

Barry Lawrence Development Center breaks ground for new facility

Sheila Harris
Margaret Holle, of Monett, passed away a year ago, but the legacy she left to the area in the form of the Barry Lawrence County Development Center (BLCDC) continues to expand. What began as services offered to developmentally-delayed children in one room of the high school in 1973, graduated to a residence on Scott Street in Monett, followed by their current location on Third Street in Monett, where they've been since 1981. It's a location they have outgrown. Now, plans are underway for a new 6,000 square foot facility at the corner of East Park Street and Chap-



The Barry-Lawrence Development Center broke ground Monday, October 4, for a new 6,000 square-foot facility to be constructed north of the intersection of Chappell Drive and Business Highway 37 in Monett. Students - past and present - instructors, board members and many members of the community were present for the celebrated occasion. Photo by Sheila Harris.

pell Drive in Monett, where ground was broken on October 4.

"We currently serve 19 children," BLDC director, Lynda Painter, said. "We've

had up to 25 kids in the past, but that's our limit in our current location."

Painter has been told that, with the larger facility, the center will be able to serve

anywhere from 30 to 50 children.

The Barry Lawrence Development Center provides physical, occupational, speech and music therapies to children who have developmental delays.

"We work with children who have been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, autism and Down's Syndrome, among other things," Painter said.

According to Painter, depending on their age, children are evaluated either through the Missouri First Steps program or the school systems in Barry and Law-

See BLCDC 3A

Purdy crash claims lives of two drivers

Sheila Harris
A traffic accident on Highway 37 in Purdy Tuesday night claimed the lives of two drivers when a northbound 2013 Chevrolet Cruz, driven by an 18-year-old male, Taylor B. McGlothlin, of Monett, crossed the center line and struck a southbound 2011

Chevrolet Malibu driven by Maria C. Haros (33) of Cassville.

Neither driver was wearing a safety device.

The drivers were pronounced deceased on the scene at 7 p.m. by Barry County Deputy Coroner, Todd McCoy. Their bodies

were taken to Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Two female passengers in the 2013 Cruz, Katlyn P. Rose (20), of Cassville, and Katia R. Knott (21), of Cassville, were airlifted by medical helicopter: Rose, to Mercy Hospital in Springfield; and Knott, to Cox South in

Springfield. Knott was wearing a safety device; Rose was not. Both women suffered serious injuries.

A juvenile male in the 2011 Malibu also suffered serious injuries and was flown by medical helicopter to Mercy Hospital in Springfield. He

was wearing a safety device at the time of the accident.

Both vehicles were totaled and were towed from the scene by Thomas Towing in Monett. No insurance information for either vehicle was available.

The accident marked Troop

D's 116th and 117th fatalities for 2021.

The accident was investigated by Trooper T. Coffey, with assistance from Sergeant S. Richardson, Trooper A. Poulson and Trooper T. Badgett.

ODET arrests two for alleged possession, distribution



Kenneth Hutchinson

Ezra DeVore

According to two probable cause statements filed by Officer Michael Larery, with the Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team (ODET), Charles

McGarrah (41) and Kenneth Hutchinson (37), both of Seligman, were arrested on October 22 for alleged methamphetamine possession and distribution.

At approximately 8 a.m. on October 22, members of the Barry County Sheriff's Office, ODET, and McDonald County SWAT served a state search warrant to a Seligman property on Highway 112, a half a mile east of Highway 37.



Charles McGarrah

According to Larery's probable cause statement, Hutchinson was alleged to have been

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Driver arrested after high speed chase

Ezra DeVore

On the night of October 22, Sage Duhr (18), of Shell Knob, led police on a high-speed chase from Monett to Cassville, and is now charged with driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest, and delivery of a controlled substance.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Sergeant Anthony Larson with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Larson joined a pursuit of Duhr's Ford Ranger on Highway 37, began by Cassville Police. Duhr was travel-

ling at excessive speed with no lights on.

While driving northbound through Purdy and Monett, Duhr nearly struck several vehicles in the pursuit. Duhr circled through the city of Monett where his vehicle nearly struck a deputy's patrol vehicle, which was stationary with no emergency lights on. Duhr then began to drive southbound on Highway 37, where his vehicle was eventually and successfully spiked, deflating the front left driver's side tire. Duhr again circled through Cassville and

went back north, again, toward Monett on Highway 37.

Larson reports following the vehicle at a safe distance to illuminate Duhr's dark Ford Ranger that still had no lights on.

Entering Monett again, Duhr ran a red light, nearly colliding with another vehicle, closely trailed a quarter-mile behind by county patrol units. At the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and West Broadway in Monett, Duhr's vehicle wrecked, flipping

See CHASE 3A

Southwest students carve pumpkins

Ezra DeVore

The Southwest High School's National Honor Society returned this year with their sponsorship of a pumpkin decorating/carving contest for students Pre-K through fourth grade.

According to NHS president, Natalie Johnson, entries totalling 108 were submitted in six categories, including fairy tale, superhero, scary/monster, cute/pretty, animal, and funny/goofy/crazy.

From October 26 - 28, the students' pumpkins were displayed in the elementary

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At right, Demi Roe shows off her witch-hatted, tall pumpkin contest entry.

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Reuben Henderson
Ezra DeVore
“I grew up on a dairy farm,” said Reuben Henderson, the new Commercial/ Agricultural Lender at CS Bank. “I milked cows and still raise chickens.”

It seems fitting to Henderson that his new specialty is Agricultural lending. Henderson, a true Purdy native, plays a host of roles in Barry County, from Purdy School Board member, to a member of Cassville’s Rotary Club. Henderson says he feels

firmly planted in the county. “I’ve lived my whole life in Purdy,” Henderson said. “I grew up on my father’s dairy farm, which he ran for over forty years.” Henderson built chicken houses straight out of high school, and raised them for a career until five years ago, when he accepted a position at George’s Broiler Tech out of Butterfield. Since then, Henderson has also worked for QC Supply. Henderson said that in his time with QC, he “was selling the stuff; now I’m financing it. I feel like raising chickens prepared me for QC Supply, and then QC Supply prepared me for agricultural lending. I can see the full picture of it all now. When I was at QC Supply, I enjoyed my time there, but with this position opening, I felt it was meant to be. It felt right to take this position; it felt like this is where the good Lord wanted me. I can manage

both my farm and my career at the same time.” Since being hired by CS Bank on May 24, Henderson has seen farmers like his father now come to him for loans. And, he says, he’s no stranger (himself) to “what it’s like to get a loan for a million dollars and have to pay it back.” “One reason I came here (to CS Bank) was because of the great people; the way CS Bank hires employees, to me, is almost like a Chick-Fil-A hiring system, where everybody is great and happy and kind. It’s been a pleasure, and it’s going to *continue* being a pleasure, to help the local community.” Henderson and his wife, Crystal, are the parents of four children: Zachary (17), Will (15), Casey (11), and Emily (8). The family lives on a farm near Purdy, where Crystal is a stay-at-home mom.

New DG opens doors in Washburn



A newly constructed Dollar General store opened its doors for business in Washburn at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning, just four and a half months after plans for its entry into town were approved by Washburn City Cassville on June 15.
Shown above, left to right, at the business’s grand opening are: Aldermen Cheryl Floyd; Making Memories owner, Jerry Varner; two employees of Dollar General; Aldermen Jeremy Johnston; Mayor John Tiedeman; and Aldermen Thomas Galloway. Aldermen Connie Deans was not present for the photo although she was in attendance.

2021 Tax Statements Mailed

Barry County Collector, Skyler Bowman, announced this week that the 2021 Tax Statements were mailed to Barry County tax payers on November 1. Anyone who does not receive their statements by November 15, should call the collector’s office at 847-2113 to inquire about them. The 2021 taxes become delinquent on January 1, 2022. Payment can be made in person at the collector’s office with cash, check, debit or credit card. When paying with a debit or credit card, the provider of this service will charge a fee. Payment can also be made online at barrycountycollector.com. A fee will be applied when paying in this manner.

BLCDC from FRONT

rence Counties. “We partner with Missouri First Steps for children from birth through age three,” Painter said. “For ages three through five, evaluation is done through the schools.” After evaluations are completed, BLCDC can provide therapy services through their contracted providers: Cox Monett Rehab, for speech and occupational therapy; Lowry & Associates,

for physical therapy; and the Music Therapy and Creative Arts Center, for music therapy. The Barry-Lawrence County Development Center, a non-profit organization, was established in 1973, after Margaret and Eldred Holle’s daughter, Annette Marie, was born in 1970 with severe developmental disorders. According to Eldred Holle, he and his wife refused to rel-

egate the challenges of caring for Annette to a residential care facility as one doctor at the time advised that they do. “Annette never ate a bite, said a word, nor took a step,” Holle said, “but the Lord gave her to us, and we knew He would also give us the ability to take care of her, and the good Lord always saw us through.” According to Holle, Annette Marie passed away at

age 26, after being hospitalized on at least 23 separate occasions. Annette Marie’s birth and short life led to the inception of the development center through her mother Margaret’s unceasing efforts to provide her daughter with the care she needed. “We had a lot of help with our daughter and with the formation of BLCDC from volunteers in the commu-

nity,” Holle said. “When the development center was organized, we could help the parents of other children with developmental delays, too.” One of the Barry Lawrence Development Center’s largest fundraising events will be held Friday, November 5, at New Site Baptist Church in Monett. A silent auction will began at 6 p.m., which will transi-

tion to a live auction at 7 p.m. “People have donated some really nice items to be auctioned off,” Painter said, “including gift baskets and lots of gift cards and tickets to restaurants and shows.” A concession stand serving baked potatoes, chili, fri-to pie and accompaniments will also be available. New Site Baptist church is located at 1925 Farm Road 1060, Monett.

CHASE from FRONT

onto its side. Larson reports that he then

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ran to the back of Duhr’s truck and made contact him. Larson alleged that the smell of strong alcohol and marijuana emitting from Duhr’s Ford Ranger was immediately apparent. Duhr was removed from the vehicle by Larson, but he allegedly attempted to run away after being informed

he was under arrest. Larson reports that Duhr’s attempts to escape did not cease after Duhr was successfully in custody. According to Larson’s probable cause statement, Duhr allegedly also openly admitted several times to selling, smoking, and transporting marijuana, in addi-

tion to drinking a bottle of whiskey while driving and being pursued that night. Stating that he did not need a lawyer, Duhr provided a breath sample on the preliminary breath tester which yielded positive for the presence of alcohol. In the Ford Ranger, Larson reports that he found and

photographed several bags of suspected marijuana in plain view, amounting to a total of 48 grams. A total of \$433 was found in cash, as well as an empty bottle of Fireball. Duhr allegedly openly stated he had stolen the Fireball from Walmart in Cassville prior to the pursuit. A second breath sample

was provided, yielding an alleged blood alcohol content of 0.045. Larson reports Duhr pleaded and demanded to be let out so he could “do it again.” Duhr is being held in the Barry County jail on a cash-only bond of \$25,000.

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Notice:

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2021, in observance of Veterans Day.

The City of Washburn will be having their Fall City-Wide Clean Up on November 17, 2021.

Donations of new and gently used clothing are being collected by the Wheaton Church of Christ. They are looking for all types of clothing for all ages. Please call (417) 652-3873 to set up an appointment to drop off donations.

Medicare Counseling is being offered by Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob. Medicare Open Enrollment starts on October 15 and runs through December 7, 2021. Medicare counselors are available by appointment. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the Senior Center, (417) 858-6952 Monday through Friday between 8 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

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 prizes. 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.

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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Nov 5

Huge Benefit Auction for the Barry-Lawrence County Development Center Building Fund will be held at the New Site Baptist Church, Monett. Silent auction is from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. Concessions will be available at 6 P.M.

Nov 5 & 6

Purdy High School Music Department will present its Fall Musical, Little Women, at 7 P.M. each night at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door.

Nov 7

The Veterans Taskforce of America, Inc. will be meeting at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett at 4 P.M. All honorably discharged men, women, wartime or peacetime, are welcome.

Nov 9

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

Nov 11

The Cassville High School will be hosting their 33rd annual Veterans Day assembly at 9 A.M. in the high school gymnasium. This event is open to the public and seating will begin at 8:30 A.M. A reception lunch will be held after the assembly for veterans and their family members. For additional information, call the school at (417) 847-3137.

Cassville Senior Center will be having a Veteran's Day lunch from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The meal will be free to veterans, spouses, and widows courtesy of the American Legion. For everyone else, the suggested contribution for those 60+ is \$3.50 and the price for those under 60 is \$6.

The Purdy School National Honor Society will host its annual Veterans Day Reception and Ceremony at 10:30 A.M. in the Purdy Performing Arts Center. The community is invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to local veterans and active duty military personnel.

Nov 12, 13, 14

The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon will be presented by the SKITS performers at the United Methodist Church in Shell Knob. The show is a hilarious parody of the Hallmark Christmas movie genre. Show times are 6:30 P.M. Friday and Saturday, and 2 P.M. on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Childcare for ages potty trained up to age 12 will be available for parents attending the play. Ticket must be shown when dropping off children at the daycare. Cost is \$15 a child. The theme for the kids will continue with the Christmas holiday and they can wear pajamas, watch Polar Express, drink hot chocolate, decorate Christmas cookies and build a fun Christmas craft. Please feel free to email Dean Ferguson at director.noahsarkdaycare@gmail.com with questions.



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Nov 13

Cassville Cruisers Cruise In will be held from 3 P.M. until 5 P.M. at the Barry County Museum (weather permitting). The theme will be Honoring Our Veterans. Visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

The Horner Ridge Runners 4H Club will bemhosting a Veterans Day pancake breakfast from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. at the Sho-Me Plaza located on Hwy. 248, Cassville. All veterans are invited.

A Holiday Bazaar will be held from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the First Baptist Church, 618 N. 2nd Street, Washburn. There will be over 40 vendors and concessions will be provided by the First Baptist Youth Group.

Nov 14

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be hosted by the Southwest Class of 2022 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. in the commons area at Southwest High School. The dinner will include chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, roll, dessert and drink. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for Seniors (55+), \$5 for 10 and under. All proceeds will go to Southwest Project Graduation for the Class of 2022.

Nov 18

A Thanksgiving Meal will be hosted at the Cassville Senior Center from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The menu includes turkey or ham, mashed or sweet potatoes, stuffing, green beans, and assorted pies. The suggested contribution for those 60+ is \$3.50 and the cost for those under 60 is \$6.

Dec 4

The Annual Exeter Christmas Parade will begin at 1:30 P.M. If anyone would like to enter, please call City Hall at (417) 835-2823. There is no fee to participate. Santa Claus will be handing out bags of goodies after the parade.

A Community Tree Lighting Event will be held in Exeter after the 1:30 P.M. parade. There will be live music performances, hot drinks, and food vendors.

The City of Washburn will be hosting a Christmas Parade beginning at 10 A.M.

School Menus: Nov 8 - Nov 12

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, yogurt cup, tropical fruit. L: burrito or grilled ham & cheese, salad, pinto beans, pineapple or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: cheeseburger or chicken nuggets, Doritos, carrot sticks, tropical fruit or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: spaghetti or chicken alfredo, carrots, bread stick, juice or salad meal. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, Pop-Tart, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, orange. L: country steak or popcorn chicken, potatoes, gravy, corn, bread stick, applesauce or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, tropical fruit or cereal, graham crackers, fruit cocktail. L: chicken sandwich or pizza, Sun Chips, broccoli & cheese, fruit cocktail or salad meal.

Cassville R-IV PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or honey bun, Go-Gurt, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, pineapple. L: tangerine chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, egg roll, pears. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancakes, sausage patty, orange or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, peaches. L: grilled cheese or ham sandwich, Sun Chips, carrot sticks, applesauce. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pineapple or cereal, graham crackers, apple slices. L: frito pie or chicken quesadilla, refried beans, corn, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: corndog or popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, blueberry muffin, pears. L: chicken & noodles or country steak, peas, potatoes, gravy, peaches.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: egg & cheese biscuit, fruit. L: tomato soup, 3-cheese grilled cheese, vegetables, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: baked pasta, ww breadstick, romaine, tomato, fruit. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup, fruit. L: chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast pizza, fruit. L: burrito, cheese, Mexican rice, refried beans, fruit. Fri: B: banana muffin, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: corn dog, french fries, fruit.

Southwest Schools: Mon: B: oatmeal, dried cranberries. L: corn dog, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, mandarin oranges. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, apple slices. L: tacos, lettuce, cheese, fiesta corn, salsa, pineapple. Wed: B: french toast sticks, peanut butter, syrup, applesauce. L: chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, baby carrots, tropical fruit. Thurs: B: cereal, yogurt cup, pineapple. L: BBQ rib sandwich, cole slaw, chips, peaches. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, peaches. L: hot dog, baked beans, apple slices w/ caramel, celery w/ peanut butter.

Letter to The Editor

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Dear Editor,

Twenty years ago, I came here, bought some land, and built a home. The property was/is located on a public road that the road district (Mineral) maintained. My mailing address was on FR 1200. Actually, it was HC 64 then. Later, it changed to FR 1200. Then, later, it changed to FR 1201, and, now, it is Private Road 1201.

The county designated the public road to be a private road, and the road maintenance to be my obligation. (I have been taking care of it now for years.) I was not consulted, nor did I have any say in the designation change.

The purchase of equipment, fuel and time falls entirely on me. By my own calculation, that cost is now over \$100,000, counting three tractors, nine rear blades, fuel (diesel), regular tread on maintenance, tires, etc.

Now, I am getting on to 79 years old, and my health has been better.

Two days ago, I stopped by the county commissioners' meeting to ask for some assistance on the road maintenance. The answer was "no way." If they helped one resident of a private road, they would have to help them all, they said.

I'm not the one who changed the designation

from public road to private, nor was I consulted. If I had not entirely taken on the responsibility, I would not have had any access to my home.

However, even though it's private, the road has to be open to public traffic, especially first responders.

Two years ago, I fractured my wrist getting in wood. I passed out in the woods for several hours, and I knew I was unable to call 911. The next day, I drove myself to the ER.

It is just not *right* that the county can make a resident of a road responsible for the maintenance of a road *and* for keeping it up to public road standards with no help.

I could use some gravel and the use of a dozer for a few hours. If my health deteriorates to the point that I can no longer operate the tractor, I will just have to abandon my home and property. This was the commissioners' suggestion!

This year, I am getting in my winter firewood with my other wrist healing from a fracture, along with poor health.

With the price of diesel fuel increasing, the cost of road maintenance increases. There are other land owners who own property here on the mountain, but I get no help, *period*, only cynicism!

Thank you
Ivan C. Kirkpatrick,
Cassville

Check Out Hunger campaign underway

More than 60 local grocers are partnering with Ozarks Food Harvest for the 23rd annual Check Out Hunger campaign to help provide meals for families during the holiday season. The campaign begins Nov. 1 and continues through Dec. 31.

Check Out Hunger allows customers to add a \$1, \$3 or \$5 tax-free donation to their grocery bill when checking out at local retailers. This year, participating grocers include Apple Market, Country Mart, Harter House, Hy-Vee, King Cash Saver, King Food Saver, Price Cutter, Ramey, Rhodes Family Price Chopper, Town & Country Supermarket and Woods Supermarket.

Every dollar raised through Check Out Hunger will help provide \$10 worth of groceries to children, families and seniors facing hunger in southwest Missouri.

Participating grocery stores have Check Out Hunger signs at the checkout lanes. When a customer decides to donate to the campaign, the cashier scans the donation barcode and the tax-free gift is added to their grocery bill. The cashier also provides the customer a paper apple to sign and display at the store to show community support for hunger relief.

"The holiday season will be especially tough for fami-

lies facing hunger this year as we continue to get the community on the road to recovery," said Bart Brown, president/CEO of Ozarks Food Harvest. "We're so thankful for our local grocers and their customers who show up every year to support Check Out Hunger."

Ozarks Food Harvest reaches nearly 30,000 individuals weekly and provides more than 23 million meals annually across its 28-county service area. In southwest Missouri, 1 in 5 children and 1 in 6 adults face hunger, meaning they don't know where their next meal will come from.

Last year, Ozarks Food Harvest's Check Out Hunger campaign raised more than \$69,000 to help provide nearly 276,000 meals to children, families and seniors in southwest Missouri. Since 1998, the holiday campaign has collected more than \$677,000, providing 3.1 million meals.

SKITS holiday play on tap, childcare available

It's almost time for the magic of Christmas as the SKITS community players present a hilarious parody on the Hallmark movie genre. This zany, comical performance takes elements from six Hallmark movies and combines them into an evening of laughter, hope, romance, sadness, delight, disdain, and surprise, almost every human emotion that embodies the Hallmark movie theme, all portrayed by a colorful cast of characters.

SKITS is pleased to introduce eight new performers to the stage, including Mad-dye Campbell and Jeremiah Pendleton, of Shell Knob; Edie Thompson, and Cade and Micah Keeton, of Cassville; Willa and Rob Kerby, of Green Forest; and Ethan Hoover, of Aurora. These welcomed talents, along with our seasoned actors, will make for an evening of pure fun.

Now is the time to make plans for the "Holiday Movie

Channel Movie Wonderthon" with its large cast of animated characters. Venture into the town of Hopewood Falls for a sleigh ride full of Christmas delight and laughter. This entertaining play will be performed November 12 and 13 at 6:30 p.m., and November 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Shell Knob. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the door or online at the SKITS website.

Worried about what to do with your child(ren) while enjoying the show by SKITS? Noah's Ark Daycare is offering childcare during the play for kids who are potty-trained through age 12. Fun kids' activities are planned. Childcare cost is \$15 per child. Only children of SKITS play attendees may be left at Noah's Ark. Tickets must be shown when you dropping off your child at the daycare room.

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Mountain Grove dashes Cassville’s district-upset hopes



Despondency sets in on Cassville players and coaches as the clock winds down on their season Friday night at Mountain Grove. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

Lee Stubblefield
The host, Mountain Grove Panthers, scored twice in a pivotal third quarter and stymied Cassville’s upset hopes with a 21-7 victory in Class 3 District 6 action on Friday night.

The weather greatly affected this game, only made a little more tolerable by the artificial turf. There was no mud but plenty of misery as high winds and a cold rain persisted throughout the night. Every touchdown in this game

belonged to the team with the wind at its back.

Both first half touchdowns came after special teams mishaps.

Mountain Grove struck first, after Hernan Hernandez was forced to scramble

out of punt formation. The Panthers took advantage of the short field, covering the 33 yards in just five plays. Quarterback Tyson Elliott found the end zone from five yards out, and Hoyt Mathews supplied the PAT for a 7-0 Mountain Grove lead with 1:08 left in the first quarter.

The Wildcats mounted a 13-play drive late in the second quarter, but a Cutter Hicks pass fell incomplete on fourth down in the red zone. The Cassville defense then held the Panthers to a three-and-out series, and the Wildcats took over at the Grove 33-yard line after the wind destroyed a Brendan Rogers punt.

On first down, the Wildcats split Jake Anthony’s wide right as a flanker. The Cassville speedster easily beat single coverage and hauled in a Hicks pass for a touchdown with just 55 seconds left in the half. Peter Littlefield’s PAT created a halftime tie at 7-7.

The inspired play of the Wildcats in that first half birthed upset hopes. As Arkansas legend Frank Broyles explained before his Razorbacks knocked off Texas A&M to advance to the 1976 Cotton Bowl, “When you’re the underdog, the longer you’re tied, the more you’re

ahead.”

But Mountain Grove, with the wind advantage, took the third quarter kick-off and marched 69 yards in nine plays to retake the lead. Isaiah Hellbusch crashed into the end zone from three yards out and Mathews added a PAT to give the Panthers a 14-7 lead with 9:26 on the clock.

Jerryd Reynolds returned the ensuing kickoff to the Grove 42-yard line. Ethan Fuchs moved the chains with a big third down run, but the drive fizzled when Hicks threw incomplete into the gusting wind on fourth down at the 27-yard line.

The Panthers then drove 73 yards to put the game away. Actually they drove 30 yards, then Elliott hit Jase Dowden with a 43-yard scoring strike. Another Mathews kick gave Mountain Grove a 21-7 lead.

The Wildcats fought to the end. Reynolds blocked a punt. Keaton Shellenberger recovered a fumble. But even with the wind in the fourth quarter, the Cassville offense could not sustain drives or connect for big plays. The Wildcats went for it on fourth down six times in the game, moving the chains on three of those. Effort and desire were evident on every

play.

The Panther defense keyed on Anthony’s in the second half. After rushing for 49 yards and scoring with the 33-yard pass in the first half, he was held to just 16 yards in the final two quarters.

The Wildcats finished the season at 3-7. The Panthers improved to 7-2 and move on to play Reeds Spring in a district semifinal.

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• McDonald County 35, Monett 0
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• Hillcrest 24, Carl Junction 14
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• Bolivar 31, Warrensburg 14
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• Mountain Grove 21, Cassville 7
• Reeds Spring 20, Hollister 12
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Southwest boys lead area state cross country qualifiers

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What a difference a year can make. In 2020, the Southwest Trojans missed qualifying as a team for the MSHSAA cross country championships by one point. On Saturday, the Trojans flipped the script, edging Mansfield by a single point to earn the last team spot out of Class 2 District 2.

“When teammates keep believing in each other, then great things can happen,” said Southwest’s Rusty Roe. “This team has some great leaders and because of them we have some guys who exceeded expectations.”

It was a tight race for the twelve schools with complete teams, especially for the top six.

1. Stockton 42
2. Blue Eye 61
3. Alton 102
4. Southwest 147
5. Mansfield 148
6. Hartville 149

But *four* teams qualifying for state? Out of districts?

To paraphrase Barack Obama, “Never underestimate MSHSAA’s ability to mess things up.”

In years past, cross country has been divided into eight districts where the top two teams and top fifteen individuals qualified to the state meet. This year MSHSAA changes resulted in only four districts where the top four teams and top thirty individuals qualified for state, a sectional meet in intent if not in name. This change cut in half the number of schools winning district titles, and created travel nightmares for some of the teams.

Running at the familiar C2D2 meet at Clever, the

Trojans turned in their best team performance of the season. This Southwest team only has five boys, the minimum required for team competition. There is no room for error when you only have five.

Christian Long shot out with the leaders and finished fifth to lead the Trojans. Long placed ahead of the entire Stockton team, a team considered a lock to earn a trophy at the state meet.

Southwest boys finishers

5. Christian Long, 17:19.88
10. Caden Uthe, 17:46.57
39. Otis Rainer, 19:41.88
50. Robert Humphries, 20:08.46
80. Henri Balk, 22:45.16

Purdy’s super sophomore Bryce Ozbun finished 16th in 18:16.10 to punch his ticket to the state meet.

On the girls side, Southwest’s Cally Bowyer qualified as an individual, taking 13th in 23:12:09. Alexis Raucstadt barely missed the cutoff, finishing 32nd in 24:23.93.

Class 3 District 2 @ Clever

Cassville qualified five individuals for state in the Class 3 races at Clever. Caleb Leach and Ethan Bohmke led the Wildcats; and Jolie Evans, Annie Moore, and Dakotah Anderson made the cutoff for the Lady Wildcats.

The Lady Wildcats fin-

ished 5th in the team standings with 123 points, one spot away from qualifying as a team.

The Wildcats finished 8th in the field of 15 complete boys teams, scoring 192. East Newton won the boys race with 55 points, and the Osage girls won with 71.

Cassville boys finishers

18. Caleb Leach, 18:12.65
 27. Ethan Bohmke, 18:22.63
 36. Charles Elliott, 18:55.43
 57. Jacob Martinez, 19:57.53
 63. Evan Butler, 20:31.16
 65. Simon Gates, 20:32.48
- Cassville girls finishers**
12. Jolie Evans, 21:20.53
 24. Annie Moore, 21:58.89
 29. Dakotah Anderson, 22:25.53
 48. Evelyn Elliott, 24:20.09
 67. Sheridan Beach, 26:34.74
 71. Elizabeth Butler, 26:59.88

Class 1 District 2 @ Clever

In the Class 1 District 2 competition at Clever, the Wheaton Bulldogs finished 11th in the 12-team field with 253 points, and Blake Morgan qualified for state as an individual.

Fordland edged Dadeville, 99-103, to win the boys team title, and the Fordland girls won also, scoring 55.

Wheaton boys finishers

22. Blake Morgan, 19:12.02
47. Camren Brattin, 20:10.57
73. Fernando Gonzalez, 20:58.28

90. Hunter Wyatt, 23:03.99
103. Dustin Harris, 28:06.82

Both Wheaton girls entries qualified for state. Lakeisha Wise finished 12th in 22:42.92, and Lori McNeill claimed that last qualifying spot, finishing 30th in 24:53.64.

Exeter’s Austin Mattingly placed 84th in the varsity boys competition with his 22:06.35.

State Meet info

The Class 1-3 state championship races will be held on Saturday, November 6, at the Gans Creek cross country course in Columbia.

- Class 1 Boys , 9 a.m.
- Class 1 Girls, 9:45 a.m.
- Class 2 Boys, 11:15 a.m.
- Class 2 Girls, 12 p.m.
- Class 3 Boys, 1:30 p.m.
- Class 3 Girls, 2:15 p.m.

**according to MSHSAA website, “information subject to change”*

previously identified as a source of methamphetamine distribution in Barry County, and was believed to have an active felony warrant in Carroll County, Arkansas. The search warrant was served to the premises, and, once all occupants of the property were detained, Officer Larery contacted Hutchinson. Larery identified himself as an investigator affiliated with ODET. Hutchinson then verified which camper trailer on the premises he resided in and allegedly admitted to having methamphetamine in his stove.

A search of the camper revealed a large ziplock bag containing over 90 grams of a crystalline substance which later tested positive as methamphetamine.

Hutchinson’s warrant in

Carroll County, Arkansas, was confirmed by the Barry County Sheriff’s Office, and Hutchinson was charged with second-degree drug trafficking.

Charles McGarrah was contacted that same morning as he exited the passenger’s side of a white Chevrolet truck on the property. A search of said vehicle allegedly revealed three grams of a substance that tested positive for methamphetamine.

McGarrah denied knowledge of the substance when questioned, however, later allegedly admitted he had a small drug problem.

Hutchinson is being held in the Barry County Jail on a \$75,000 cash-only bond; McGarrah is being held in the Barry County Jail on a \$20,000 cash-only bond.

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Aug. Students of The Month at Wheaton JH/HS




Shown above, left to right, are Abbey Bowling and Riley Roller, August Students of The Month at Wheaton Junior High and High School. Bowling, a Senior, is the daughter of Robbie and Margaret Bowling. Roller, an 8th Grader, is the son of Eric Roller and Angie Roller.

Sept. Students of The Month at Wheaton JH/HS




Shown above, left to right, are Wyatt Gorman and Jayci Park, chosen as September Students of The Month at Wheaton Junior High and High School. Gorman, a Sophomore, is the son of Justin and Heather Gorman. Park, an 8th Grader, is the daughter of Chris and JoGina Park.

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Purdy High School students to present *Little Women*

Louisa May Alcott’s beloved Little Women will come to life on the Purdy High School stage, in the district’s annual fall musical. Performances will be held in the Purdy Performing Arts Center on Friday, November 5, and Saturday, November 6, at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the door.

Purdy High School musical veteran, Senior M’kena Propps, who plays the creative, daring and outspoken Jo March, notes of the upcoming performance, “Little Women is a joy of a show! It is lighthearted, highly entertaining and family friendly, and we can’t wait to perform it for our audiences!” On a personal note, Propps added, “I can’t believe this is my last musical at Purdy

High School. I feel like there should be at least three more ahead of me, but this is it. I’m definitely going to savor every moment.”

Purdy’s Little Women cast performs under the direction of Mrs. Lauren Lee, who encourages everyone to attend and enjoy the show. “Little Women is such a moving and entertaining story of family, faith and perseverance. Our cast has worked so hard to provide a presentation of Louisa May Alcott’s work that will surely make her proud. Please bring your family and join us in this celebration of the ties that bind, but also give wings to dreams.”



Shown above, left to right, are the cast members of “Little Women,” Purdy High School’s upcoming fall musical: Anna Hoffman, as Beth March; Ruby Knight, as Marmee March; M’kena Propps, as Jo March; Leanna Moore, as Amy March; and Amarie Burt, as Meg March.

Kilts, Sweet Pea win big at livestock show



The week of October 16, 2021, Aubrey Kilts, of Cassville, traveled to Marshfield to compete in the MDBA (Missouri Dexter Breeders Association) Livestock Show. Aubrey, age five, and her heifer, Sweet Pea, competed in three different classes.

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Cody was born in Hurley on December 28, 1943, to the late Cosby and Fern Jones and he graduated from Hurley High School. After high school, he was drafted into the United States Army. He fought in the Vietnam War as an 88M, motor transport operator. He was a commander of the American Legion and a member of the VFW. He retired from Kay Concrete as a driver and mechanic.
Cody was a man that called it like he saw it. He was known for his hard work, loyalty and dedication to Veterans. The world will never meet another ‘Cody Jones’ and will forever be changed with his passing.
He is survived by one daughter, Jodie and husband William Carlisle, Louisburg; one son, William and wife

Bobbi Jones, McCook, Neb.; seven grandchildren: Dakota Carlisle, Trevor & wife Kristen Russell, all of Louisburg, William, Sophia and Rachell, of McCook, Neb., Preston and Emily Jones, of Denver, Colo., Kaitlyn Carlisle, of Bolivar; one great-grandson, Lane Lake, of Bolivar; two sisters, both of Monett, Betty and the late Melvin Moss, Tammy and Steve Humphrey; and one very loyal long time companion, Janice Smith, of Mount Vernon.
Graveside Services will be held on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 11:00 am at Hood (Blackjack) Cemetery in Hurley with Larry Rickman officiating. Cremation rites are being accorded by Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.
In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your local VFW or American Legion in honor of Cody Jones and his service to the military and the Vietnam War.
JOYCE R. McENTIRE
Joyce R. McEntire, age 78, of Aurora, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021.
No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.
MARY R. NICHOLS
Mary R. Nichols, 82, of Cassville, went to be with her Lord on October 28, 2021. She was born April 4, 1939, south of Granby to Nellie

OBITUARIES
Rebecca (Cook) White and Ralph T. White. On June 5, 2005, in Granby, she married Jon L. Nichols, who survives of the home. She is also survived by two sisters, Betty Landreth, of Joplin, and Sharon McLees (Philip) of Granby; and a brother, Tom White (Esther) of Granby. Mary is also survived by one son, Jerry Edmondson, Jr. (Brenda) of Virginia Beach, Va.; two daughters, Dani Berry (Terry) of Otterville, and Cheri Cusick (Vernice) of Buffalo; two stepsons, Cory Nichols (Christina) of Crestview, Florida; and Brett Nichols (Elizabeth), of Joplin; and one stepdaughter, Melody Kurtz (Justin), of Blue Springs. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Jackson White; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Lillianna; and a great-grandson, Noah.
Mary was a 1957 graduate of Granby High School having never missed a day of school in 12 years. She was an active member of and loved her church family at First Christian Church in Shell Knob. She enjoyed sewing, square dancing, round dancing, flea marketing, crossword puzzles, and the game show Jeopardy. Mary loved spending time with her grandchildren and family. She also loved her retirement home in the woods with her husband, Jon. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.
In lieu of flowers, send donations to American Breast Cancer Society in Mary Nichols’ name.



LANNY GREY HOPKINS
Lanny Grey Hopkins, age 77, of Joplin, passed away Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Freeman Hospital West in Joplin.
He was born November 1, 1943, in Cassville, the son of Ted P. and Georgia (Williams) Hopkins. On October 28, 1976, in Joplin, he was united in marriage to Sandra Woods, who survives. Also surviving are one sister, Sue Stiles and her husband, Gary, of Cassville, and several nieces and nephews.
Preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Judy Cooper; and one brother-in-law, Don Cooper.
Lanny grew up in Cassville and graduated from Cassville High School in 1961. After graduation, he started Joplin Junior College, then worked for a while before returning to study at Missouri Southern in Joplin where he received his Bachelor Degree. He then began

his career at Cummins as a manager from where he retired in 2002. Lanny was an avid golfer having played in many local tournaments. Other favorite pastimes were going fishing in Canada and Argentina, being outdoors and good conversation with his many friends. He was a member of Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville.
Memorial services were held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend John Edie conducted the services.
Contributions may be made to Corinth Cemetery in memory of Lanny.
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MARVIN EARL TERRY
Marvin Earl Terry, age 72, of Cassville, passed away at his home on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Mr. Terry, son of Earl and Mamie (Hartcock) Terry, was born on January 10, 1949, Eagle Pass, Texas. Subsequently graduating high school, Marvin enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served his country proudly. On March 24, 1968, he was united in marriage to Virginia L. McCoy in Garfield, Arkansas. Marvin enjoyed working with young people by mentoring and watching them grow. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren whom he adored. Marvin was a member of the Roaring River Baptist Church in Eagle Rock and the Cassville American Legion Post #118.
Survivors include his wife of fifty-three years, Virginia Terry, of Cassville; one daughter, Carolyn Smith and her husband, Donny, of Nacogdoches, Texas; one son, Timothy Terry and his wife, Jonnie, of Cassville; two granddaughters whom he raised, Faith Householder and her husband, Nathan, of West Plains, and Jessica Resto and her husband, Matt, of Lancaster, New York; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lloyd Terry, of Houston, Texas, and Walter Terry, Englewood, Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.
In addition to his parents, Marvin was preceded in death by one son, Robert Terry; one grandson, Matthew Earl Terry; and two sisters.
A memorial service was held Friday, October 29, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Charlie Lauderdale officiating.
A private family burial will be at the Springfield Veterans Cemetery at a later date.
Service and cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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SAMMIE LEE WILLHITE
Sammie Lee Willhite, age 82, of Monett, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021.
Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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ILDAH MAE GERLICK
 Ildah Mae Gerlick, age 77, of Jenkins, passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Mrs. Gerlick, daughter of Andrew Isaac and Augusta Mae Burris, was born on May 11, 1944, in Neosho. Ildah was united in marriage to Edward James Gerlick, Jr on June 20, 1984, in Berryville, Ark. She worked many years as a custodian for the Cassville school district and retired in 2006. Ildah enjoyed gardening, her flowers, fishing, and canning. She loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren who were her world.

Survivors include her loving husband, Edward Gerlick, Jr., of Jenkins; three sons, Lonnie Allen, of Bolivar, Robert Gerlick, of Spokane, Washington, and Daniel Gerlick, of Lakeview, Arkansas; three daughters, Michelle Scott, of Bethany, Augusta Bradley, of Aurora, and Crystal Daigle, of Maumelle, Arkansas; numerous grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Tommy Burris, of Monett; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ildah was preceded in death by her first husband, Lonnie Allen; two daughters, Lenny Webb and Penny Boothe; two granddaughters; and two sisters and a brother

No services are scheduled at this time. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

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

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Piano recital held

Piano students of Mrs. Ruth Burnside performed in the SPTA (Joplin Piano Teachers' Association) piano recital in Joplin on October 10.

Mrs. Burnside's students performing and their piano selections were: Jemiah Shafer, "The Chocolate Song"; Kaleb Bergeron,

"Strolling Along"; Quinn Bergeron, "The Lion Roars"; Connie Lee, "Shadows at Sunset"; Heidi Sehrbrock, "It's Been a Long, Long Time"; and Kuper Eden, " Fur Elise".

Students from all over the area participate in these recitals.



Pictured above, left to right: Jemiah Shafer, Kaleb Bergeron, Quinn Bergeron, Connie Lee, Heidi Sehrbrock, and Kuper Eden.



Students from the area that participated in the recital, including Mrs. Burnside's students.

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Buried treasure: it’s a real thing

Sheila Harris

When Clint Scyrkels, owner of GNG Underground (an excavation business), received a call in response to his ad in The Barry County Advertiser from a homeowner in the Shell Knob area, he was intrigued by the lady’s request, but also uncertain of what he might be getting into.

The elderly woman, who asked that her name and location not be published, asked Scyrkels if he could help her find some items that her deceased husband had buried on their property.

“I wanted to help,” he said, “but I had no idea how or what to charge for a job that

could very well be open-ended.”

Finally deciding to charge an initial flat rate, plus an hourly rate if the job went beyond an agreed-upon time, Scyrkels showed up with his excavator, prepared to dig for buried treasure.

The homeowner believed that the items had been buried between the house and garage, although she didn’t know the specific location.

When Scyrkels arrived, he discovered that some manual excavation with picks and shovels had already been conducted in the past, in an area about eight feet square by three feet deep.

“I set to work with the excavator in an area beyond the pre-dug square,” he said, “but I was startled when I saw the homeowner walk back into the house. I thought, if there were actually buried treasure in her yard, wouldn’t she want to stick around and watch me work? She didn’t know me, so how did she know that I wouldn’t keep the treasure for myself if I found

it? That’s when it occurred to me that maybe there was nothing buried in the yard at all and the whole thing was a goose-chase.”

Within 30 minutes, however, Scyrkels’s efforts yielded pay-dirt in the form of a portion of PVC pipe, capped at both ends and tucked near the foundation of the garage.

The PVC cache contained the family heirlooms the homeowner was looking for and she praised Scyrkels for his work.

As for Scyrkels, he was startled to discover that the homeowner’s husband had passed away six years ago.

“I had the impression that he had died fairly recently,” he said.

After repairing the homeowner’s yard, which included filling in the site where previous digging had occurred, he left with a sense of great satisfaction.

“Not everyone actually finds buried treasure,” he said.

Youth hunters harvested 15,608 deer



Gizelle Lee, 13-year-old daughter of Janny and Pao Lee, of Exeter, killed her first deer over the weekend during Missouri’s early youth portion of the 2021 deer hunting season. Submitted photo.

310. Youth hunters harvested 15,854 deer during last year’s early youth portion.

View additional harvest numbers for the 2021 youth portion at Telecheck Harvest Numbers (mo.gov).

“Weather can have a big impact on harvest totals during our shorter season portions,” said MDC Cervid Program Supervisor Jason Isabelle. “Thankfully, the rain we experienced across much of the state late last week moved out just in time for our youth hunters to have some great conditions over the weekend.”

Missouri’s deer archery season continues through Nov. 12 and resumes Nov. 24 through Jan. 15, 2022. The November portion of firearms deer season runs Nov. 13-23 followed by the late youth portion Nov. 26-28. The antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 4-12 followed by the alternative methods portion Dec. 25 through Jan. 4, 2022.

Read more information on deer hunting from MDC’s 2021 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where hunting permits are sold and online at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/Zyy>.

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that young hunters ages 6 through 15 harvested 15,608 deer during Missouri’s early youth portion of the 2021 deer hunting season, Oct. 30-31. Top counties were Osage with youth hunters harvesting 359 deer, Franklin with 329, and Howell with

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MDC says 40 bears harvested during inaugural hunt

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports that Missouri hunters harvested 12 black bears during the state's inaugural bear-hunting season, which ran Oct. 18–27. More than 6,330 hunters applied for 400 permits for the season with the maximum total harvest for the season being 40 bears.

“This was an incredibly successful first bear hunting season for Missouri given that we have a highly regulated season, that bears in the state are widely distributed throughout some pretty rugged wilderness, and that many hunters had never hunted bears before,” said MDC State Furbearer and Black Bear Biologist Laura Conlee. “A harvest of 12 bears in our first season is testament to the hunters. Bear hunting is an extremely challenging endeavor, especially under the framework that we established. This was a new experience for many hunters, and they put in the work to be successful and take advantage of this new hunting opportunity.”

Conlee added that MDC took a conservative approach in developing its bear-hunting regulations.

“Our highly regulated and limited season included a sustainable maximum har-

vest of 40 bears, which is about 5% of our total bear population,” Conlee said. “We also prohibited baiting and the use of dogs, limited hunting to 10 days, and restricted the number of hunters who could participate. With any new season, it is difficult to predict hunter success, so we took a conservative approach to limiting the number of hunters and length of the hunting season. This was to ensure we didn't overharvest the bear population in any one zone.”

Bear hunting in Missouri is limited to Missouri residents and restricted to three designated areas of southern Missouri called Bear Management Zones (BMZ). Each permit issued is for a specific BMZ and hunting is limited to public or private property within the BMZ. Permit and harvest quotas for the 2021 bear season were:

- BMZ 1: Permit quota of 200 with a harvest quota of 20 bears.
- BMZ 2: Permit quota of 150 with a harvest quota of 15 bears.
- BMZ 3: Permit quota of 50 with a harvest quota of 5 bears.

The more than 6,330 hunters who applied during May to hunt a specific BMZ paid a \$10 application fee.

The 400 hunters selected for permits through a random drawing of all applicants then paid a permit fee of \$25.

Among those selected for permits, Kelsie Wikoff of Hume harvested a 268-pound boar (male bear) in Zone 1. She said she had spent 48 hours in a tree stand over three days since the season began Oct. 18 and harvested the bear Oct. 21.

Including Wikoff's harvest, black bears harvested during the first season were from the following BMZs:

- BMZ 1: Nine (9) bears harvested.
- BMZ 2: Three (3) bears harvested.
- BMZ 3: Zero (0) bears harvested.

According to the Wildlife Code of Missouri, the harvest

limit is one bear per permit. Only lone black bears may be taken. Hunters may not take bears that are known to be in the presence of others bears, including female black bears with cubs. Bears may not be disturbed, pushed, harassed, or taken from a den. Bear hunters must wear hunter orange, make reasonable efforts to retrieve shot bears, and may not leave or abandon commonly edible portions. Learn more about bear hunting in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/bearhunting.

Black bears were historically abundant throughout the forested areas of Missouri prior to European settlement but were nearly eliminated by unregulated killing in the late 1800s, as well as from habitat loss when Ozark for-

ests were logged. Over the last 50 years, bear numbers and range in Missouri have grown to around 800 black bears with most found south of the Missouri River and primarily south of Interstate 44. Missouri bear range is expanding. Bear numbers in Missouri are increasing each year by approximately 9% and are expected to double in less than 10 years. As bear

numbers continue to increase, MDC will use a highly regulated hunting season as an essential part of population management. MDC's 2020-2030 Black Bear Management Plan will guide bear management in Missouri for the next decade. Learn more about black bears in Missouri and MDC management efforts at mdc.mo.gov/bears.



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