PO Box 309 Cassville, MO 65625. Checks should be made payable to Cassville High School and include "Fishing Team" in the memo.

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ROY B. SHAVER

Roy Baker Shaver, former school administrator in Barry County, passed away July 14, 2021.

Shaver enjoyed a forty-year career in education, retiring as superintendent of schools in Neosho in 1996. In 1956, he began his career in Washburn with the Southwest School District, serving one year as a social studies teacher and four years as high school principal. While there he also served as a scoutmaster.

From 1961-1966, Shaver was with the Cassville School District, serving two years as high school principal and three years as superintendent. While he was superintendent, the school district achieved a AAA classification which, at the time, was the highest rating given by the State Department of Education. His tenure in Cassville was a particularly eventful time in education, both locally and nationally. A number of new programs and services were instituted in Cassville that benefited all ages, including: public kindergarten, the area's first Head Start program, high school counseling, school nursing, speech therapy, the Cooperative Education Program (COE), and a basic reading program for adults. Additionally, the current elementary school and cafeteria were added and expanded. The school district reorganized for the first and second time with several rural school districts joining the R-4 system.

While living in Cassville, Shaver was active in the Lion's Club and the Methodist Church. He served as chairperson for the South Barry County Red Cross.

Shaver was born on July 30, 1932, and grew up in Evening Shade, Arkansas. He earned his Bachelors, Masters and doctorate degrees from the University of Arkansas. Before beginning his career in education, Shaver served in the U.S. Army and was a Distinguished Graduate of the Army Ranger School. His tour of duty was in Germany as a rifle platoon leader.

Shaver's late wife, Marjorie "Ann" Short Shaver, taught English at Cassville High School in the early 1960s. All four of the couple's children were born while they were living in Cassville. Shaver is survived by his children: Mike Shaver, of Astoria Queens, New York, Beth Shaver, of Nashville, Tennessee, Susan Shaver (Scott Wiederholt), of Atlanta, Georgia, and Lisa Shaver, of Waco, Texas, as well as two grandchildren, Lydia Wiederholt and Eli Wiederholt, also of Atlanta.

RAYMOND EUGENE HADDOCK

Raymond Eugene Haddock, 72, of rural Pierce City, passed away Thursday, July 15, 2021. Services were held Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

NORA RUTH (THOMAS) MCMILLEN

Nora Ruth (Thomas) McMillen, of Highlands Ranch and Colorado Springs, Colo., passed away July 13, 2021, at the age of 95.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021, at Dice Cemetery in Fairview, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Colorado Talking Book Library, 180 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, CO 80226-8101 or you can donate online, via this link: https://www.friendsofctbl.org/donationform.html.

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The family of Carlotta Ledenham wished to express great appreciation for the acts of kindness during our recent loss. The prayers, support, phone calls, visits, food, flowers, cards, and other acts of concern shown have been a tremendous comfort in our time of loss.

Special thank you to Rev. Glenn Erwin for your words of comfort and perfectly honoring our wife, mother & Mimi.

Another special thank you to Todd McCoy, Janice Fohn & Rodney Hughes of Fohn Funeral Home for arranging her service and helping us to say goodbye. We just do not have the words to express how much you helped us during this most difficult time.

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Obituaries

DANIEL F. SCHAEFER

Daniel F. Schaefer, age 62, of Shell Knob, passed away Saturday, July 10, 2021, at his home.

A memorial visitation to celebrate his life will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob with a prayer service to follow. Chaplain Robert Mattingly will conduct the services.

Contributions may be made to Three Rivers Hospice in Mount Vernon or Central Crossing Senior Center in Shell Knob in memory of Daniel.

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JAMES FRANKLIN BEEBE

James Franklin Beebe, age 95, of Shell Knob, passed away Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Graveside services with military honors and VFW ceremony will be held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, July 26, 2021, at Lake Park Memorial Gardens in Shell Knob, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Pastor Bob Gaddis will conduct the services.

Contributions may be made to VFW Post 2203 in memory of James.

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JOHNNY EUGENE MCCLELLAND

Johnny Eugene McClelland, age 76, of Butterfield, formerly of Seligman, passed from this life on Sunday, July 18, 2021, at his home. Mr. McClelland, son of Eugene and Veva Ann McClelland, was born on August 27, 1944. In 1968, he met the love of his life, Rita Kelley, and subsequently were united in marriage and had four children. Johnny was an entrepreneur, owning and operating his own construction business along with his sons, "McClelland & Sons Inc", together making themselves a reputable household name. He was a talented welder and spent time deep sea welding. Johnny enjoyed spending time with his family and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include two sons, Todd Wallace, of Butterfield, and Shane McClelland and his wife, Aimee, of Seligman; one daughter, Lori Ellison and her significant other, Mike Stahn, of Butterfield; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill and Larry McClelland, both of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; one sister, Margary Rice, of Show Low, Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Johnny was preceded in death by one son, Johnnie K. "Boob" McClelland, three brothers and one sister.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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TANER GLYNN WRIGHT

Taner Glynn Wright, age 25, of Eagle Rock, passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Taner, son of Marty and April (Hopkins) Blisard, was born on November 15, 1995, in Springdale, Arkansas. He graduated from Cassville High School in 2014, and during his time there he played football from Mighty Mite to high school, and participated in FFA, receiving numerous awards. Taner went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Missouri State University in 2017. On September 2, 2017, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Savannah Clay, in Pierce City. Taner had a love for others that was authentic, true, compassionate, real, and larger than life itself. His hugs would give you such warmth and peace, knowing you were truly cared for and safe. Taner had a drive for life that was unbeatable and ambitious, a smile that was contagious, and a personality that could win over any room and could never be forgotten. He enjoyed farming and showing cattle with family and friends.

Taner knew and believed the word of God and would reach out to his mom weekly to pray for friends and coworkers in need. He was a man of integrity, honesty, generosity; he would always stand up for others that could not stand up for themselves. Taner loved Jesus unconditionally and was saved and baptized at a young age at Corinth Baptist Church. He was very proud of his family, and they meant the world to him. Taner was a loving son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend that always had your back. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Survivors include his loving wife, Savannah Wright, of Eagle Rock; his two precious children who were his pride and joy, Hadlee and Lexton "L.J."; his parents, Marty and April Blisard, of Jenkins; his mother and father in-law, Jason and Krista Clay, of Eagle Rock; his sister, Bailie Tuttle and her husband, Curtis, niece, Adylin, and nephew, Ayden, of Pottsville, Arkansas; two stepbrothers, Bo Blisard and his wife, Jenna, and nephew, Krew, and Brady Blisard and his wife, Alexa, all of Cassville; two brothers-in-law, Paton Clay and his wife, Jaime, and Joshua Clay, all of Washburn; paternal step-grandmother, Marie Iams, of Jenkins; and his grandparents-in-law, Terry Olson and his wife, Laura, of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Larry and Marlaine Clay, of Jane.

Taner was preceded in death by maternal grandparents.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Taner may be made to his Savannah, Hadlee and L.J. and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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INCOME	
Sales Tax Revenue	$1,635,000.00
Interest	$7,000.00
Petty Cash	$100.00
Other Income (maps/signs/restitution)	$750.00
Pre-Paid	$15,000.00
Contracted Services (Barry Lawrence)	$18,350.00
Grants	$0.00
Revenue Total	$1,676,200.00
OPERATING EXPENSES	
6000-Payroll Total	$1,145,600.00
6200-Training Total	$35,800.00
6300-Supplies Total	$16,550.00
6400-Insurance Total	$18,400.00
6500-Sign Installation Total	$17,000.00
6600-Board & Executives Total	$1,750.00
7000-Advertising Total	$1,700.00
7200-Professional Services Total	$20,800.00
7300-Utilities Total	$24,825.00
7400-Communications Total	$74,200.00
8000-Equipment Total	$149,000.00
8100-Vehicle Total	$5,350.00
8200-Facility Total	$29,800.00
8300-Contract Services	$13,500.00
8600-Maintenance Agreements	$105,000.00
9600-Miscellaneous Total	$174,850.00
Operating Expenses Subtotal	$1,834,125.00
Capital Projects-BREAKDOWN	
(INCLUDED ABOVE)	$100,000.00
8016-Radio 5th station/ CAD integration	$0.00
8016-Phase II on Mobile/AVL & EMS Integration	$45,000.00
8025-Batteries	$35,000.00
8038- Radio/Tower Repairs/Purchase	$8,000.00
8210-Septic repair if needed	$12,000.00
NON CATERGORIZED PAYMENTS	
Monett TIF	$36,000.00
ADDITIONAL LOAN PAYMENT	$200,000.00
Full Expense Total	$2,070,125.00
Revenue over Expense	-$393,925.00
Transfer from Savings	$393,925.00
End of Year Total	$0.00

Barry County E9-1-1 "The strength behind the scenes"

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OBITUARIES

ALFRED D. "FRED" MORENO

Alfred D. "Fred" Moreno, age 71, of Purdy, passed away Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Cassville Health and Rehab in Cassville.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Butterfield, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Russ Neill will conduct the services.

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DANNY "GENE" EUGENE MASON

Danny "Gene" Eugene Mason, age 74, of Rocky Comfort, passed away at his home on Sunday, July 11, 2021. Mr. Mason, son of Woodrow and Anna Mae (Roller) Mason, was born on January 24, 1947, in Washburn. Danny attended Wheaton School and then joined the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War. He was a lifelong truck driver, traveling all over the U.S. and helped build the Alaskan Pipeline. Danny owned a milk route for Kraft Foods in the Barry County area where many lasting friendships were made. He had a giving heart and he loved his family dearly. Danny knew Heaven awaited him because he knew Jesus as his Savior.

Survivors include his son, Clint Mason and his wife, Cheryl, of Rocky Comfort; daughter, Traci Mitchell and her husband, Scott, of Wheaton; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bob Mason, of Goodman, and James Mason and his wife, Pam, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; one sister, Virginia Easley, of Rocky Comfort; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Danny was preceded in death by three brothers, Willie Mason, Donnie Mason, and Jerry Mason.

Memorial services with full military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021, at King Cemetery in Seligman, with Brother Scott Mitchell officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Danny to Hospice Compassus or Monett V.F.W. Post #4207, and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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RHONDA JILL CASEY

Rhonda Jill Casey, age 62, of Seligman, passed away at her home surrounded by family on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Ms. Casey, daughter of Dennis and June (Weddington) Casey, was born on March 9, 1959, in Rogers, Arkansas. In her spare time she enjoyed working on puzzles, shooting guns, riding motorcycles, and loved cooking for her family. Rhonda had a huge heart but also loved to give others a hard time. For the last several years, she and her soulmate, Dennis, enjoyed spending countless time together making lasting memories. Rhonda was a loving mother, grandmother, companion and friend who will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her soulmate, Dennis McCormick, of Seligman; three daughters, Crystal Pendergraft, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Savanna Bowers and her husband, Dustin, of Biloxi, Mississippi, and Lacey McCormick, of Springfield; one son, Justin McCormick, of Lockport, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Dennis, Summer, David, Raven, Fynli, Troy, and Alexis; one great-grandson, Oliver; one brother, Preston Casey, of Gateway, Arkansas; two sisters, Evening Star Bouyer, of Gateway, Arkansas, and Glenda Walden, of Beavertown, Arkansas; special friend, Rhonda Vogler, of Eagle Rock; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Rhonda was preceded in death by her brother, Randy Weddington.

A celebration of life washeld at the Eagle Rock Community Association Center (ERCA) on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to be used as they wish 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.

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OBITUARIES

CYNTHIA RENEE STRONG

Cynthia Renee Strong, age 63, of Purdy, passed away on Friday, July 16, 2021, at Cox Hospital in Springfield. Mrs. Strong, daughter of Glen and Wilda (Taggs) Scott, was born on September 20, 1957, in Storm Lake, Iowa. Following graduating from Purdy High School in 1976, she graduated from Drury University as a registered nurse. Cynthia enjoyed gardening, bird watching, music, and riding horses. Her passion in life was that of a nurse and had worked for Lacoba Nursing Home in Monett for the last eighteen years doing various jobs from becoming a leader as a day shift charge nurse, a teacher to her students and staff, as well as filling many other roles such as staff development coordinator, certified nurse assistant teacher, RN charge nurse, program manager, on call administration, as well as many other roles not mentioned. Cynthia had a heart of gold, was always there for her patients by comforting them with her beautiful singing voice, and made many lasting friendships. She loved her family dearly and attended Longview Methodist Church in Purdy.

Survivors include two daughters, Mara Christensen and her husband, Travis, of Neosho, and Alexandra Hall and her husband, Adrian, of Billings; one granddaughter, Tegan Hall; her mother, Wilda Scott, of Purdy; one brother, Glen Scott, Jr., of Purdy; two sisters, Mary Fenske and her husband, Michael, and Marguerite Lowe and her husband, Craig, all of Purdy; three nephews, Glen Scott, Nathan Scott, and Nicholas Mercer; and one niece, Darcy Scott.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her father, Glen W. Scott, Sr.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, with Pastor Mark Moller officiating.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

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

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HERBERT MICHAEL ROHRICH

Herbert Michael Rohrich, age 69, of Eagle Rock, passed away at his home on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, after a long illness. Mr. Rohrich, son of Clem and Goldie (Johnson) Rohrich, was born on October 16, 1951, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Upon graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Army in February of 1970 and was honorably discharged in October of 1971; during this time he received the good conduct medal. On February 17, 1994, he was united in marriage to Treva Hill, becoming a step-father to Rosalie Tyler and Joey Williams. Herbert never knew a stranger and loved to everyone a hard time. He enjoyed playing dominos, drinking his beer, and riding his golf cart with his dogs Sassy and Roscoe.

Survivors include his loving wife, Treva Rohrich, of Eagle Rock; stepdaughter, Rosalie Tyler and her husband, Noble, of Washburn; stepson, Joey Williams, of Eagle Rock; and his sisters, Joanne Highly, of Bismark, North Dakota, Mary Magstadt and her husband, Gary, of Steele, North Dakota, Diana Zuroff and her husband, Donald, of Frenchtown, Montana, and Charlotte Rohrich, of Gillette, Wyoming; one brother, Frank Rohrich, of Cassville; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Herbert was preceded in death by one brother, Clem Rohrich; one sister, Eileen Rasmussen; his niece, Lana Peterman; mother-in-law, Jimmie Dee Marshall; and brother-in-law, Ernest Highly.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Cremation, Cassville.

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Case (left) and Samuel Jennings (right) earned patches at State.

The Southwest Trap Team traveled once again to Linn Creek, on June 26, this time for the Missouri AIM State Shoot.

Parents sat under umbrellas while the participants got soaked as they stood on the shooting line. The overcast sky and rain made shooting targets more difficult, but that did not slow down these top notch shooters.

Case Jennings shot his first 25 straight and will have the traditional shooting of his hat at the next practice.

His older brother, Samuel Jennings, shot his first 75 and 100 straight. This earns Sam two new patches.

Caleb Ayer shot his way to be the AIM Sub-Jr. Champion in a field of 107 shooters.

The Sub-Jr. squad of Colten Phillips, Bailey Stephens, Alex Ramirez, Case Jennings, and Devin Hall placed 5th in the Sub-Jr. Division.

The Junior squad of Ty Howard, Olivia Ayer, Samuel Jennings, Caleb Ayer and Lilly Wolf were just shy of the medals, taking 4th in the Junior Division.

Coach Staci Day stated, "We're looking forward to the Nationals in Sparta, Illinois. These kids have so much talent, I'm confident they will do well this year."

Caleb Ayer, above, took AIM Sub-Jr. Championship at State.

MoDOT seeking career-minded employees

Are you looking for a job with excellent benefits where you can make a difference in the lives of your fellow Missourians? The Missouri Department of Transportation is looking for you.

Right now, there are full-time maintenance positions open across the state. Salaries start at $14.75 an hour, depending on level of experience and area of operation.

"Missouri travelers depend on us throughout the year to maintain our highway system and especially once the snow starts to fall," said MoDOT's Maintenance Director Natalie Roark. "We're currently looking for individuals who are interested in a career to keep Missouri moving during the winter season and beyond."

Full-time maintenance employees receive training and a long list of benefits including paid leave, medical, vision and dental insurance and a retirement plan; and a culturally diverse workplace that is dedicated to safety and personal development. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and successfully complete a criminal background check (a misdemeanor or felony conviction is not an automatic restriction to employment). If you don't already have a commercial driver's license (CDL), MoDOT will provide training to help you obtain one.

Maintenance employment with MoDOT continues into the spring as the season turns to mowing. There are opportunities for advancement and a long-term career. Opportunities for year-round employment include mowing, striping and other maintenance functions.

"There's no better time to apply than right now," Roark said. To learn more about this opportunity and to apply online for positions across the state, go to www.modot.org/opportunities-maintenance.

For more information, call MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636) or visit www.modot.org.

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Sunshine Request response time less than a day, says Fitzpatrick

Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick announced that for the second year in a row, the Treasurer's Office average initial response time for Sunshine Requests was less a day. During the fiscal year that ended June 30, the Treasurer's Office received 123 Sunshine requests. The average initial response time was 0.76 business days, a decrease from the previous year.

During FY2020, the Treasurer's Office received 119 Sunshine Requests. The average initial response time was 0.94 business days, a rate of less than one day. During FY19, the Office received 99 Sunshine Requests and had an initial response time of 1.6 business days.

"Despite remote working and the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, my Office reduced our already low response time. We are now responding to Sunshine Requests, on average, within hours of receiving them," Treasurer Fitzpatrick said. "This timely response should let Missourians know how much my staff and I understand and value the Sunshine laws in our state and that we take our responsibility under those laws very seriously. This is what I want from government—transparency and quick response—and I am proud to meet these expectations."

Treasurer Fitzpatrick is working to increase transparency across state and local governments, as well. In 2020, Treasurer Fitzpatrick announced the expansion of the Show-Me Checkbook to include local governments. There are currently 13 participating counties, with more in progress. He also facilitated aggregating state expenditures related to federal stimulus funding in one portal on the Treasurer's Office website for Missourians to search. He recently expanded the portal to include information related to the American Rescue Plan.

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