

# Wildcats claims back-to-back district titles

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats scored on their first three possessions of the second half to pull away from Mt. Vernon for a 35-13 victory in the Class 3 District 6 championship game at Wildcat Stadium on Friday night. In a game marred by penalties, one big turnover, and some simmering hostilities, the Wildcats took care of business to earn back-to-back district titles for the first time since 2011.

Unless you are the Webb City Cardinals, district titles are a big deal. Much like Netflix at the Golden Globe awards, the Webb City machine wins, and wins, and wins. The Cardinals, 42-21 winners over Carthage on Friday night, have now collected 21 consecutive district



Jubilant Wildcats display the plaque commemorating their Friday night district playoff win. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

championships.

The Lamar Tigers captured a 13th-straight Class 2 title, crushing Sarcoxie, 53-6.

But Class 3 in southwest Missouri is a more competitive animal. Five different Big 8 teams have won the district

title in the last 10 years. Cassville, Mt. Vernon, Aurora, Seneca, and Monett have all worn the crown. Until Friday night, only Mt. Vernon had won in back-to-back years since Cassville's run up to 2011.

Cassville had not played in three weeks. As the top seed in Class 3 District 6, the Wildcats earned a first round bye. Then Reeds Spring forfeited in the semifinal round. It was a rested but rusty Cassville team that hosted the Mountaineers on Friday night.

At times, it showed.

The Cassville team was flagged five times for 60 yards worth of penalties. A costly fumble toward the end of the first half cost the Wildcats a

chance to extend their 14-0 lead, and allowed Mt. Vernon to cut that lead to 14-7 with a touchdown on the final play of the half.

But the game was decided in the trenches, where Cassville's running game gashed Mt. Vernon for 400 yards. Jericho Farris led the infantry, gaining 231 yards on just 16 carries. His 68-yard scoring burst on Cassville's first offensive play of the third quarter gave the Wildcats a much-needed 21-7 cushion

at a critical point of the game.

Mt. Vernon's wide-open offensive style gave Cassville's defense fits at times. The Mountaineers countered defensive pressure with a variety of screens, quarterback draws, and the scrambling ability of Mason Ballay to move the ball consistently against the Wildcats. But despite giving up chunks of yardage, the stalwart Cassville defense only allowed two scores.

Mt. Vernon's offense was limited in big play potential. In the season opener, key injuries cost Cassville in the nail-biting loss. On Friday night, the Mountaineers were missing star receiver Rafe Darter, the hero of that 21-13 victory and Ballay's favorite target.

Cassville took the opening kickoff and drove 63 yards in 6 plays to take the early lead. Zach Coenen bulled into the end zone with a 2-yard run at the 10:16 mark. The PAT attempt was wide, but the

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## Sunrise Restaurant plans benefit for rural Washburn family



Missouri fire marshal investigator Grant Wheeler was on the scene early November 4 to determine the cause of an explosion and fire which destroyed the McDonald family's home at 1600 Buzzard Roost, Washburn.

Sheila Harris

Tuesday, November 24, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sunrise Family Restaurant will host a benefit for the McDonald family, whose rural Washburn home was destroyed in an explosion which occurred shortly before 5:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 4. Between those hours, the proceeds from all sales will be donated to the victims of the explosion and ensuing fire.

"I understand the importance of family and community and my wife Zize and I

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## CoxHealth and Mercy warn of crisis

Sheila Harris

In a Monday afternoon media briefing, CoxHealth CEO, Steve Edwards, and media spokesperson, Kaitlyn McConnell, spoke openly about the crisis facing south-west Missouri residents due to the surge in COVID-19 cases.

"If the current upward trend in cases continues," Edwards said, "in three weeks, hospitals in southern Missouri will be overwhelmed."

For rural hospitals, such as Monett and Cassville, that means the possibility of not being able to transfer critically ill patients to larger facilities in Springfield and the surrounding area due to a shortage of beds.

As a Level 1 tertiary care center for Greene and surrounding rural counties, Cox South (along with Mercy Springfield) handles the bulk of acute COVID-19 patients in their service area, which includes about a million people, according to Edwards.

"We work with our smaller hospitals - Branson, Monett and Lamar," Edwards said, "to help them determine

which COVID-19 patients should be transferred directly to Springfield for more intensive care."

According to Edwards, only about 25 percent of current COVID-19 patients are from Greene County.

"The bulk of the cases, 70 to 75 percent, are coming in from rural counties, places where masks aren't being worn as much," Edwards said.

Valerie Davis, the administrator of Mercy Hospitals in both Cassville and Aurora, offered information which does nothing to dispel concerns.

"For Cassville, during the month of October, we saw a 30 percent increase in our inpatient volume," she said. "Already, in November, we've

admitted more patients to the hospital than we did the entire month of November last year. If that holds, we will see an increase of 112 percent in inpatient admissions for November compared to last year.

"On an average day," she continued, "we have three to five COVID-19-positive patients, in addition to our non-COVID patients. Our co-workers, providers and leaders are working tirelessly to ensure we can care for every single patient in our community who needs us. Caring for COVID patients takes a toll on all health care workers, but it is especially difficult in a small community where a majority of the

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A Mercy Life Line helicopter lands in Cassville.

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Davis added that in the last two weeks, more than 400 people were tested for COVID-19 in Mercy’s clinic and hospital. Almost 40 percent of those tested were positive, more than double what they saw in the two weeks prior.

“Due to limited bed availability in our region and the state as a whole, we are caring for a majority of local COVID patients in our Cassville facility,” Davis said. “If our patients require ICU level care we work with the larger facilities to transfer the patient.”

CoxHealth CEO, Steve Edwards, said that with foreknowledge of the pending COVID-19 crisis imparted by medical professionals in the initially hard-hit areas of Seattle, Washington, and Madrid, Spain, Cox South designed and constructed a 51-bed COVID-19 unit in April as part of a larger 147-bed project. It sat unoccupied for two months. It’s now filled to capacity.

According to Edwards, not only is bed-capacity a concern, so, too, is finding the staffing for patient care.

“Our doctors are working heroically,” he said, “and we’re hiring travelling nurses who are proving to be very, very helpful to us since they have previous experience with treating COVID patients. We pay a premium price to hire them. They stay for a rotation, then move on. If someone offered us 300 skilled nurses today, we’d take them all.”

The 51-bed COVID ICU unit is an open unit, which allows for the easier oversight of patients, according to Edwards.

“We believe we can offer a better quality of care with this type of unit,” Edwards said. “Of the patients in the 51 beds, about three quarters of them are on ventilators. About half of them are past the point of being contagious, but are still in need of acute care.

“Nobody would want to be a patient in that unit, in part because of the noise factor,” Edwards continued, “but many of those who recover have no memory of the experience.”

Edwards said, so far, Cox has not had a single transmission of COVID-19 among staff who work in the unit.

“They see firsthand the negative effects of COVID-19, so they’re extremely conscientious about their personal protective habits,” he said.

“I have no doubt, though,” he continued, “when this is over, they will suffer from PTSD. Right now, they’re operating on adrenaline, but when this crisis is past, it can come back to haunt them.

“Our healthcare workers and others have spent the past eight months making personal sacrifices in the face of the pandemic,” Edwards

said, “but the real risk is now. It’s here. We’re begging people to wear masks and not to gather for the holidays. If we don’t slow the spread of this virus, we won’t be able to help everyone who gets sick. We’re filling beds with COVID-19 patients that would normally be used for other types of patients.”

Edwards cited the example of a man who arrived at Texas County Memorial Hospital in Houston, Missouri, last week in need of emergency neurosurgery. The hospital spent the next 25 hours trying to find a bed for him in the surrounding six-state area. According to Edwards, a neuro-ICU bed was finally found in Iowa City, Iowa, where they saved his life with only minutes to spare.

Cox South currently works with Mercy Springfield to provide care for outlying areas.

“If one of us is full, we divert patients to the other facility, but that might not always be possible. Big cities might not always be able to come to the rescue in the face of this pandemic if the increase in numbers continues,” Edwards said. “I know I’m preaching, but we’re very concerned. Please, please help us slow the spread of the virus by wearing masks. They’ve been proven to help.”

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Dear Editor,

Here is my question to the officials of the City of Cassville: What are you going to do to help us, the citizens, during the pandemic? Why are you not issuing a mask mandate? What are you

afraid of?

We are losing family and friends because no one is standing up and making it mandatory? They did it in Springfield and Rogers and they are masked up.

We need leadership, not hiding your head in the sand and doing nothing to help us.

Many of the doctors and health officials all over the U.S. are saying, “Wear a mask.” People who can’t wear a mask can wear a shield and will still be able to breathe and keep their germs away from others. There is no excuse why each person can’t protect themselves and others. There is no excuse for not doing this. You will wear a seatbelt, put on shoes and a shirt to eat in a restaurant, and take everything out of your pockets and take off your shoes to fly, but you won’t wear a mask.

This is about other people, so please do the right thing by protecting yourselves and all of us.

Mask up, even if the “leaders” of this town won’t issue the order. This has nothing to do with your party-affiliation or religion, but has to do with decency and caring for humanity. This is not about you or me, but about *us*, “we, the people.”

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**A Thanksgiving Food Drive** is being organized by Purdy High School clubs. Nonperishable food items may be sent with Purdy students in grades K-12 until November 20th.

**“You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”** is being presented by the Purdy High School music department Friday, November 20th, and Saturday, the 21st, beginning each evening at 7 P.M. Ticket information can be found on the district’s Facebook page.

**Christmas Train Rides** are being planned for December 19 and 20. The Seligman Chamber of Commerce and A & M Railroad, along with For The Kids Parent Organization, are planning a Christmas train ride again this year. Saturday, December 19, from Seligman to Avoca, Ark., 9 A.M., 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. Sunday, December 20, from Monett Soccer fields for approximately 1 hour trip, 9 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. Santa will be present to hand out a bag of treats to children 12 and under. Free

hot chocolate and cookies. Cost is for riding. Adults \$20, ages 4 to 12 \$15, ages 2 to 3 \$5, and 1 and under are free. Extra charge for upper dome. Call (479) 725-4017 to make all reservations. If you would like to be a sponsor for The Kids Foster Parent Organization, call (417) 489-7903.

**Barry County Courthouse** will be closed November 26 and 27, 2020, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Share Your Christmas Signups** will be from November 9th through the 20th from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. and 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. Call (417) 847-2140 for an appointment. Please bring Social Security cards for each household member, photo ID for Head of Household and proof of all household income for the month of September.

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**Cassville Branch Library’s Virtual Story Time** began in September. Participants can access the live sessions on a tablet, computer, or smart phone. Families of preschool children ages five and under will receive registration information via email. Please send child’s name, caregiver’s name (the person watching the story time with the child) and email address to [verna@blrlibrary.org](mailto:verna@blrlibrary.org).

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## Nov. 18th

**A Community Thanksgiving Service**, hosted by the Ministerial Alliance, will be held at 6 P.M. at the Family Life Center gym in Cassville.

## Nov. 20th

**Cassville Senior Center** will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a drive-through meal from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The suggested donation is \$3.50 for those 60+ and \$6 for those under 60. The menu will be turkey with gravy, mashed or sweet potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, rolls, and pumpkin pie.

## Nov. 21st

**A Craft Fair for Holiday Shopping will be at Benny’s Barn**, 29867 Hwy. 37, Seligman, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Vendors’ booths are still available. Call (479) 381-2133 for more information.

## Nov. 24th

**Sunrise Family Restaurant in Cassville will hold a benefit for the McDonald family, of Washburn**, whose home exploded November 4. They lost all household possessions and suffered injuries which will incur large medical expenses. The proceeds from all sales at Sunrise, between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. on November 24, will be donated to the McDonald family.

## Dec. 5th

**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 at the Community Building.

**The Wheaton Christmas Parade** will begin at 6 P.M. All are invited to enter and line up begins at 4:30 P.M. at Body of Christ on Gilman. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided before and after the parade. Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and a treat will be available at the Wheaton Community Center starting at 4:30 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. and after the parade.

### School Menus: Nov. 23 - Nov. 24

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**Cassville High School:** Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, graham crackers, mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: hamburger or grilled cheese, Sun Chips, vegetable mix, fruit cocktail. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, applesauce or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: pepperoni pizza or chicken alfredo, salad, corn, pineapple.

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# To mask, or not to mask

## Cassville School Board Meets

*Sheila Harris*

A lengthy discussion ensued at the November 17 meeting of the Cassville R-IV Board, after superintendent Dr. Richard Asbill recommended that a masking ordinance be passed.

A November 12 announcement by Missouri governor, Mike Parson, modified the quarantine requirements for students and staff in grades K-12 if those identified as close contacts to a positive COVID-19 case were properly masked. If all parties to a close encounter are properly masked, the 14-day requirement for quarantining would be waived, thus allowing students to spend more time in the classroom.

In order for the modifications to apply to a school district, that district must first pass a board-approved mask ordinance. The ordinance would be the first step in a plan which must ultimately be authorized by the Barry County Health Department and Health Board.

According to Asbill, the modified quarantining proposal would be subject to review by the state and could be retracted at a later date if it doesn't prove to be effective.

The board approved the masking ordinance by a 5-2 vote. Dissenting votes were cast by board members Steve Henbest and Chad Yarnall, who expressed concern that the masking of students would become permanently

mandated.

"I would like to see us review this masking requirement on a regular basis, maybe quarterly," Yarnall said.

If the modified masking guidance is approved by the Barry County Health Department, student masking in the Cassville school district will be implemented over the next two weeks.

Masks must meet defined guidelines in order to qualify, 6,640 of which are currently available at the school.

"My office looks like an Ebay warehouse right now," Asbill said.

"I'm hopeful that the new masking guidelines will allow us to return to seated classroom instruction on a daily basis," he added.

In less controversial matters, Asbill recommended that the school calendar be modified to allow for the dismissal of students on December 18 for the end of the first semester. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the board.

Students will attend a full day of class on December 18. There will be no classes on December 21 and 22, as previously scheduled.

Classes will resume on January 5.

want to do what we can to help," owner John Balazoski said.

The McDonad home, located eight miles north of Pea Ridge, was a total loss.

Matthew and Talina McDonald and their three children - Kadense, Madison and Noah - were home at the time of the explosion. Kadense's boyfriend, Gavin Blake, and Noah's friend, Jayden Spillman, were also present.

All seven escaped from the fire, but not without serious injury. According to a November 11 Pea Ridge Times article, multiple ambulances were dispatched to White Oak Station in Pea Ridge, where the victims were driv-

en after the explosion. From there, they were transferred to various healthcare facilities by land or air.

Talina McDonald was hospitalized in Springfield in ICU; her daughter, Madison, was flown to a burn unit in Texas; and Jayden Spilman was hospitalized in Springfield.

Sunrise Family Restaurant in Cassville joins others who have hosted, or plan to host, benefits for the victims of the fire, who lost everything but their lives and are facing major medical expenses.

The McDonalds' oldest daughter, Kadense, is an employee of Pea Ridge Cafe, owned and managed by the

Balazoski's daughter and son-in-law. The Cafe donated all November 10 proceeds to the victims of the fire. Sunrise Restaurant, in Cassville, will follow suit on Tuesday, November 24.

"One hundred percent of all sales between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. will be donated to

the families," John Balazoski said.

Several GoFundMe accounts have also been established for the family and the two young men.

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# From the mouths of babes

“My son asked his grandma: ‘Grandma, does God make everything?’”

Grandma said, ‘Yes, he makes everything you see.’

My son said, “Well, does he make Santa and the Easter bunny?”

Grandma said, “Everything you can think of, he makes.”

My boy said, “okay.”

Grandma said, “Also, be thankful, because God is who wakes you up every day.”

My son said, “Oh really? Because I’m pretty sure I feel you waking me up every morning, Grandma.”

*Submitted by Mandie Great-house, Cassville*

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Above, left to right, are assistant manager Jared Stewart and customer service associate, Rachel Mareth.



Photo by Priscilla Craig.

Wildcats had a 6-0 lead.

The Cassville defense held Mt. Vernon to a three-and-out, and then Clay Weldy’s offense drove 58 yards in 9 plays to extend the lead to 14-0. Coenen scored again on a short run, and added a 2-point conversion after the Mountaineers were offside on the conventional point after attempt.

The Wildcats were oh so close to pitching a first half shutout. But Farris fumbled at the end of a stellar 30-yard run to end a promising drive. Later, a Drake Reese

punt gave the Mountaineers the ball at their own 25-yard line with 1:17 on the second quarter clock. Aided by a personal foul and a facemask penalty, Mt. Vernon drove to the Cassville 9-yard line with just 4 seconds remaining.

With time running out, Ballay scrambled left, then tossed to Alex Watts in the end zone to cut the half time margin to 14-7.

After that Mt. Vernon scoring drive, tension was evident on the Cassville sideline and in the stands. With the game appearing very much in doubt, Farris regained momentum for the Wildcats with his long scoring run to re-establish a two-score advantage.

Mt. Vernon answered with a 14-play, 80-yard drive to cut that lead to 21-13. But the Mountaineers would never lead or even tie in this game.

Farris returned the short kickoff to the Mt. Vernon 43-yard line. He then added runs of 23 and 19 yards on consecutive carries to give Cassville a first down at the one-yard line. Hayden Sink sneaked into the end zone on the next play, and the Wildcats claimed a 28-13 lead.

The Mountaineers surrendered the ball on downs, as Ballay was stopped short on 4th-and-7 atn his own 40-yard line. The Wildcats stormed down the short field as the fourth quarter dawned, and Sink walked into the end zone untouched for another single-yard score and a 35-13 Cassville lead.

The Wildcats held on defense and ran out the clock with the second team offense driving into the red zone. Final score: Cassville 35, Mt. Vernon 13.

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Cassville R-IV buses earn  
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Shown above, left to right, are: Jake Kloss, mechanic; Sergeant John Lueckenhoff, Public Information Officer, Missouri Highway Patrol Troop D; Jason Roller, mechanic.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has announced the results from the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division's 2020 annual school bus inspection program, and the Cassville fleet has earned outstanding results.

Cassville R-IV Transportation

Department has earned the Patrol's Total Fleet Excellence Award by receiving 100% approval rating with no buses placed out-of-service.

Upon receiving the report from the Highway Patrol, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has awarded

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He purchased his winning ticket at Uncle Roy's One Stop, 29539 Highway 86, in Eagle Rock. The winning Show Me Cash numbers for the Oct. 28 drawing were 12, 13, 23, 25 and 39.

Show Me Cash drawings are held daily at 8:59 p.m., with jackpots that start at \$50,000 and grow until won.

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fices are currently open for claims of prizes more than \$600, by appointment only and in accordance with local health orders. For more information, visit MOLottery.com.

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## Purdy Elementary students presented with Honesty Medals

Purdy Elementary Principal Julie Dalton and Purdy Elementary Counselor Gary Jurgensen are pleased to present October Honesty Medalists, pictured at right, left to right.

Front Row: Ryker Brown, Ellee Ray, Braxton Trussell, Chelsea Reynolds, Kambree Evans and David Jacobs.

Middle Row: Gabriel Garcia, Maggie Haskins, Grace Wolf, Joshua Thorpe, Lauren Lamp and Bryce Bingham.

Back Row: Amanda Harris, Valentina Salas, Mr. Jurgensen, Danika Sandoval and Cheri Cing.

DJ Jansen also earned an Honesty Medal, but he was not present for the photo.



“When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.”

- Willie Nelson



Due to COVID-19, many are choosing to celebrate Thanksgiving in smaller groups this year. That could mean a lot of people will be preparing a turkey and all the trimmings on their own for the first time.

“I remember the first time

that I prepared a Thanksgiving dinner complete with turkey and all the side dishes by myself at my own house,” says Londa Nwadike, state extension food safety specialist with the University of Missouri and Kansas State University. “My mom and

brothers were going to drive seven hours to Kansas City, so I felt like I better prepare them a proper Thanksgiving meal.” Nwadike says she checked and double-checked her own articles about food safety, which draw on information from USDA and oth-

## Stafford signs to run for MSSU



In a special ceremony held Wednesday, November 11, at Cassville High School, senior Jordyn Stafford signed on to run both cross country and track in the fall of 2021 at Missouri Southern State University.

Jordyn is the daughter of Rhonda Stafford of Cassville.

While at MSSU, she plans to study psychology.

Above, left to right, are:

Front row: Brittany Mizer, Rhonda and Jordyn Stafford, Ruth Allison and Ryan Stockton; back row: Coach Courtney Kirk and Coach Erin Flehmer.

## Holiday food safety tips

er research-based sources.

“Don’t stress over preparing a Thanksgiving meal,” Nwadike says. “But be sure to use safe practices and plan ahead so that no one gets foodborne illness at your holiday gathering.”

**Turkey**

“If you want to have leftovers after Thanksgiving, buy 1 pound of whole turkey per person,” Nwadike says. A rule of thumb is 3/4 pound of turkey per person if you don’t want leftovers or if you’re cooking a turkey breast.

“Frozen turkey must be thawed in the refrigerator or in cold water, not on the kitchen counter,” she says. The safest way to defrost a

turkey is in the refrigerator. Allow one day of thawing for every 5 pounds of turkey.

To thaw in cold water, completely submerge the wrapped turkey, changing the water every 30 minutes so the outer layer of turkey won’t get warm enough to support microbial growth. This method requires about 30 minutes of thawing for every pound of turkey. Be sure to clean and sanitize the sink after removing the turkey.

Don’t rinse turkey and other meats before cooking. “That will only spread those germs around the sink, which can cross-contaminate other foods,” she says. “Any bacteria that might be rinsed

off would be easily killed by cooking in the oven.”

Clean any surfaces that the raw turkey may have touched. As always, wash your hands thoroughly before and after preparing food. This can help to control COVID-19 as well as foodborne illness.

To cook the turkey, set the oven for 325 degrees. An 8- to 12-pound unstuffed turkey will take about 2 3/4 to three hours to cook. A stuffed turkey of the same size will take three to 3 1/2 hours, Nwadike says.

Use a food thermometer to determine if the turkey is safely cooked. Make sure the

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Southwest Elementary students named November “Top Dogs”



During the month of November, students were chosen to be Top Dog Students of the Month. These students exhibited the character trait of Citizenship. Southwest Elementary’s November Good Citizen Students are: Front row: Hunter Strong, Nehemiah Curtbert, Jaxxyn Ernest; middle row: Lealand Selee, Pachee Vue, Brodie Hall, Marshall Smith, Demi Roe ; back row: Rylee Phillips, Max Cornell, Chloe Brooks, Lizzie Taft, Olivia Tedford, and Kason Brinkman; Absent: Bo Thompson, Ares Nunez, and Lexus Kidd.

FOOD TIPS from 8A

innermost parts of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast have reached a minimum temperature of 165° Fahrenheit. Be sure the thermometer is not touching bone, as the bone heats up faster than the meat. **To stuff or not to stuff** “Many people love to eat stuffing. Unfortunately, so do microorganisms,” Nwadike says. The safest way to cook stuffing is outside the bird. If you do choose to stuff your turkey, stuff it loosely just before cooking, making sure the stuffing is moist. Like the turkey, stuffing should be cooked to at least 165 degrees. **Side dishes and desserts** • Raw produce: Don’t chop foods that will be eaten raw on the same cutting boards you use for raw meats without washing the boards thoroughly between uses. If produce is not pre-rinsed, rinse carefully and scrub off any visible soil with a produce brush. • Pumpkin pie: Pumpkin pie, cheesecake and other baked goods with fillings made of eggs and milk need to reach an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees when baking. Refrigerate after baking or purchasing. **Leftovers** Refrigerate the turkey (with meat removed from the carcass) and stuffing separately in shallow containers within two hours of cooking. Leftover turkey will keep in the fridge for three to four days, but gravy and stuffing will only keep for one or two days. You can safely freeze leftovers, but use them within two to six months for best quality. Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees.

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Letts winner of Advertiser’s Bat Contest



Marcia Letts, of Purdy, was the winner of The Barry County Advertiser’s Annual Halloween Bat Contest. Letts found all 13 of the bats hidden in our October 28 edition of the newspaper, and her name was then drawn from those of other contestants who also correctly identified the locations of the bats. Letts is shown at right with the tub of goodies she received as a prize. The Barry County Advertiser would like to thank everyone who took the time to submit an entry.



Haven of the Ozarks: Pet of the Week



Meet Ash, the Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week! Beautiful Ash, her siblings,

and her mama are all at the Haven seeking forever homes. Their owners moved away and left mama Bootz to fend for herself. She wound up having babies, and the entire family was brought to us. The kittens are 14 weeks old, litterbox trained, used to being around both dogs and other cats, and will make great additions to their new families. Bootz isn't ready to leave quite yet, but she will soon be needing a new home, too. Visit the Haven to meet this sweet feline family and lots of other fantastic pets, too! Haven of the Ozarks Animal Sanctuary 9617 Farm Road 2190 Washburn www.havenoftheoark.org 417-835-3647 Open daily, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (excluding some holidays) Follow us on Facebook!

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**DON HENDERSON**  
On November 9th, 2020, Don Henderson, age 89, of Jenkins, went to heaven to be greeted by the Lord and the love of his life for 67 years, his wife Una, whom he had taken care of for many years. Don's children Gary and Susie had the honor of being by his side when he passed away at the Aurora Nursing Center.  
Don was born Donnie Alexander Henderson on May 16th, 1931, in the home, at Reeds Spring Junction. He

was the son of Charlie and Mary Grace Keithley Henderson, of Reeds Spring. Besides Una, Don was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ed Henderson, Lester Henderson, Milford Henderson, Floyd Henderson, Glen Henderson; and one sister, Flossie Henderson Hill. One sister, Phyllis Henderson Blair, of Reeds Spring, survives.  
Other survivors include Gary and Laurie Henderson, of Shell Knob, and Sue Garrison and Bob, of Cassville; grandchildren, Chuck Henderson, of Kansas City, Noelle Stewart, of Cassville, Sara Henderson, of Chicago, Ill., and Jill Wells and her husband, Ben, of Republic; great-grandchildren, Hayley Navarrete and her husband, Brandon, of Holloman AFB, N.M., and Logan, Chloe and Harper Wells, all of Republic.  
Don was a crew chief

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in the Air Force during the Korean War working on the B-47 aircraft and was stationed in Wichita, Kan. Upon discharge, he worked for the Civil Service where he continued to work on the same plane. On leave from the Air Force to see his family in Reeds Spring, he "found a nice young lady named Una M. Hudson. And her parents lived in Jenkins." They had met in Reeds Spring at a square dance where she was with her cousins while visiting her family in Jenkins. Where they found out they both were living in Wichita at the same time. A couple of years later they were married on Dec 31st, 1953. Then in 1960, after a few years of marriage and two children later, they moved to Jenkins, bought a farm from a lady named Jewel Periman, and both Don and Una remained there for the rest of their lives.  
Don worked for the Jumping Jacks Shoe Factory in Cassville for many years as foreman of the lasting department. Then he was able

to obtain a job just up the road from his farm with the Jenkins, Missouri State Highway Department (MODOT) for 26 years before retirement.  
While working at the shoe factory and the highway department, Don also for many years milked cows with his father-in-law, Sam Hudson, and then went on to raised beef cattle with his son, Gary. With his daughter Susie's love of horses, they had numerous horses where they spent many hours trail riding and, going to local rodeos throughout his life.  
Don was saved at an early age and was baptized into the Baptist faith on May 15, 1966, in Flat Creek at Jenkins just up from the old Jenkins bridge. Don was an active member of Shiloah Missionary Baptist Church and served as treasurer for some time. Later in life, he and Una became members of the First Baptist Church of Cassville. He was a member of the Sheriff Posse drill team for some years, and the Diamond J Saddle Club.

He loved to go hunting with Gary here in Missouri and Colorado. And enjoyed fishing and playing the Hand & Foot card game and Mexican Train Dominos with his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Richard and Leta Hite, of Aurora. But most of all he loved to play with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Don loved his family very much and did not hesitate to tell them so. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.  
Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, November 21, 2020, at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association in memory of Don.  
Social distancing is requested by the family.

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**WILLIAM CALEB "BILL" POWELL**  
William Caleb "Bill" Powell, age 71, of Washburn, passed away Saturday, November 14, 2020, at his home.  
He was born November 20, 1948, in Gadsden, Alabama, the son of Lawrence and Jessie (Eakes) Powell. On April 7, 2019, in Zephyrhills, Florida, he was united in marriage to Joan Dove, who survives. Also surviving are one son, William Lawrence Powell, of Decatur, Alabama; two daughters, Lisa Easthan and Amanda Teague, both of Decatur, Alabama; two brothers, Rick Powell, of Gadsden, Alabama, and Roger Powell, of Alabama; one sister, Jessie

Lue Smith and her husband, Don, of Angus Valley, Florida; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.  
Preceding him in death were his parents, two brothers and two sisters.  
William grew up and received his education in Alabama. He served in the United States Coast Guard. Most of his life was spent working in construction. A year and a half ago, he moved from Zephyrhills, Florida, to Washburn to make his home. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing and camping and was very creative in construction work.  
He was a member of Washburn First Baptist Church where memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, November 21, 2020. Reverend Jim Erwin will conduct the services. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville  
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**EVERETT DELBERT CHASTAIN**  
Everett Delbert Chastain, age 83, of Shell Knob, passed away Saturday, November 14, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.  
No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.  
Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Everett.  
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**KAYREN D. BREMER**  
Kayren D. Bremer, age 83, of Monett, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2020.  
Services were held Monday, November 16, 2020, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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**NANCY J. SYBERT**  
 Nancy J. Sybert, of Golden, was brought into this world on June 19, 1938, in Wichita, Kan., and was called into heaven on November 7, 2020, while visiting Wichita, Kan.  
 Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Forest “Dutch” and Ada Graham, and her husband, Richard “Dick” Sybert.

Nancy was a mantel assembler at the Coleman Company for over 30 years and retired to the lake with her late husband, Dick. So, to the millions of lantern owners, she was the one to bring light to your lives. Nancy was the consummate KC Chiefs fan and always in full Chiefs attire on game day. She could not believe she lived long enough to see them win the Super Bowl. Nancy loved her daughter and being a grandmother and great-grandmother and all the children loved their Grammy.

Nancy is survived by her sister, Barbara McDonald, of Ocean View, Delaware, and nephew, James; by her daughter, Deborah (Danny) Parsons, of Wichita, Kan.; and son, Steven Carter, of Rogers, Ark. Also, by her granddaughters, Kenzie (Mike) Corley and Kristina (Zach) Johnson; and her great-grandchildren, Jackson and Benjamin Corley and Jillian Johnson. The family would like to say “Thank You” to all of Nancy’s friends, neighbors and Bunco gals for showing Nancy friendship and compassion in her life.

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to LUC Boys Ranch, 296 Boys Ranch Road, Lampe, MO 65681 or Haven of the Ozarks, 9617 Farm Road 2190, Washburn, MO 65772.

**ARVIN D. SMITH**  
 Arvin D. Smith, age 79, of Jenkins, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at Cassville Health and Rehabilitation.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
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**FREDERICK L. CARLSON**  
 Frederick L. Carlson, age 79, of Shell Knob, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.  
 No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.  
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**MICHAEL ZANE LECOMPTE**  
 Michael Zane LeCompte, age 56, of Cassville, passed away at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas, on November 4, 2020, after a short bout with Covid-19.  
 Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, Novem-

ber 20, 2020, at Family Life Center in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor James Weaver will conduct the services.  
 The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday at Family Life Center in Cassville.  
 In lieu of flowers, please feel free to contribute to the Cassville R-IV Primary School – Michael LeCompte Memorial Book Fund.  
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**HALLA BELLE HILBERT**  
 Halla Belle Hilbert, 84, passed from this life to her heavenly home on November 13, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.  
 Hallie, as she often went by, was born on September 3, 1936, the oldest daughter of Delbert and Bessie (Niskern) Richmond of Rocky Comfort, where she graduated from Rocky Comfort High School.

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On June 19, 1954, she was united in marriage to Allen Hilbert for over 60 years until his passing on May 23, 2015. To this union two sons were born, David and Bill Hilbert.  
 She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Allen; son, David; and grandson, John.  
 Surviving are one son, Bill and his wife, Barbara, of Pierce City; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Hilbert, of Golden City; eight grandsons, Chris, Tim, Andrew, David Jr., Tommy, James, Steven and Delbert and their families, along with five great grandchildren. They were her pride and joy.

The oldest of seven children, she is survived by two brothers, Bud (Diana) Richmond and Jerry (Marla) Richmond, both of Goodman; four sisters, Dee Giles and Betty (Bill) Broadhurst, of Independence, Maxine (Gary) Bates, of Wheaton, and Kay (Earl) McNeill, of Rocky Comfort, along with several nieces and nephews.  
 Some of her favorite pastimes were reading and crocheting. Hallie was a very special person and will be greatly missed by all. Always in our hearts.  
 Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.  
 Contributions may be

made to Alzheimer’s Association in memory of Hallie.  
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**PASTOR JIMMIE COPLEY**  
 Pastor Jimmie Copley, 77, of Monett, passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2020.  
 Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Chapel of Grace Church, 1153 Farm Road 1060, Monett, on Friday, November 20, 2020. Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM at Chapel of Grace Church on Saturday, November 21. Interment will follow at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Monett. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

**MILTON RAY JOHNSON**  
 Milton Ray Johnson, 82, of Monett, passed away on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.  
 A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, McCormick-St. John’s Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

**JERRY WAYNE CAPE**  
 Jerry Wayne Cape, age 77, of Cassville, passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at Cassville Health Care and Rehab.  
 No services are scheduled at this time.  
 Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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EARL EUGENE (GENE) PLUMLEE

Earl Eugene (Gene) Plumlee, of Eagle Rock, was born June 25, 1930, in Oak Grove, Arkansas, to Denton

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and Cora (Swofford) Plumlee. Gene passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020, in Cassville, at the age of 90. Gene was a long-time resident of Oak Grove, Arkansas, where he enjoyed farming for many years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and worked for the Table Rock Lake Army Corps of Engineers for 30 years before retiring in 1990. Gene was a deacon at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church for many years until he answered

the call to preach. He then served as the pastor of the Gospel Lighthouse Freewill Baptist Church in Lampe. On September 29, 1951, Gene was united in marriage with Barbara (Shahan) Plumlee, who preceded him in death after 55 years of marriage. To that union, he is survived by his two sons, Larry Plumlee and wife, Lajunta, and Terry Plumlee and wife, Louetta; seven grandchildren, Kristy and Jacob Loper, Karla and Jason McCullough, Kimberly and Colton Correll, Kelly and Keith Dwyer, Kayla Plumlee and Steven Woods, Cory and Robbin Plumlee, Matthew and Misha Plumlee; and sixteen great-grandchildren. On October 6, 2007, Gene was united in marriage with Bonnie (Meeks) Plumlee, who survives him, of the home. He is also survived by step-children, Ellen White,

Terri and Mark Dickens, Melissa and Teddy House; step-grandchildren, Sarah and Chris Evans, William and Chelsea Dickens, Keith and Kaylee White, Correy Shrum, Gregg and Kayla Shrum; and nine step-great-grandchildren. Gene will be remembered by many other family members and friends. Gene is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Barbara Plumlee; brother, Donald Plumlee; sister, Joyce Allen; two infant brothers; and stepson, Eddy White. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at Hale Cemetery in Oak Grove with Pastor Kevin Hilton officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Gideon's International, PO Box 362, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements are under the directions of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Vows exchanged



Lindsey Ann Penny and Andrew James Hare were united in marriage on Oct. 31, 2020, at the Little Venue of Carthage. Rev. Aaron LaBove performed the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Mark Smith, Mr. Wayne Wubker and Mrs. Teresa Fly. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hare. Attending the bride were: matron of honor, Ryann Stewart; bridesmaids, Alisha Aldridge, Tori Phillips, Joseph Porter, and Kayla Cannon. The bridegroom's best man was Alex Hare and groomsmen were Ian Coleman, Michael Clemons, Zach Wubker and Jacob Penny. Mr. Lane Aldridge served as the ring bearer and Miss Bailey Aldridge was the flower girl. Nicholas Fortin and William Brindley served as ushers. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Stumpff Family Event Center in Cassville. Mr. and Mrs. Hare will make their home in Cassville.

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# MDC reports 80,525 deer harvested during firearms opening weekend

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 80,525 deer during the opening weekend of the November portion of the fall firearms deer season Nov. 14 and 15. Of the 80,525 deer harvested, 48,695 were antlered bucks, 6,867 were button bucks, and 24,963 were does.

Top harvest counties for opening weekend were Howell with 1,499 deer harvested, Bollinger with 1,453, and Franklin with 1,446.

Last year, hunters checked 88,760 deer during the opening weekend of the 2019 November portion of firearms deer season.

For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at [extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest\\_table/](http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/).

For harvest summaries from past years, visit [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-harvest-reports/deer-harvest-summaries](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-harvest-reports/deer-harvest-summaries).

MDC noted that poor weather during much of the weekend affected this year's

harvest total. In many areas of the state, hunters dealt with rainy conditions on Saturday, particularly during the morning. Although rain moved out by Sunday, hunters were greeted by strong, gusty winds for most of the day.

The November portion of firearms deer season continues through Nov. 24. Archery season resumes Nov. 25 through Jan. 15, 2021. The late youth portion runs Nov. 27-29. The antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 4-6 followed by the alternative methods portion Dec. 26 through Jan. 5, 2021.

Find more information on deer hunting from MDC's 2020 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where hunting permits are sold and online at [short.mdc.mo.gov/ZXv](http://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZXv).

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# Missouri insurance exams now available online

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This new option for completing examination requirements allows potential insurance producers to complete their testing in a safe and convenient online setting. The Pearson OnVUE program is a secure and streamlined method which allows candidates to test at home or in the office with a reliable internet connection. The Missouri Department of Commerce and Insurance is pleased to be able to offer this new opportunity for potential licensees.

“It's important, especially given the challenges we've

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The new testing option provides candidates more flexibility in scheduling their examinations in a time frame that meets the needs of a busy professional. It also reduces potential travel time for candidates who may live in areas some distance from a physical testing center.

Beginning on November 17, those who wish to schedule an online proctored exam can do so by registering at <https://home.pearsonvue.com/mo/insurance>.

# Couple to celebrate 40 years of marriage

Bob and Linda Bartelsmeyer, of Monett, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on November 22.

Bob Bartelsmeyer and Linda Newman were united in marriage on Nov. 22, 1980, at First Baptist Church in Aurora. The couple have two children, Jon Bartelsmeyer and wife, Melissa, of Marshfield, and Krista Cupp and husband, Cameron, of Bentonville, Ark., and four grandchildren, Luke and Evie Bartelsmeyer and Kanin and

Isla Cupp.

Bob was County Clerk for Lawrence County for nearly 25 years and Linda was State Representative (132nd District) for eight years. Their favorite thing to do together is ride with the top down in their convertible with their three year old maltese, Daisy. The children are hosting a card shower for their parents. Cards may be sent to: 133 Circle Dr., Monett, Mo., 65708.

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## Able 2 Products Company Recognizes Employee Service



Six employees of Able 2 Products Company in Cassville were recognized for milestone employment anniversaries at a company-wide meeting on November 10.

In business since 1972, Able 2 Products Company sells lights and accessories to police, emergency and utility markets under the SHO-ME trademark. Company president, Jerry Watley, awarded gifts and certificates of appreciation to the honorees.

Shown above, left to right, are: Laurie Speakman, 20 years; Debbie Hess, 25 years; Cindy Buntin, 35 years; Amanda Mattingly, 15 years; and Mary Cupps, 20 years. Not pictured: Terri Henderson, 5 years.

Able 2 Products Company is located at 804 East Highway 248 in Cassville.

## Table Rock Lake Community Foundation Awards Grant to SKITS



Shown above, left to right, are: Don Herbert, SKITS board member; Judy Reynolds and Nita Jane Ayres, Table Rock Community Foundation members; and Cliff Pryzbl, SKITS actor.

SKITS board members Don Herbert and actor Cliff Przbyl, along with Table Rock Community Foundation members Judy Reynolds and Nita Jane Ayres, attended the recent Table Rock Community Foundation grant recipient luncheon at Silver Dollar City. The annual event

celebrates the work and endeavors of philanthropic organizations such as The Table Rock Community Lake Foundation, which has made a huge impact by virtue of their continued support to non-profit organizations in Stone County and southeast Barry County.

Shell Knob's SKITS theater group received a grant of \$2,000 from the Foundation. This donation was used to buy additional professional stage microphones which will certainly enhance the clarity and quality of sound in future play productions.

SKITS board members feel they are very fortunate to have the support and continued relationship with the Table Rock Lake Community Foundation. The organization's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Stone and southeast Barry County through resource development, community grantmaking, collaboration and public leadership. Since its inception in 2004, it has distributed over \$7.3 million back to the community.

## New OB/GYN Joins Cox Monett Hospital



Joanna Twombly, DO

Cox Monett Hospital is pleased to welcome Joanna Twombly, DO, a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, to its health care team. She is now seeing patients at Family Practice and Obstetrics of Monett, 815 N. Lincoln Ave. in Monett.

"We are so incredibly fortunate to have Dr. Twombly join our medical team," said Darren Bass, president of Cox Monett. "It has been 10+ years since we have had a full-

time OB/GYN in Monett, and the timing couldn't have been more perfect as we prepare to move into our new hospital in early 2021."

Her areas of expertise include:

- General obstetrics and gynecology
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"I grew up part of my life in a small town, so I understand the many challenges facing women who want to seek specialty care," said Dr. Twombly. "I am very passionate about my work. I am honest, and I enjoy spending

time with my patients."

Dr. Twombly attended medical school at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa, Okla., and completed her residency at Saint Vincent Medical Center, Mercy Health in Toledo, Ohio.

She is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; American Osteopathic Association; Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists; and fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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