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Happy Birthday, Missouri!!!



Above, Presiding Commissioner Gary Youngblood and Treasurer Lois Lowe stand beside a new Missouri Bicentennial banner displayed inside the courthouse. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Willis assumes CHS principal position



Tyler Willis

Ezra DeVore

Wildcat Nation welcomed Mr. Tyler Willis into the Cassville High School ranks as principal on July 1. Willis was formerly the seated high

school principal at Wheaton, where he held his position for nearly three years. Prior to his academic leadership in Wheaton, Willis taught the high school band for seven years at Ash Grove High School and Penney High School in Hamilton, where he also coached golf.

Hailing originally from Sullivan, Willis then attended Southeast Missouri State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 2011, followed in 2017 by a Masters of Science in Education - Educational Leadership.

See WILLIS 7A



Camaraderie, cookies and ice cream were enjoyed on the south lawn of Barry County's historic courthouse in Cassville during the Missouri's Bicentennial "Scoops Across Missouri" celebration Tuesday. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Sheila Harris

Barry County joined some 80-plus counties across Missouri for the commemora-

tion of Missouri's bicentennial anniversary Tuesday, a "Scoops Across Missouri" event celebrated with co-



Above, Northern Commissioner Gary Schad (in green shirt) and County Clerk Joyce Ennis serve ice cream to a happy recipient. Photo by Ezra DeVore.

ordinated ice cream socials by 197 participating hosts across the state.

As part of the statewide celebration, Barry County's

elected officials opted to serve ice cream and cookies on the south lawn of the

See MISSOURI 13A

New teachers introduced at Cassville R-IV



Front row, left to right: Reed Smith, Jo Lynn Burke, Whitney Wenzel, David Williams, Lindsey Halterman, Dylan Klewer, Krystal Barnes, Taylor Bench, Glenda Wahlert, Mary Nunley and Amy Johnson. Second row, left to right: Jordan Ellis, Clayton Bagby, Matt Frazier, Ashley Cupps, Melissa Reazin, Angela Burns, Anna Waltke, Emily Pry, Christian Estella, Alexander Clearbook, Collin Pearman, Bailey Roman, Kaylyn Whitham, Bobby Bishop and Kandice Koehler.

CORRECTION: Purdy R-II **Start Date**

In last week's edition, the first day of school for the Purdy R-II District was incorrectly listed as August 25.

The correct start date is August 24.

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Purdy R-II welcomes new staff



The Purdy R-II School District is pleased to welcome 14 new staff members to its ranks for the 2021-2022 school year, including a new superintendent, Dr. Travis Graham, pictured at front. Additional new staff members are pictured from left. Second row: Jessica Kaler, Second Grade; Abigail Buntin, Fifth Grade. Third row: Mikayla Palmer, Secondary English Language Arts; Danny Powers, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Kamryn Sanders, Vocational Agriculture. Back row: Heath Carmichael, Secondary P.E./High School Boys' Basketball Coach; Nicole Crouthamel, Secondary Mathematics; Sheri Farmer, Transportation; Katelyn Chrisman, Secondary Social Studies; Joyce Beck, Custodian; Charlie Lauderdale, Transportation; Jace Rutledge, Vocational Agriculture; Lauren Leahy, Secondary Science.

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COVID-19 case, death updates

Sheila Harris

According to Barry County Health Department administrator Roger Brock, as of August 5, Barry County added 167 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 since July 28. One hundred, ninetyeight patients are in isolation.

A total of 3,865 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Barry County since the counting period began in March of 2020.

The deaths of two additional COVID-19 patients were also reported for the

same period, bringing the total number of deaths of Barry County residents due to CO-VID to 64.

As of Monday morning, Mercy Hospital spokesperson Sony Kullman reported 106 inpatients with active cases of COVID-19 at Mercy Springfield, with an additional 22 patients still hospitalized although they're no longer considered infectious. Nineteen patients, said Kullman, are hospitalized in Mercy regional hospitals, including four in Cassville and four

According to Kullman, Mercy lost seven COVID patients over the weekend, which brought the death total to 28, for August alone.

CoxHealth spokesperson, Kaitlyn McConnell, reported Tuesday that there were 164 COVID-19 patients hospitalized in the Cox system as of that time, and that 31 COV-ID patients had died during the previous week.

Monett man held in BC Jail on \$1 million bond



Anthony Arndt

Sheila Harris

Based on a probable cause statement filed by Corporal Blake DeHaan, with the Missouri Highway Patrol

Division of Drug and Crime Control, a search warrant was granted on August 3 for a residence in Monett from which child pornography was allegedly being downloaded. Officers executed the warrant on August 5.

According to Corporal DeHaan, officers interviewed Anthony Arndt (34) at the residence, who allegedly confessed to an addiction to child pornography which began when he was 15. During the interview, he allegedly told officers he needed help, at which point the interview

Arndt was arrested and is being charged with one count of promoting child pornography and five counts of possessing it. He is being held in the Barry County Jail on a \$1 million, cash-only bond.

A bond appearance hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, with Judge Robert Foulke.

Cosper Memorial Highway designated

Sheila Harris

A portion of Highway 37 between County Roads 1060 and 1062, south of Washburn, will be designated as the Mgst. Carl Cosper Jr. Memorial Highway by the signing of Senate Bill 520 by Governor Parson on July 14. The memorial designation

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will become effective August

Msgt. Cosper, a deputy with the Barry County Sheriff's Office was killed in a traffic accident while on duty April 7, 2017.

The Senate bill appoints the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to erect and maintain memorial signage on the highway, but MoDOT requires that \$3,200 of private funds be paid to them before the signs will be erected.

A Go Fund Me account



has been established by Kathy Emo and Charlotte Olson of the Sheriff's Office for the solicitation of the funds. All funds collected will go directly to the Carl Cosper Memorial Highway sign account.

Those interested in helping establish the highway memorial sign in Cosper's name may donate to the fund https://www.gofundme. com/f/master-sergeantcarl-t-cosper-memorialhighway?utm_campaign=p_ cp+share-sheet&utm_ medium=copy_link_ all&utm_source=customer.

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COVID-19 vaccination sites

Sheila Harris

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available at the following locations in Barry County. Recipients are asked to present a health insurance card if they are insured. If they are uninsured, the vaccine will still be administered at no charge.

Moderna and J&J vaccinations will only be administered to those age 18 and up.

Pfizer vaccinations are available for those age 12 and

· Barry County Health Department, 65 Main St, Cassville: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J vaccines are currently being offered Monday - Thursday on a walk-in basis, 9 - 11 a.m and 1 - 5 p.m. Tests for COVID-19 are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 417-847-2114 for a test appointment.

• Roark Family Health, 1101 Main Street, Cassville: Moderna vaccinations are offered at no charge during weekly drive-up clinics. A clinic is being held Wednesday, August 11; the next one will be held Friday, August 20.

COVID-19 testing is available for \$40, regardless of Roark membership.

For either a vaccination or a test appointment, call 417-847-1111, or sign up online via a link posted on Roark Family Health's Facebook



IN THE BARRY **COUNTY ADVERTISER** • Whitley Pharmacy, 101 8th Street, Cassville: Moderna vaccine is available on a walk-in basis on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• Sater Pharmacy, 705 Main Street, Cassville: Vaccinations will be administered between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a walk-in basis on the following schedule: Monday and Wednesday, Moderna; Tuesday and Thursday, Pfizer; Friday, Johnson & Johnson. Pfizer is the only vaccine of-

fered to ages 12 - 17. • Plaza Pharmacy, 24875 State Hwy. 39, Shell Knob: Vaccinations will be administered between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a walk-in basis on the following schedule: Monday and Wednesday, Moderna; Tuesday and Thursday, Pfizer; Friday, Johnson & Johnson. Pfizer is the only vaccine offered to ages 12 - 17.

• Bruner Pharmacy, 321 E. Broadway, Monett: A vial of

Moderna vaccine containing ten doses will be opened each day, Monday through Friday. Please call 417-235-3139 for an appointment.

• Old Town Pharmacy, 100 Chapell Dr., Ste. A. Monett: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J vaccines are offered on a walk-in basis. Pfizer is the only vaccine offered to ages 12 - 17.

• Walmart Pharmacy, Cassville and Monett locations: Moderna vaccine is available on a walk-in basis during pharmacy hours.

Walmart in Monett offers vaccinations at the following times: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 2 - 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 2 - 5 p.m.

• CoxHealth: For a vaccination appointment through CoxHealth, call 417-269-INFO. Vaccine information can be found at https://www. coxhealth.com/covid/vaccine/.







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Calendar

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

Notice:

Southwest High School will be purging permanent cumulative files for the class of 2014. If you are a graduate of the class of 2014 and would like your cumulative file, please contact the high school at (417) 826-5413 or come by Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. All files will be destroyed on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

Purdy's New Student Enrollment will be held from August 10 to August 23. Enrollments will be conducted by appointment only. Please call Susan at (417)442-3216 ext. 1282. Evening appointments and Spanish translation services are available upon request.

AUDITIONS!

For the comedy The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon

Saturday, August 21 • 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church YY15, Shell Knob, Mo. Show Dates: Nov. 12, 13, 14 Call 417-459-3017 BEFORE Aug. 21 if date conflict



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The Stella Senior Center hosts a Dinner and Dance every Friday night. The doors open at 6 P.M., with dinner served until 7 P.M. The dance starts at 7 P.M. with a live band each week. This Friday, The Timberline Country Band is playing. Cover charge is \$5. A pork roast supper is on the menu. Refreshments are available all evening. Younger people are welcome. No alcohol allowed. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (617) 640-6742 for more informa-

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

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.

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.

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.





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.

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 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

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).

Aug 14

Habitat for Humanity will be hosting their Annual Fund Raiser from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the First Baptist Family Life Center, Cassville. There will be a silent auction, food, and BINGO. The public is welcome. Cash or credit card will be accepted.

Cassville Cruisers will be hosting a Cruise In at the Barry County Museum, south of Cassville on Highway 112/76/86, from 5 P.M. to dusk. The theme will be Hot August Nights. Visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

Aug 20-28

Old Fashioned Outdoor Meeting Camp Jubilee will be held at 7 P.M. nightly. The location is 10 miles south of Aurora on Hwy. 39 and 1/4 mile east or 4 miles north of Jenkins on Hwy. 39 and 1/4 mile east. Watch for signs. All are welcome.

Aug 21

SKITS (Shell Knob in the Spotlight) will be holding auditions for its upcoming play "The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon" at 10 A.M. at the Central Crossing Senior Center in Shell Knob at 20801 YY-15. If you would like to audition but cannot do so on this date, please contract Kim Przybyl at (417) 459-3017 to arrange





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MO Supreme Court rules in favor of **Medicaid expansion**

From Ballotpedia, July 26,

On July 22, the Missouri Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a constitutional amendment enacting Medicaid expansion was constitutional. The decision reversed a lower court's ruling that found the amendment approved by voters last August to be unconstitutional because it did not include a revenue source for the state to pay for the Medicaid expansion. The Supreme Court ruled that the amendment "does not remove the General Assembly's discretion in appropriating money to MO HealthNet," and therefore, "the circuit court erred in declaring article IV, section 36(c) constitutionally inval-

The Supreme Court concluded that the Department of Social Services and Missouri HealthNet, who are responsible for the administration of Medicaid in Missouri, are required to use the funds appropriated by the legislature on all eligible recipients under the adopted amendment. The amendment, which was approved by a margin of 53.27% to 46.73%, expanded Medicaid eligibility in Missouri to adults that are 19 years of age or older and younger than 65 whose income is 138% of the federal poverty level or below under

the Affordable Care Act.

Stephanie Doyle, Melinda Hille, and Autumn Stultzthree individuals who qualify for Medicaid under the expanded eligibility—filed the lawsuit in Cole County Circuit Court. On June 23, Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beetem ruled that the amendment was unconstitutional because it did not include a way for the state to pay for the Medicaid expansion. He wrote, "If the court allows them to spend other state revenues by initiative such action would deprive the General Assembly of its constitutional right to appropriate revenues in all other non-initiative circumstanc-

Since the Supreme Court has upheld Medicaid expansion, the state must file paperwork with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to set up the enrollment process for newly eligible individuals. Governor Mike Parson (R) previously withdrew the state's paperwork in May after the state legislature passed the state's budget without expanding funding for Medic-

The amendment faced legal challenges before the vote last August. In May 2020, two separate lawsuits were filed against Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft (R)

challenging the constitutionality of the citizen-initiated ballot measure by Americans for Prosperity-Missouri and United for Missouri. Both lawsuits argued that the initiative was unconstitutional because it appropriated state funds without creating a new source of revenue. In June 2020, Cole County Circuit Judge Daniel Green ruled in favor of the initiative keeping it on the ballot. Judge Green argued that the ballot measure does not require the state legislature to appropriate money for Medicaid expansion, and therefore, it does not need to provide a funding source. Missouri Western District Court of Appeals upheld Judge Green's decision to keep the initiative on the August ballot after United for Missouri and Americans for Prosperity-Missouri appealed the decision.

Missouri joins 38 states and Washington, D.C., in expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

The above article can be found in its entirety at https://news.ballotpedia. org/2021/07/26/missourisupreme-court-upholdsmedicaid-expansionamendment.

In Barry County, residents voted against Amendment 2, with 2,234 votes cast in favor of it, and 5,388 votes opposed.

Roaring River Park to host public meeting

Representatives from Missouri State Parks invite the public to attend a combined informational meeting at Roaring River State Park on Thursday, Aug. 12. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the River Shelter, located directly off Highway F.

The public is invited to share comments and ask questions about Roaring River State Park and Big Sugar Creek State Park and their operations. Representatives from both parks will be present to provide information and to answer questions.

Input from the public is important to Missouri State Parks. These informational meetings, which are being held in all state parks and historic sites, help create two-wav communication with the public. The meetings give staff the opportunity to let people know the current status and future plans for the park or historic site, and they offer visitors the opportunity to comment on the facilities. For a list of scheduled informational meetings, https://mostateparks. com/.../66611/information-

The public is strongly encouraged to follow socialdistancing guidelines and be proactive in protecting themselves and others.

Roaring River State Park is located at 12716 Farm Road 2239, Cassville, in southwest Missouri. For more information, contact Roaring River State Park at 417-847-2539.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Hearing scheduled in Liberty rate case

The Missouri Public Service Commission has set the formal evidentiary hearing schedule in an electric rate case filed by The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty.

Hearings are scheduled to begin on January 31, 2022, and are scheduled to continue through February 10, 2022.

These hearings will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street in Jefferson City.

This building meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to

participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

These hearings will also be streamed live on the Commission's website (www.psc. mo.gov).

On May 28, 2021, Liberty filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$79.9 million.

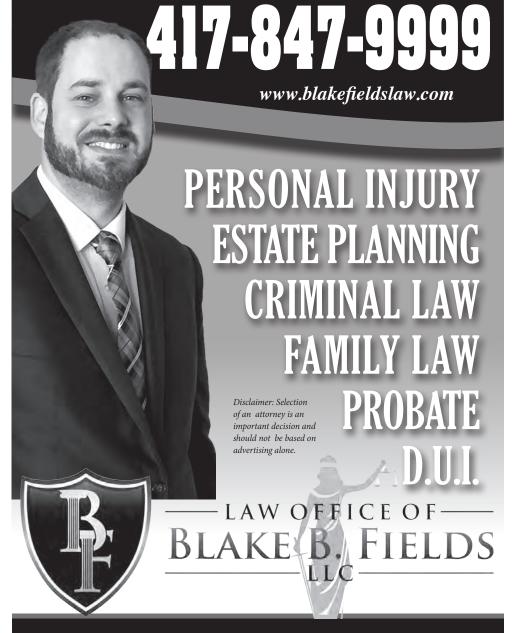
Liberty serves approximately 155,400 electric customers in the Missouri counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, St. Clair, Stone and Taney.





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Also on August 11, Ozark Christian College Open daily, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Crowder College administra-(excluding some holidays) tion entered into a partner-Follow us on Facebook! ship agreement to explore the coordination of transferable credits and earned certificates

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Freeman Health System

ties for new partnerships.

Sheila Harris

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Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for your "Thoughts from the Editor" in the July 28, 2021, issue of the Advertiser. I agree 100 percent with every word you wrote. I, too, have heard people say they do not follow the news because it is "all bad news." I know it can be depressing at times. Still, the alternative is to be uninformed about almost everything.

Facebook has become the primary source of much information, and it is not always reliable. It is much like the game of "Gossip" we played as children, where we whispered in someone's ear. By the time the last child

heard the message, it was so distorted it had no similarity to the original message.

Letter to The Editor

I think the distrust from the COVID-19 vaccines comes in part from people depending on social media for their information and distrusting reliable sources, such as good journalism, science, and history. Learning which sources are reliable takes effort, but it might mean the difference in life or death.

Someone said, "I don't want anyone scaring people about the coronavirus." But if I saw your house on fire in the middle of the night, and maybe your smoke alarm wasn't working, wouldn't you want me to scare you and tell you your house is on fire so you and your family can escape with your lives? Or would you rather not be bothered with my "bad news" and lose the lives of your family?

People say, "Why does the CDC constantly seem to change their guidance on the coronavirus?" If we bother to learn a little science, we must realize this is a new virus, and science has to know how it spreads and affects people. Another problem is that it reproduces exponentially,

which means it can mutate (change) quickly, causing scientists to change their recommendations as the virus changes.

When I was a child, everyone was worried about polio. Medical researchers found a vaccine for polio. They have discovered vaccines for smallpox, measles, and many more dreadful diseases.

Science is a search to understand the rules God used for the fantastic universe He created. He has permitted humanity to learn only some of the rules by which His awesome creation functions. These rules are called science. We have to trust the scientists that God gives us to help us cure diseases. This is where a knowledge of history comes in. We also have to learn from the past (history) and build upon accumulated human knowledge, as well as human success and failures throughout history.

It takes some effort to be informed, but we can use modern technology to help us be better informed than ever, or we can use it as a source of misinformation.

Yvonne Kerr Monett

A hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M., August 19, 2021, at the Southwest R-V School District Board of Education Room at the Central Office. At this time, citizens may be heard on the

Notice of Public Hearing

property tax rates proposed to be set by Southwest R-V, a school district located in Barry and McDonald counties. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues, which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation. (*Estimates reflect the most accurate information at the time of posting. Changes can be made by the Board of Education at the Tax Rate Hearing and finalized by September 1st.)

Year 2021-2022	Year 2020-2021
\$32,193,258	\$30,531,325
\$11,818,901	\$10,503,851
\$44,012,159	\$41,035,176
	2021-2022 \$32,193,258 \$11,818,901

(Included in AV Total Above)	Year 2021-2022	Year 2020-2021
New Construction & Improvements	\$503,733	\$396,538

The following Tax rates are Proposed: Assessed Valuation: \$44,012,159

Fund	Amount of Property Tax Revenue Budgeted	Proposed Tax Rate Per \$100
Incidental	\$1,128,467	\$2.75
Teachers		\$0.00
Debt Service	\$348,799	\$0.85
Total	\$1,477,266	\$3.60

Total New Revenue (operating funds only): \$50,017 New Revenue New Construction and Improvements New Revenue from Reassessment: Percentage of New Revenue from New Construction

\$31.851 Percentage of New Revenue from Reasse Respectfully Submitted:

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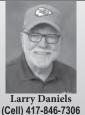
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Purdy City Council Notes

Ezra DeVore

After Purdy's water leak costing them up to a million gallons of water a month, Purdy Public Works Supervisor Lonnie Lowery has affirmed it's been fixed. The City of Purdy also now plans to build four homes on a one acre lot on Highway C. The developer, Sergio Perez, believes the first home will be finished by 2022.

July Police Report

- July 7: An officer was dispatched to Dollar General due to a minor attempting to purchase tobacco products. When the suspect refused to provide ID to the officer, the subject was placed into custody and transported to the Barry County Jail for an electronic fingerprint scan to determine his identity and any warrants for his arrest. The minor was identified, released, and given a citation for trying to buy tobacco products.
- July 14: An officer responded to the Dollar General Store for a reported shoplifting. The manager reported that she had observed a customer on security video concealing items on her person inside of the store. The suspect, upon seeing the police enter the store, retreated to the rear of the store and unloaded most of the items that she had concealed. The suspect paid for the remaining items and then left the store. No charges were filed.
- July 15: An officer responded to a complaint about a dead dog in the yard, causing a noxious odor. The resident was contacted and told to remove the deceased dog from the yard.
- July 28: An officer responded to a call from the Dollar General Store regarding a report of up to 50 people standing outside the door with trash bags and duffle bags. No siege had been planned, however, it was determined that the people were lined up because of a "penny

sale" to clear merchandise off the shelves so the store could be remodeled. This information had not been passed down to the store employees.

• July 29: An officer responded to a reported property damage behind 204 Commercial Street. Five tires on a parked truck and trailer had been slashed along the side wall, causing three flat tires and \$800 in damage. Investigation is ongoing.

An officer responded to another report of property damage. Someone unknown had used a knife to slash a tire on two different vehicles, causing \$120 in damage. The victim declined to file a police report on the incident.

- July 30: An officer responded to the Assembly of God church for a reported burglary. Someone had used a key to enter the church, then used a putty knife to pry open a door to an office. A stereo/radio had been taken from the office. A suspect has been identified; investigation is ongoing.
- An officer responded to yet another report of property damage. Someone unknown had used a knife to slash all three tires, causing an estimated \$180 in damage. Investigation is ongoing. It is believed that this incident is related to the other property damage complaints from July 29

July state revenue dips from 2020

State Budget Director Dan Haug announced today that 2021 fiscal year-to-date net general revenue collections decreased 39.3 percent compared to July 2020, from \$1.16 billion last year to \$701.3 million this year.

GROSS COLLECTIONS BY TAX TYPE

• <u>Individual income tax collections</u>

Decreased 47.5 percent for the year, from \$915.6 million last year to \$480.5 million this year.

• <u>Sales and use tax collections</u>

Increased 16.9 percent for the year, from \$181.8 million last year to \$212.5 million this year.

• Corporate income and corporate franchise tax collections

Decreased 67.6 percent for the year, from \$141.8 million last year to \$46.0 million this year.

• All other collections

Increased 6.2 percent for the year, from \$18.4 million last year to \$19.5 million this year.

• Refunds

Decreased 44.0 percent for the year, from \$102.2 million last year to \$57.2 million this year. Speaking of how the Cassville and Wheaton principal positions will differ, Willis said, "The most obvious is the size difference. Cassville is a much larger district. There are some challenges that come with the increase in student population, but there are also additional resources I haven't had access to at Wheaton."

Willis is enthusiastic for the new challenge, however.

"I'm looking forward to pushing myself," he affirms, "and learning, and developing a positive culture of success at Cassville."

Ready to greet the new school year with hope and optimism, Willis also expressed his love for educational leadership.

"I love seeing teachers and students grow," he said, conveying passion to serve and help both.

Of his career's former home, he said, "Wheaton will always be a special place to me. Wheaton is a great community with a fantastic school district. The teachers and students there made it very difficult to leave, and I value the friendships I'll be taking with me."

Affirming the uplifting aspects of Wheaton schools, Willis said "They gave me a chance when I had no experience, and I felt nothing but support from my supervisors and staff."

Willis, who has already been introduced to many of his soon-to-be colleagues, is excited about his new posiWILLIS from FRONT

tion.

Elaborating on his outlook on the educational process, Willis said, "I feel strongly that people want to be heard and understood. In the same way, I work hard to ensure my decisions and the reasons for those decisions are understood in order to develop a shared vision within the school. Obviously, educating students academically is incredibly important, but I also

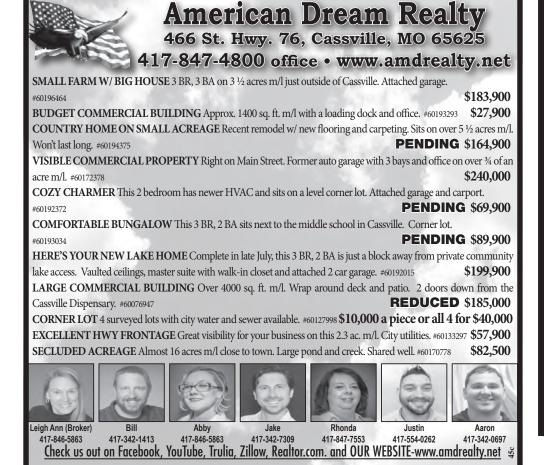
really value the lessons we can teach students that are not part of the curriculum. These are the skills they'll use daily when they enter the workforce or attend college."

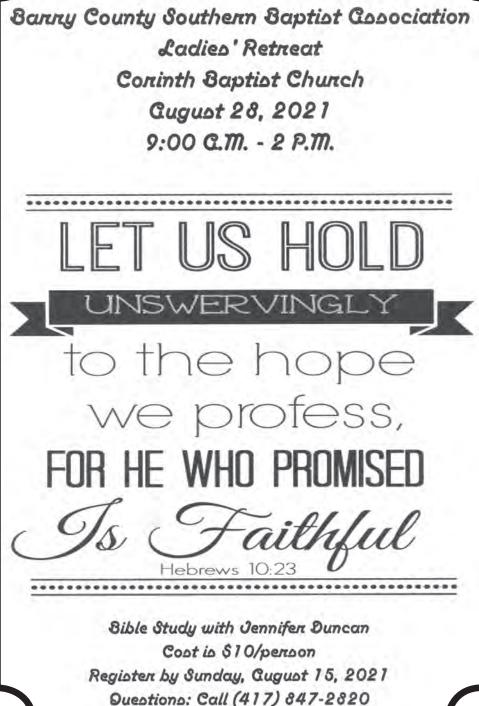
Willis replaced Mr. Keith Robertson as Cassville High School principal. Robertson, whose term ended June 30, accepted an offered position with the Webb City School District.











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Jenkins resident excels at New Mexico Military Institute



Charley Melton-Hovland

Submitted by Darrell Hovland
Cadet Charley MeltonHovland continues to excel
at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexi-

co, in her second-year beginning fall semester July 2020. Melton-Hovland was selected to be on a cadre to train incoming new cadets, where she was promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant and served as a cadet squad-leader.

Despite the additional challenges related to CO-VID, Melton-Hovland did not let it become an obstacle to her achievements. She was selected to be her class's representative on the Cadet Honor Board that oversees and hears cases pertaining to the Institutes Honor Code.

Melton-Hovland was awarded eight scholarships for the academic year for both academic and music excellence. This year she was named History Student of The Year in her World History class as she continues to excel academically, finishing out the 2020-2021 academic year with a 4.0 GPA for both semesters.

She was inducted into the New Mexico Military Institute's Merle D. Prinkey Chapter of the National Honor Society and also obtained membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. For her academic excellence and achieving a 4.0 GPA, Cadet Melton-Hovland was awarded the Superintendent's Coin by Major General Jerry Grizzle (Superintendent of NMMI) and the Academic Dean's Coin by Brigadier General Douglas Murray (Academic Dean).

Cadet Melton-Hovland begins the 2021-2022 academic year in much of the same fashion as the previous year, returning to be a part of the training cadre. However, this year she will be in the position of Cadet Platoon Sergeant for one of the two platoons within her troop and promoted to the rank of Cadet Sergeant First Class within the Corps of Cadets.

She further distinguished herself by being selected as the Operation Officer for the NMMI JROTC Mustang Battalion and promoted to Cadet Major within the Battalion. Although a 4th Class cadet (Junior at the High School level), she will begin taking college level courses.

Melton-Hovland is the daughter of the proud par-

ents, COL (Retired) Michele Hovland and Chief Warrant Officer 3 (Retired) Darrell Hovland, of Jenkins; the granddaughter of Jack and Bonnie Lambeth, of Cassville; Chuck and Deanna Stanford, of Lincoln City, Oregon; Glen Hovland of Wagon Mound, New Mexico; and Carol McNeely, of Cassville.

Located in Roswell, New Mexico, the New Mexico Military Institute offers a rich history and tradition of educating tomorrow's leaders through a program of strong, challenging academics, leadership preparation, and character development. Known as "The West Point of the West," NMMI remains the only state-supported coeducational college preparatory high school and junior college in the United States. As an institution of higher and secondary education, the Institute has the mission of enabling individual development through challenging academic preparation in a structured learning environment that affords extensive opportunities for leadership and character development. In support of this mission, the Institute's treatment of all cadets places key value on trust, student knowledge, integrity, service and responsibility all within the framework of an Honor Code stating that "a cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do." More information on New Mexico Military institute can be found at www.nmmi.edu.

Courthouse sentinels come down



Daniel Buckner, of Bucks Tree Service in Cassville, took the pine tree at the northwest corner of the courthouse down, limb by limb, Sunday morning. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Sheila Harris

Two stately pine trees, one flanking each corner of the north side of the Barry County Courthouse in Cassville, met their demise Sunday morning.

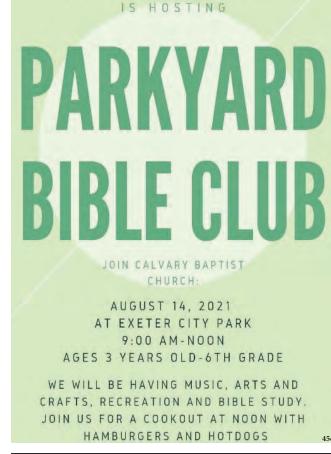
The service was performed by Bucks Tree Service of Cassville, with assistance from J & K Stump Grinding of Exeter.

Barry County Presiding Commissioner Gary Youngblood said that, because of the trees' height, pine needles were falling on the courthouse roof, causing drains to clog and water to back up into the courthouse.

"The trees were leaning a little, too," Youngblood said, "and could have been considered a safety hazard, not only to the courthouse, but also to nearby businesses."

Youngblood said dogwood and redbud trees will be planted to take the place of the pines.

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Cassville FFA Chapter participates in Newton, McDonald County Fairs



The Cassville FFA chapter participated in the Newton County Fair July 7 - 10, as well as the McDonald County Fair July 15- 17. Cassville FFA members competing included (from top left to bottom right): Peter Littlefield, Timothy Hudson, Tierany Sloan, Langston Mitchell, Dakota Bowen, Hailey Bowen, Jarrett Hinson, Elizabeth Ray, Maci Barton, Colton Blankenship, and Hallie Fratus. These fairs include the judging of animal conformation as well as the contestants' showmanship. The Cassville FFA chapter brought home several awards for their hard work this year.

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Cassville gardener shows off peppers

Cassville resident, Walter Hasler, stopped by the office of The Barry County Advertiser to show off the colorful bell peppers he's proud of.

"I've been gardening in this area since 1976," he said. "I usually grow about everything: green beans, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers and a variety of berries."

Hasler said this year hasn't been as productive as some years have been.

Walter Hasler, left, displays his homegrown, multi-colored bell peppers. "The rain got some of my stuff this year," he said, "but I have lots of tomatoes, potatoes and peppers."



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Southwest FFA SAE Spotlight: Macy Colf

Macy Colf, Southwest FFA Reporter

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

To me an SAE project means taking on responsibilities that will help me in the future. It provides an opportunity take on responsibility and deepened my agricultural knowledge outside of the classroom.

• What is your SAE?

I raise and sell rabbits called Missouri Blues. It's a mixed breed of a New Zealand white and American chinchilla, which means they are good for pets or meat production. They are white with grey spots with blue eyes!

• What about this interests you?

The breed was curated by a family member and I intend to keep this breed going as long as I can.

• How can this opportunity help in the future?

This opportunity can help increase the population of these unique rabbits. And my future is enhanced by learning work ethic and the

Southwest FFA Reporter, Macy Colf (abve), tends to her Missouri Blue rabbits.

process of running a small population.

• What have you found to be your greatest strength and weaknesses through this SAE project?

My greatest strength has been my level of commitment to my animals. My greatest weakness has been fine tuning my operation to maximize profit. • Has this experience helped you make any decisions regarding your future career?

It has grown my interest in the agricultural field, and made me realize there is more to agriculture than just cows and crops.





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RAYMOND KINGREY

Raymond Kingrey, age 89, of Cassville, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Mr. Kingrey, son of Sidney and Minnie (Reed) Kingrey, was born at home on December 6, 1931, in Lawrence County, Ohio. Subsequently graduating high school, Ray enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served his country proudly. On December 13, 1952, he was united in marriage to Barbara Jean Moore in Columbus, Ohio; she preceded him in death on January 17, 2021.

Ray loved the Lord and was always eager to tell others about Him; he attended the Monett Church of the Nazarene. Ray was very loving and caring, never meeting a stranger, and always welcomed you with a warm hug. He farmed, enjoyed

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm

raising horses, and was over the maintenance department for the Purdy School district and retired after many years. Some of Ray's favorite pastimes were working with his flowers and gardening. His family meant the world to him, and he was extremely proud of them. Ray was a dear friend to those who had the privilege of knowing him and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Williams and her husband, Scott, of Cassville; three grandchildren, Scotty Hall and his wife, Carla, of Cassville, Eric Hall, of Cassville, Kasey Hall and her husband, Mike, of Monett; eleven great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Terry Kingrey, of Aiken, South Carolina; two sistersin-law, Sue Hughes, of Neosho, and Doralee Kingrey, of Republic; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Barbara, Ray was preceded in death by his son, Randy Kingrey, and two brothers, Robert Kingrey and Ronnie Kingrey.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at the Monett Church of the Nazarene with Chris Carver, Josh

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Lien, and Ron Howerton officiating. Burial to follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Butterfield, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monett Church of the Nazarene 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.





DONALD RAY "DONNY" PATTON, JR.

Donald Ray "Donny" Patton, Jr., age 59, of Exeter, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at his home.

He was born July 28, 1962, in Walnut Creek, California, the son of Don and

Service Times:

Sunday 10:00 AM

Thursday 7:00 PM

Gloria (Mason) Patton, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was one brother, Paul Patton.

Surviving are one daughter, Candice Peterson and her husband, Jace; one grandson, Jack Peterson; one sister, Kelly Paul and her husband, Gary, of Exeter; one niece, Lindy Coldiron; one nephew, Nathan Maloney; and his dog, Rowdy. He had three great nephews that he loved to buy anything related to motors for, Baker Coldiron, Cooper Coldiron and Logan Maloney.

Donny's early life was spent in the Antioch, California, area. In 1977, he moved to Missouri with his family. He was a self-employed commercial painter but was proficient at buying, selling and trading cars boats and motorcycles. He enjoyed the lake, anything to do with cars, boats and motorcycles. Smart, generous, friendly, outgoing and fun to be around were how people described him. Spending time with his friends and family were very important to him and he will be greatly missed.

Private services will be held. Arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Don-

Prayer Meeting:

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JAMES "SPIZ" STEPHENS

James "Spiz" Stephens, age 87, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was born January 6, 1934, in Purdy, the son of Albert and Ruth (Henderson) Stephens. On August 25, 1951, he was united in marriage to Billie Ann Ledgerwood, who preceded him in death on May 28, 2016. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Linda Gilstrap; and a daughter-in-law, Debbie Stephens.

Surviving are one son, James Stephens and his wife, Sarah, of Cassville; one daughter, Jil Hunt, of Olathe, Kansas; one sister, Martha Watt, of Clovis, California; four grandchildren, Chris Stephens, Nicholas Hunt and his wife, Jennifer, Jeffrey Stephens and Caleb Hunt and his wife Amy; eight greatgrandchildren; and a special lady friend, Leona Keeling.

Spiz graduated from Cassville High School in 1952 and attended Drury College where he attained an Associate's Degree. He served in the Missouri National Guard. After graduating, he worked for Rufus Miller Appliances, the City of Cassville and as a projectionist at Hall Theater in town and Green Hills Drive-In Theater on Highway 248. After helping in the construction of the Vaisey-Bristol Shoe Company, he continued working for them. The company name changed to Jumping Jack's Shoe Company where he retired as a sales representative. Spiz and Billie Ann enjoyed taking vacations on the motorcycle and spent a lot of time just riding. He was a Ham Radio Operator, an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Springfield Cardinals fan, enjoyed trout fishing at Roaring River

and spent hours in his shop woodworking. For over fifty years, he was a member of Pythagoras Masonic Lodge #383. He was a member of Mill Street Church of Christ.

Services were held Monday, August 9, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Laith Hayward conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association in memory of Spiz.

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DANIEL PAUL BERNDT

Daniel Paul Berndt, of Rocky Comfort, was called to heaven at the age of 58 from the Freeman West Hospital, Joplin, on August 2, 2021.

Graveside services will be held at his final resting place in Owsley Union Cemetery, Rocky Comfort, (south of Stella) at 10:00 AM on August 12, 2021, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

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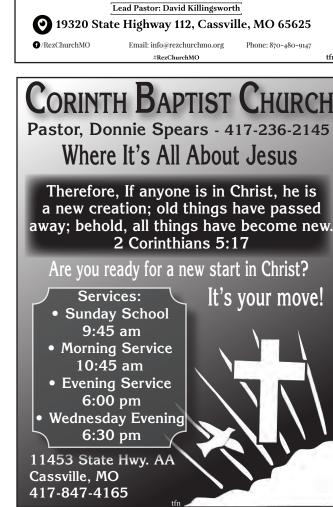
Travis Allcock, 48, of Monett, passed away Saturday, August 7, 2021.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Monett. Rosary will be at St. Lawrence Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday with visitation to follow until 8:30 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

MARY DAWN PATE

Mary Dawn Pate, 57, of Springfield, passed away on Friday, August 6, 2021, after a brief illness.

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



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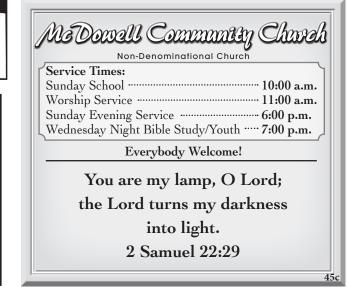
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DOUGLAS WAYNE BRATTIN

Douglas Wayne Brattin, age 56, of Butterfield, passed away on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Mr. Brattin, son of Farris Albert and Lois Ladean (Scott) Brattin, was born on January 8, 1965, in Kansas City. Doug loved life and lived it to the fullest. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing, hunting, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Laci Brattin, of Monett, and Kayla Sherman, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; six grandchildren; his mother, Lois Brattin, of Exeter; his father, Farris "Bud" Brattin, of Cassville; one brother, Jeff Brattin and his wife, Melissa, of Purdy; two nieces; one nephew; four great-nieces; and one great-nephew.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, August 13, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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





ANN HOWERTON

Ann Howerton, age 93, of Cassville, passed away Friday, August 6, 2021, at Cassville Health and Rehabilitation.

She was born August 4, 1928, in Purdy, the daughter of Robert and Dimple (Darst) Boyd. On October 5, 1949, in Bentonville, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to James Howerton, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Eric Howerton, of Wichita, Kansas, and Alan Howerton and his wife, Kam, of Cassville; one daughter, Karen Sue Pearce, of Wichita, Kansas; five grandchildren, Britt, Chad, Holly, Robin and Cole; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Dan and Bob; and two sisters, Thelma and Gretch-

Ann grew up in Purdy,

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tended secretarial school in Kansas City and then moved Beverly Lush, of Bonifay, back to Purdy and worked as Florida, and Jade Lush, of a secretary to the superinten-Peoria, Illinois; one sister, dent for Purdy High School. Brenna Burlson and her hus-After their marriage, she and band, Jim, of Princeton, Illi-James moved to Wichita, nois; sixteen grandchildren; Kansas, where she was secand one great-grandchild. retary at Enterprise Elemen-Preceding him in death tary School. In 1971, they were his parents. moved to Butterfield and

where she graduated from

high school in 1946. She at-

ran the grocery store for ten

years and farmed. Around

1981, she began working

in the shoe department for

Wal-Mart in Monett, retir-

ing from there in 1997. She

then became a stay-at-home

grandma. Some of her favor-

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KEVIN LUSH

Exeter, passed away Tues-

day, August 10, 2021, at his

1957, in Pana, Illinois, the

son of Bruce and Bobbie

(Vernon) Lush. He was

raised by his stepfather, Rob-

ert Blankenship, and his wife,

Debbie. On September 20,

2015, in Exeter, he was unit-

ed in marriage to Sheri Bates, who survives. Also surviving

are four sons, Kevin Bruce

Gray and his wife, Christa,

of Port St. Joe, Florida, Cole

Lush and his wife, Erica, of

Gibson City, Illinois, Kyle

Robbins, of Hollister, and

Joey Robbins, of Purdy; four

daughters, Heather Davis

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Heath and her husband,

John, of Bay County, Florida,

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home.

Kevin Lush, age 64, of

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Private graveside services

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conducted the services.

Kevin grew up and received his education in Pana, Illinois, where he graduated from high school and later attended college for one year. He then joined the United States Army where he served for four years. After leaving the army he became a truck driver and drove for several different companies, but he loved driving for Preddy Trucking. He had lived in Missouri for the last twentyone years. One of his favorite pastimes was raising cattle but his favorite way to spend time was just being with his grandchildren and family.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 P.M. Friday, August 13, 2021, at Muncie Chapel Cemetery in Wheaton, under direction of Mc-Queen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

Contributions may be made to the family in memory of Kevin.

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THOMAS MARK SILVERS

Thomas Mark Silvers, 61, of Neosho, passed away Saturday, July 31, 2021.

Graveside services were held Friday, August 6, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

JANET ANN MARKWORTH

Janet Ann Markworth, 84, of Monett, passed away Friday evening, August 6, 2021.

Graveside services were held today, Wednesday,

August 11, 2021. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



THOMAS SCOTT **FLAXBEARD**

Thomas Scott Flaxbeard, age 60, of Overland, passed away Sunday, August 8, 2021, at Cox Medical Center in Branson.

Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.

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LINDA I. GILLUM

Linda I. Gillum, age 77, of Seligman, passed from this life on August 7, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas. Linda was born in Denver, Colorado, on December 9, 1943, to Benjamin and Jessie (Haney) Gillum. As an experienced book editor, Linda published The Sun Beam, a local newspaper for the city of Seligman.

Ms. Gillum is survived by one son, Del Miner, of

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Albuquerque, New Mexico; two daughters, Leana Colf, of Seligman, and Delia Delaney, of Cottam, Canada; eleven grandchildren; eleven greatgrandchildren; one brother, Jim Gillum, of Los Angeles, California; three sisters, Jane Nadolny and Bibiana Zurcher, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mary Clement, of Los Lunas, New Mexico; as well as several nieces and nephews, and many close friends.

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





TAYLOR MAY REEVES

Taylor May Reeves, infant daughter of Montana and Esther Reeves, was born into arms of angels on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Though Taylor only spent a short time here on earth, she touched so many lives and holds a special place in so many hearts.

Additional survivors

include her paternal grandparents, Esley and Jessica Reeves, of Seligman; her maternal grandparents, Anthony and Meloni Cutberth, of Seligman; several aunts, uncles, and a host of other extended family members who all loved her dearly. No services are scheduled

at this time.

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





STEVEN W. PRYER

Steven W. Pryer, age 43, of Crane, passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at Cox Hospital in Springfield.

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





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Families can learn how camping can connect them with the outdoor world and can also share photos about how those connections are being made at on Aug. 12 at the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) virtual program "Discover Nature: Backyard Campout Photo Contest." This free online

program will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and is being put on by MDC Conservation Educator Lyle Whittaker. This program is open to all ages. People can register for this program at: https://mdcevent-web.s3licensing.com/ Event/EventDetails/178983.

At this online event, Whittaker will discuss how to make outdoor activities part of a family camping trip and families will also be invited to go camping somewhere. The location doesn't matter - it could be a public camp-

ground or a backyard. All participants of the Aug. 12 program will receive an email with a suggested list of games and outdoor activities

Campers will also be asked to take photos of their camping trip and enter their photos in one of two categories - "nature" or "people." The nature category consist of pictures of plants, insects, wildlife, landscapes, or any other type of natural scenery. The people category will include fun family moments

captured photographically from the campout. Prizes will be awarded and sent to winning photographers. In order to participate in the photo contest, photos must be submitted by Sept. 10. All photos entered into the contest may be posted on MDC's website or social media outlets.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate using the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc. mo.gov/events.

Scout fields for fall armyworms

Now is the time to scout for fall armyworms in pastures and hayfields, says University of Missouri Extension entomologist Kevin Rice.

Agronomists in southeastern Missouri and northern Arkansas report sightings of fall armyworm in grass and legume crops, says Jill Scheidt, MU Extension agronomy specialist.

Fall armyworms do not overwinter in Missouri and migrate northward from Gulf Coast states. They damage forages by eating through the tender top leaf layer and leaving holes, says Rice. Infested fields may appear droughtdamaged.

Armyworms march quickly into lush, green pastures

and fields, so regular scouting is necessary. They feed on hundreds of host plant species, including tall fescue and

Fall armyworm does not feed during the heat of the day, so scout in early morning or evening. Look for bird or other predator activity, which is an indicator of infestation.

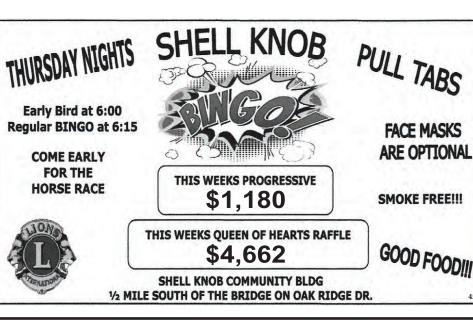
To scout for fall armyworm, select 10 random locations in a field and look for larvae in a 1-square-foot area at each location. If you find three or more half-inch larvae per square foot, consider chemical control or early harvest. Larvae more than 1.5 inches long are close to pupation, so chemical control may not be warranted.

Fall armyworms resistant to pyrethroids were discovered in Arkansas, says Rice. If chemical control is warranted, use a different chemical class to manage fall army-

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Tim Homesley

The water is still very clear and only running at 37 CFS (cubic feet per second). That makes for some really good dry-fly fishing.

Caddis work well everyday, but are best in the afternoon. BWO's are catching fish every day and work best in the early afternoon. There is midge activity all day long, and a nice trico hatch every morning, from sun-up until about 9 a.m.

There are still a lot of trout being caught on beetles, ants, crackle-backs, grasshoppers and stimulators.

The terrestrial bite is fantastic right now. I'm still recommending 9'6X or 7X leaders for about all your fly fishing on Roaring River. The smaller size is better, but 6X is working for beetles and the

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bigger terrestrial flies.

With the low, clear water, you can have some real fun right now sight-fishing. Mop flies, glo-balls, tread jigs, brassies and any other fly you can see well can be effective for sight-fishing, as do San Juan worms.

First thing in the morning, a black, olive or brown woolly-bugger is a good choice.

Marabou jigs are great right now; olive, black/yellow, tan, black, and olive/tan have been very good this past week.

Plastic baits in Zone 1 work pretty well right now. As the water gets lower, you can start using BB shot instead of the typical 3/0 shot, if you need more weight. You can always use 2 BB shots on your line. Keep your splitshot at least 12 inches from

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your worm. Eighteen inches is about right if you are using a floating type of plastic worm or egg.

Eggs in white, orange, pink, and fluorescent yellow worked well this week, as did the brown one-inch crawler. The pink worked okay for a couple of days.

In line-spinners (30-minute wonders), black, brown, white, and pink did very well this past week.

The water is very clear, so use a good quality twopound fishing line; moss green, tan, or clear fluorocarbon usually work best.

Early in the morning, small gold spoons, rebel crawfish, and about any smaller threeinch crankbait will work, more often than not. They're better than an in-line spinner (rooster-tail type spinner)

Good luck on the river this

courthouse at their own expense.

"No public funds were used for the celebration," Ennis emphasized.

Barry County Clerk Joyce Ennis said about 150 individual containers of ice cream were served to residents who showed up for the treat. Ennis said she had no idea how many people to plan for, but was pleased with the turnout they had.

"For a hot day in the middle of the work week, a good number of people showed up," Ennis said. "I enjoyed it, and was happy we could be part of Missouri's birthday celebration."

Missouri was granted statehood by U.S. Congress on August 10, 1821, as part of an agreement by legislators known as the Missouri Compromise of 1820. Mis-

MISSOURI from FRONT

souri was admitted to the union as a so-called "slave state," based on Maine being admitted the year prior as a "free state." The compromise was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court

Missouri's capital was first located in St. Charles, then moved to Jefferson City in

Missouri was the first state situated entirely west of the Mississippi River. Because of its location along both the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, it was an important hub for both personal and commercial transportation.

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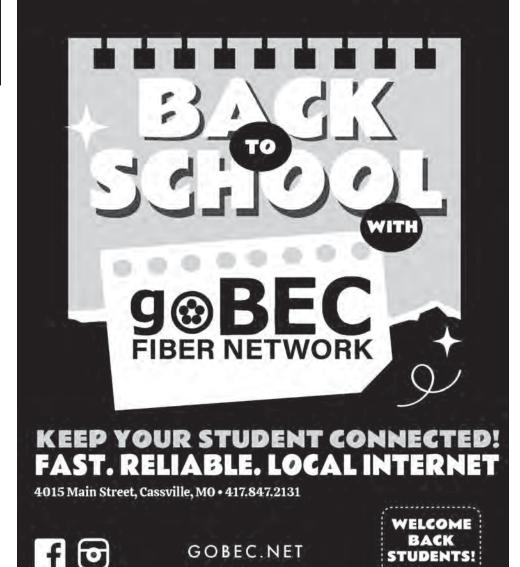
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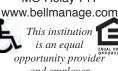
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This contract will be assisting the City of Washburn when needed for new and or repairing lines, as well as in emergency cases.

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Friday, August 13, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. Mail sealed bids to: Washburn City Hall, 321 Main Street, P.O. Box 110, Washburn, MO 65772 The City of Washburn reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids

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