

Wildcats best Bison in quarterfinals



Jericho Farris takes on two defenders to finish off a run. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats punished Buffalo with a bruising running attack and came up with stops and turnovers on defense to earn a 41-16 victory in Saturday's Class 3 quarterfinal game at Wildcat Stadium.

On a fast and dry field, Buffalo may have been able to hang with Cassville on the scoreboard. But the Bi-

son could not contend with the Wildcats in the rain and the mud. All-state quarterback Jamen Smith completed only 4 of his 7 passes for just 25 yards, and only managed 76 yards on the ground. To be fair, Smith had a 66-yard scoring run negated by a penalty, but that play came with less than a minute left in the third quarter, with Cassville holding a 34-16 lead.



Above, Zach Coenen breaks loose for a 74-yard touchdown run against Buffalo. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

SIZE, DEPTH, PHYSICALITY

Even during pregame warmups, Lance Parnell's team had a higher eye-test score. The Wildcats were obviously bigger, and had more depth. The Bison were not only playing with fewer numbers, but also had more two-way players. The physical toll of battling the Cassville running attack affected

Buffalo's ability to execute on offense.

BALL CONTROL

Buffalo's high-octane offense only managed 235 total yards against the swarming Cassville defense. In contrast, the Wildcats rushed for 420 yards on 60 carries. Zach Coenen, with his beast-mode running style, led Cassville with 194 yards in just 16 attempts. Jericho Farris also passed the century mark, totalling 122 yards on 24 attempts. Hayden Sink added 84 yards on 14 carries from the quarterback spot, moving the chains on critical third and fourth down situations, and scoring three touchdowns.

The Cassville ground game was so effective that Sink only attempted one pass, a long bomb intended for Drake Reese. The attempt was incomplete, but Buffalo was flagged for pass interference on the play.

PENALTIES

While the weather affected



Drake Reese denies Buffalo's Jalen Smith with a touchdown-saving tackle. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

play calling and execution, it could not be blamed for the flood of penalty flags on the field. Buffalo was flagged 8 times for 72 yards, and Cassville incurred 11 penalties for 80 yards.

TURNOVERS

The Wildcats won the turnover battle too, always a key statistic in playoff contests. Cassville courted disas-

ter early when Reese tracked down a wild snap from center on a punt play and smartly ran out the back of the end zone for a safety. Surrendering 2 points is better than giving up 7.

Cassville's defense came up with an interception and a fumble recovery in the

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Area organizations help with meals

Brice's Towing loads Thanksgiving baskets for families



Brice and Carmen Stehlik, of Brice's Towing in Cassville, provide Thanksgiving groceries for families.

Sheila Harris

Tis the season for turkey and the trimmings, and a Brice's Towing tradition that began six years ago when Brice Stehlik, owner of Brice's Towing in Cassville, asked his wife Carmen why they couldn't provide the groceries for a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need. Carmen replied that she thought they could.

"I liked his idea," Carmen said, "so we put it in action.

That first year, we bought groceries for two families in the area who we knew could use the help. The second year, friends and family members stepped forward with donations to cover the cost of the groceries, so we were able to buy for five families. The following couple of years, we bought groceries for ten or 12 families, and this year, for the second time in a row, we're providing Thanksgiving groceries for 15 families."

Carmen Stehlik said they do not cook, nor do they deliver the groceries to homes. They simply make a grocery list for the number of families they're buying for and set off for the store.

"We shop wherever we can get the best deals," she said. "We have a good system down; we load up several cartloads of groceries, then

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"We make a list and fill several carts at one time when we buy groceries for Thanksgiving baskets," Carmen Stehlik said.

Cassville Food Pantry

offers extended hours, alternative gifts

Sheila Harris

As COVID-19 numbers increase in Barry County, so, too, does food insecurity, says Janet Mills, director of the Cassville Food Pantry. In an effort to provide food to more families, beginning December 3, the Cassville Food Pantry will be open on Thursdays from 3:15 until 6 p.m., according to Mills. The afternoon hours will be in addition to the pantry's regular morning hours of 9 - 11:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

"Loss of jobs or mandatory time off work often affect people's ability to buy food for their families," Mills said.

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"We want people to know the food pantry is here to help. Because virtual schooling and employment transitions have made it difficult for some families to make it to

the pantry during the morning, we are adding these one-day-a-week afternoon hours."

Due to safety concerns associated with COVID-19, the Cassville Pantry made the



Above, stocking the pantry, left to right, are: Tiffany Miner, Russell Diispenza, and Glenna Glueckert.

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Small Business Scavenger Hunt keeps it local

Sheila Harris

November 28 marks Small Business Saturday. It's also the day for Cassville's second annual Small Business Scavenger Hunt.

Event organizer, Charli Jo Baugh, of Tomblin's Jewelry in Cassville, says nine Cassville businesses have signed up to participate.

"Each business will donate a gift item of their choice," Baugh said. "When shoppers come into the business, they will receive a clue which will lead them to a

particular item. For example, maybe it will be 'Find Santa in his workshop,' or "Find the heart-shaped diamond.' When the shopper finds the item, their name is entered into a drawing to be held December 5."

Baugh said shoppers may earn extra points by taking a pic with the item and posting it to their Facebook page.

On December 5, the names of participating businesses will be placed in one bucket, and the names of shoppers will be placed in another. The

person whose name is drawn which corresponds with the name of the business drawn will be the winner of that store's prize.

Participating businesses include At the River Consignment, Designs by Debbie, Diva Bling & The Tiny Highlander Boutique, Forever Yours Embroidery, Habitat ReStore, Sunshine Tanning & More, The Pink Zebra Boutique, Tomblin's Jewelry & Gift and Whitley Pharmacy.

Cassville FFA, Food Pantry plan food drive

Beginning November 30 and continuing through December 18, the Cassville FFA Chapter and Cassville Food Pantry are teaming for the FFA's annual food drive. They are asking for the help and support of the community.

"Basic luxuries that many people take for granted are not accessible for many local families, and the need for food in our community is prevalent and very real," said Cassville Food Pantry director, Janet Mills.

They are asking for donations of canned foods, dry goods, and non-perishable food items (rice, dried food, etc.) from the community.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and accepted, as they allow the pantry to buy the goods they need as they need them.

"One dollar can feed up to four people, so every donation counts," Mills said.

Monetary donations can be mailed directly to the Cassville Community Food Pantry at 800 West 10th Street, Cassville, MO 65625.

Although the food drive runs through December 18, the food pantry takes donations at all times of the year.

They are open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. and are closed Friday-Sunday, holidays, and the

fourth Tuesday of the month.

Contact the pantry with questions at 417-846-7871, or visit their website at <https://www.cassvillepantry.com/>.

Drop off locations for this year's food drive are:

- Cassville High School
- Whitley's Pharmacy
- Family Life Center
- King Cash Saver
- The Courthouse
- At the River Consignment
- Tractor Supply, Cassville.

For questions about the food drive, contact the Cassville FFA on Facebook or jlittlefield@cassville.k12.mo.us.

Happy Holidays!

Governor Parson extends state of emergency

As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise in Missouri and across the Midwest, Governor Mike Parson today signed Executive Order 20-19 extending the state of emergency in Missouri through March 31, 2021.

This will allow continued flexibility in deploying critical resources around the state as well as the continued utilization of the Missouri National Guard and easing of regulatory burdens to further assist Missouri's COVID-19 response efforts.

"Missouri and the Midwest region remain central to the extreme COVID-19 outbreak our country is currently experiencing," Governor Parson said. "If we do not slow the spread of the virus, our health care system will quickly become overwhelmed. This creates a major risk not only for COVID-19 patients but anyone

requiring health care support, from emergency situations such as car accidents to the treatment of serious health conditions such as cancer."

"Missouri is at a turning point, and if we are going to change the outcome, we must change our behavior," Governor Parson continued.

With the onset of flu season and the winter months, respiratory illnesses will begin to spread more rapidly, and COVID-19 is following the same pattern. Due to these extreme risks, Governor Parson has issued a statewide public health warning outlining expectations for all individuals living and working in the state, including guidance for personal behavior, businesses, and travel.

The health warning also includes community level guidance and action plans based on three risk categories – extreme risk, critical risk,

and serious risk. The Governor's Office will be communicating with mayors, county commissioners, and local leaders across the state to explain and help implement the appropriate guidance in their communities.

Wearing a mask, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene remain the three major COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Other key guidance includes the following:

- Limit interactions with others to less than 15 minutes
- Limit regular group interactions to a small group (10 or less) of family members
- Minimize travel outside of Missouri
- Consider occupancy limits reflective of social distancing.

It should be noted that given the minimal transmission of COVID-19 taking place in schools, especially those that have implemented mask mandates, the social gather-

Health Department okays modified quarantining for schools with mask ordinances

Sheila Harris

The Barry County Health Board voted to follow the state's new guidance by allowing Barry County schools to modify their quarantine requirements for students and faculty if masking conditions were met. The decision was made in a November 19 meeting of the health board.

"Each school system, individually, must make the decision to impose a mask mandate for students and staff, in order for the relaxed quarantine requirements to apply," Barry County Health Department director Roger Brock said.

In a November 12 press release, Governor Mike Parson, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), issued updated guidance that said if both a person diagnosed with COVID-19 and a close contact of the person diagnosed are wearing masks correctly, the individual exposed does not

need to quarantine. The purpose of the modification is to allow students to spend more time in the classroom. For the modification to apply, the school itself must have a mask mandate in place.

"The change in quarantine requirements only apply to school settings," Brock said. "Outside of school, close contacts of the COVID-19-positive person must still observe the quarantine period."

Brock said, too, that the relaxation of quarantine requirements is only applicable to classroom interactions. For extra-curricular activities, such as sports, or any other setting where masks can't be worn, the standard 14-day quarantine period will need to be observed.

As of Monday, Brock was still waiting to hear back from the Exeter School District regarding their interest in passing a masking ordinance. All other schools, both public and private, he said, have either passed one, or are working toward doing so.

Three more deaths announced

On November 18, the Barry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management announced the deaths of three more Barry County residents from complications of COVID-19.

All three men, ages 77, 78 and 90, were residents of congregate care homes.

Their deaths bring the county's total to 27.



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Notice:

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.

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Saturday, December 12 • 6 p.m.

- Please call City Hall at 417-652-3314 to enter the parade.
- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd CASH PRIZES!
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- Cookies & hot chocolate will be provided before and after the parade.
- Stop by the Wheaton Community Center for a treat & picture with Mr. and Mrs. Claus starting at 4:30 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. and after to parade.



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

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Court of the City of Seligman will begin at 2 P.M. through the remainder of 2020: December 14th, beginning at 2 P.M.

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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.

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).

Habitat for Humanity is looking for families to apply for a home in Wheaton. For more information or to apply, stop by the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 900 10th St. in Cassville. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Nov. 28th

Cassville Small Business Scavenger Hunt will include the following business sponsors: At the River Consignment, Designs by Debbie, Diva Bling & The Tiny Highlander Boutique, Habitat ReStore, Forever Yours Embroidery, The Pink Zebra Boutique, Sunshine Tanning & More, Tomblin’s Jewelry & Gifts, Whitley’s Pharmacy. Forms are available at each of these businesses. See advertisement on page 5A.

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.

Dec. 6th

Cassville Christmas Parade will start at 5 P.M. Line-up starts at 3 P.M. at the Cassville High School.



School Menus: Nov. 30 - Dec. 4

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast, orange. L: pizza or popcorn chicken, corn, salad, tropical fruit. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, orange. L: chicken sandwich or pizza, Sun Chips, baked beans, vegetable mix, fruit cocktail or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, apple or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: general chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, fortune cookie, pineapple or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage, toast, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: pork patty or chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, tater tots, corn, fruit cocktail or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or blueberry muffin, blueberries or cereal, graham crackers, yogurt cup, strawberries. L: cheeseburger or pizza, sour cream chips, baked beans, juice or salad meal.

Cassville PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, cinnamon toast, pineapple. L: corndog or BBQ pork rib, mac & cheese, glazed carrots, Sidekicks. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: turkey sandwich or chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, chocolate chip cookie, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: pizza or chicken crispito, carrots, corn, graham crackers, applesauce. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, tropical fruit or cereal, PB&J, fruit snacks. L: chicken & noodles or popcorn chicken, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, peaches. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-tart, pears. L: frito pie or chicken quesadilla, refried beans, corn, fruit cocktail.

Purdy: Mon: B: blueberry mini pancakes, fruit. L: super nachos, pinto beans, Mexican rice, fruit. Tues: No School Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup, fruit. L: chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast tornado, fruit. L: wg pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, ranch, fruit. Fri: B: blueberry muffin, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, Sun Chips, California blend, fruit.

Southwest: Mon: B: salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, peaches. L: powdered donuts, breaded cheese sticks, peach cups, juice. Tues: B: cereal bar, mozzarella cheese stick, cinnamon applesauce cup, juice. L: chicken sandwich, tater wedges, green beans, pears. Wed: B: biscuit, pepper gravy, grapes, juice. L: pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, corn, tropical fruit. Thurs: B: mini waffles, bananas, juice. L: corn dog, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, mandarin oranges. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, mixed fruit cup, juice. L: cheeseburger, leaf lettuce, dill pickle spear, apple slices with caramel, chips.



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The Cassville Wildcats celebrate their 41-16 quarterfinal victory on Saturday. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

fourth quarter, denying any chance of a Buffalo comeback.

SUMMARY

Buffalo won the opening coin toss and elected to receive. Three plays and a punt later, the Cassville offense started at its own 39-yard line. The Wildcats never had a second down play on the 5-play drive, and Farris scored on a 4-yard run to give Cassville a 7-0 lead with 8:09 on the clock.

Another Buffalo punt and a penalty-marred sequence led to Reese’s shrewd safety, and the lead was down to 7-2.

But the Wildcats ate up most of the second quarter with a 15-play, 51-yard drive to claim a 14-2 lead with 5:14 left in the half. Sink kept the drive alive twice with 4th-down dives, and then sneaked into the end zone to finish the possession.

Buffalo answered with an impressive 80-yard scoring drive. Smith rolled out and then tossed a 13-yard TD pass to Cameron Portis to cut Cassville’s lead to 14-9 with 1:56 on the clock.

Sink then directed the ‘Cats on a textbook 2-minute drill. Aided by the pass interference penalty, the Cassville offense drove 66 yards in 9 plays, and Sink scored on another sneak with less than 4 seconds left in the half for a 20-9 lead.

Buffalo surprised Cass-

ville with an onside kick to open the third quarter, and recovered. Smith scored on a plunge to cap off a 4-play 35-yard drive to cut the Cassville lead to 20-16.

With momentum clearly swinging to the Buffalo sideline, Coenen burst through the line and outran the d-backs for a 74-yard scoring run. Reese’s PAT boosted the lead to 27-16.

Buffalo’s next three possessions ended with a punt, an interception, and a fumble. Contrast that with Cassville’s next two possessions, which produced long, clock-killing drives and two more touchdowns.

Trailing by two scores midway through the third quarter, the Bison faced a manageable third down at their own 39-yard line. But consecutive penalties changed the situation. Needing 12 yards to move the chains, Smith threw incomplete and Buffalo had to punt.

The Wildcats then asserted their collective will on the Bison defense. Twelve plays, 62 yards. Every play was a run, and Sink’s 7-yard touchdown run finished off the drive. On that play, the ball hit the

ground when Sink and Farris bobbled the handoff. Farris slipped to the ground and Sink scooped and scored behind the bulldozing Cassville offensive line. Reese added the PAT to build a 34-16 lead.

Buffalo’s next possession was pure frustration. Jamen Smith showed his all-state credentials with a 66-yard touchdown sprint down the Cassville sideline, but that play was negated by a holding call. Then Keaton Schellenberger snared a tip-drill interception in the relentless rain, and the Wildcats took over at their own 41-yard line.

With the game no longer in doubt, the Cassville offense made a statement with an 11-play, 59-yard drive to produce the final score. Coenen collected 47 of those yards, running over and through Bison defenders.. His 12-yard touchdown run came with 6:24 left in the game.

Buffalo fumbled the ball back to Cassville on the next drive, and the second-unit offense ate up four minutes of clock before finally surrendering the ball on downs.. Final score: Cassville 41, Buffalo 16.



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We (Small Businesses of Cassville) would like to invite you to our 2020 Small Business Holiday Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, November 28, 2020! The sponsoring businesses have donated a gift item to be drawn for on 12-5-2020, with MULTIPLE WINNERS.

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- CLASS 3 BRACKET
- Quarterfinals
- Cassville 41, Buffalo 16
 - Maryville 35, Summit Christian 9
 - Cardinal Ritter 45, Kennett 7
 - Blair Oaks 44, Lutheran North 9
- Semifinals
- Cassville vs Maryville
 - Cardinal Ritter vs Blair Oaks

Cassville returns to the Class 3 semifinal round on Saturday, making the long, long trip - 292 miles, 4 hours and 22 minutes - to Maryville to play the Spoofohounds.

Happy Thanksgiving

“Of all the trails in this life, there are some that matter most.” - Kicking Bird in Dances With Wolves.

If we have learned nothing else in 2020, we have learned that there are more important things than sports. Not many, but some. We have also learned that everything we need to know to live through such times of trials and tribulations we learn on the playing fields, courts, tracks, trails, and pools. Hard work. Discipline. Dedication. Perseverance. Loyalty. Faith. Hope. Love.

So in this holiday week, let’s be grateful for who and what bless our lives, and celebrate the relationships and opportunities we have. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and it’s not the covid-19 train.

Happy Thanksgiving. Go ‘Cats!

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Dr. Richard Asbill
Superintendent,
Cassville R-IV Schools

“I am thankful for the hard work and how much time my staff is willing to put in for public health; and I'm also thankful for the support of my girlfriend and family.”
Roger Brock
Administrator,
Barry County Health Department

“I am thankful for our community. In the last month, so many different people have stepped up to help the Chamber during the Chili Cook-Off. I want to especially thank Devon Forsythe from Willis Insurance for her tremendous help in putting on the Chili Cook-Off. She is truly one of a kind and a great asset to our community.”
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Cox Monett Momentum Campaign surpasses \$7 million goal



Above, Darren Bass, president of Cox Monett Hospital, prepares to put the final piece on the fundraising sign signaling the campaign reaching its goal.

Shown left to right are: Margaret Prim, Jack Prim (co-chairperson of the Cox Monett Momentum Campaign and former president of the Cox Monett Community Advisory Board), Phyllis Garrett (hospital volunteer), Mike Garrett (co-chairperson of the Cox Monett Momentum Campaign and former president of the Cox Monett Community Advisory Board), Darren Bass (president of Cox Monett Hospital) and Dr. Elizabeth Lucore (chief of the medical staff at Cox Monett and campaign committee member).



Above, an aerial view shows the \$42 million, 75,000- square-foot new Cox Monett Hospital and attached 27,000-square-foot medical office building on the land on East Highway 60. It's set to open in early 2021. The hospital will feature an enhanced emergency department, Labor and Delivery, in-house MRI, and multiple operating rooms. In addition to the opening of the new hospital and clinic, Cox Monett recently announced the addition of two new orthopedic surgeons and a full-time OB/GYN joining their medical team.

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The CoxHealth Foundation announced November 19 that it has surpassed the \$7 million capital campaign goal to fund construction of the new Cox Monett Hospi-

tal. It's part of a \$42 million project to replace the current facility that was built in 1953. "It has been a pleasure to assist with the Cox Monett Momentum Campaign," said

Mike Garrett, co-chairperson of the fundraising campaign and former president of the Cox Monett Community Advisory Board. "The success of this campaign is a tribute to the energy of our volunteers and the generosity of the individuals and businesses we contacted. The new hospital is an impressive and exciting addition to our community." To date, the capital campaign has raised \$7,026,096.64 for the critical access hospital that will feature state-of-the-art equipment, including an in-house MRI, 64-slice CT scanner, and 3D mammography.

"Fundraising is always a challenge, and this year with COVID-19, even more so," said Lisa Alexander, president of the CoxHealth Foundation. "I can't express enough my gratitude for our Campaign Committee whose dedication to this mission, partnered with the incredible group of over 200 individuals and businesses who gave, is the reason this goal has been met." The 75,000-square-foot hospital and 27,000-square-foot adjoining medical office building are set to open in early 2021.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 While I am not a member of the Cassville City Council or a resident within their limits, I cannot stand by without commenting on the ridiculous statements and beliefs made by Jan Anthony in last week's letter to the editor.
 She wants the city to make mask wearing mandatory. She mentions that Springfield and Rogers did it, so we should, too. Is there anything else those two cities have passed that we should follow as well?
 She mentions wearing a face shield works, too. If an article of cloth over the mouth can somehow collect those tiny virus particles ("germs"), then a piece of clear plastic should work as well? Face shields are something a responsible person wears while grinding metal, to keep a cutting wheel that might break from striking their face & neck. The wearing of a mask or face shield to keep us safe from this virus is a joke & only provides people a false sense of safety in order for us to move on with our lives while we wait for a vac-

cine to be available. She may as well demand us to 'wear our placebo'.
 She goes on to say that we wear a seat belt, so why not a mask? Well, many people don't wear a seat belt either. Does that have any effect on you, who is wearing one, when someone else collides with you, who is not wearing one? By her logic, that is equivalent to saying seat belts only work if everyone in the vehicle(s) wears one. I wear mine because I know without a doubt that they work and can save my life. When I wear a mask, I can still smell the environment that I am in, including other people's body odors, but it somehow collects a microscopic virus? She says, "This has nothing to do with your party-affiliation or religion," but she is demanding that our local government force people to do something they otherwise won't do on their own free will.
 These forced behaviors, whether from a new incoming president, our state governor, or a city council are very political and do create

a great deal of conflict for anyone who believes that our rights come from our creator, not our government.
 It is not the government's job to protect my health. It's the government's job to protect my rights. It's *my* job to protect my health.
 Wear your placebo if it makes you feel safe, but please be respectful of everyone else's rights while enjoying your own.
 Titus Trotter
 Cassville (rural)

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Dear Editor,
 I just read the letter from a resident who wishes for our elected officials, who are in place not to rule us, but to manage certain prescribed duties, asking them to order free citizens to wear a particular item because that citizen feels said item protects her from a virus.
 I am here to strongly suggest our elected officials maintain their current stance of preserving individual rights. I assume that there is not one person who tells a person they cannot wear a mask, I know I wouldn't do

it. And the exact same principle should apply to those of us who do not wear masks.
 Our governor has stated he will not make such an order, nor should he. No elected person should be considering such a violation of rights to free citizens.
 There are no circumstances under which I will comply with such an order.
 Should anyone be interested as to why I take this position, other than the gross overreach of government, I shall state it.
 Cloth and paper do not

filter viruses. And if they did, they would not function as an airlock, with the virus able to pass through the mask one way but not the other, which has been the position of the "scientists" who are most outspoken. To believe that one wears a mask for the protection of others, not oneself, requires the suspension of all credulity.
 Ladies and gentlemen, wear a mask if you wish, and stop trying to force your choice on other people.
 Kathy Casey
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Front row: Deagan Gross, Ava Gates, Moses Thao; middle row: Simon Mounce, Carter Stringer, Allie Norris, Daphne Flippo; back row: Gabe Mills, Parker Willis, Layla Rivera, Alex Patrick, and Alex Chase.



Shown above, Fourth Graders, left to right, are:
Front row: Caleb Paul, Molly Cox, Maddisyn Orr, Auden Mizer; back row: Briley Artherton, Jack Chappell, Trinity Granger, Emily Naemeh, and Dade Zajac; absent from photo: Drake Mendoza, Kristel Garcia, and Reanna Randolph.



Shown above, Fifth Graders, left to right, are:
Front row: Olivia Miller and Sunshine Vang; middle row: Jarrett Paul, Tanner Thomas, Cylas Austin, and Allyson Going; back row: Jordan Weiser, Brexton Bowman, Allan Canales, Samantha Stockton, and Aubrie Atkinson; absent from the photo: Alexis Burdiss.

CHS Students of the First Quarter



Seniors Pace Evans and Sadie Reuter have been named Students of the Quarter at Cassville High School for the first quarter.

Evans is the son of Jennifer and Daron Evans of Cassville. He is involved in cross country and track.

Reuter is the daughter of Ben and Jayme Reuter of Cassville. She is involved in volleyball, soccer and National Honor Society.

Rockin W Excavation is proudly sponsoring the newly developed Student of the Quarter program at CHS.

They have provided each award recipient with a goody bag and a \$15 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Shown above, left to right, are: front row, Evans and Reuter; back row: Troy Wenzel, of Rockin W Excavation, and Mr. Keith Roberston, CHS Principal.

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“I am also thankful for the board, faculty, staff, students, parents and community members of the Purdy R-II School District. Their continued support, encouragement and communication continue to make our school a great place to be.”

Mindi Gates

Superintendent,

Purdy R-II Schools

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“I am thankful for the health of my family and me after COVID hit our family. I'm glad that so far we are all doing well and are able to go back to work and life.”

Chelsea Landstad

RN in the ER,

Mercy Cassville

“I am so thankful for our team at Mercy Cassville. During this pandemic, every co-worker and provider in our hospital and clinic has stepped up to ensure every single patient that walks through our doors receives the excellent care they deserve. They have put in countless hours and stepped in and served in any role where there is a need, even if it is outside their normal job duties/department.

“While to some people looking in, our jobs may seem thankless, here in Cassville we are blessed to be surrounded by a community that has continued to show us grace and appreciation during this extremely challenging time. For example, this past weekend, we were blessed by the First Baptist Church preschool department who brought food and thank you bags/signs for our co-workers. We can't thank our community enough for continuing to support us and bring joy to our teams during this time.”

Valerie Davis

Administrator,

Mercy Cassville

CHS teacher recipient of Arvest Bank award



Mrs. Jess Newkirk, Cassville High School Communications Arts Teacher

Arvest Bank is pleased to announce Mrs. Jess Newkirk, Cassville High School Communications Arts Teacher, as the winner of the fifth annual "We Love Teachers" campaign. The campaign is designed to recognize--and provide support to--teachers throughout the Arvest footprint. This year, Arvest has awarded a total of 157 \$500 gifts to individual teachers throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Newkirk plans to spend

the money she received on books and magazine subscriptions. "Some new magazines would be great for the required reading and I know my students will be excited about that," stated Newkirk. "I'm also planning to buy several American classics for an American Literature unit I'm planning for the spring. Anything to put actual books in my students' hands."

"We're very excited Mrs. Newkirk has received this recognition," said Keith Robertson, CHS Principal, "but we're more excited about the awesome things she'll continue to do for our students. Mrs. Newkirk is currently in her first year of teaching and it's great to see that she has made such a positive impact on her students in just a few short months!"

The Arvest initiative to honor educators was launched on October 5. Nominations were accepted via the Arvest Bank Facebook page and a random selection took place on October 12.

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Dilbeck receives tour of Governor's Mansion, Capitol



CHS JAG essay winner, Kenzi Dilbeck received the honor of touring the Governor's Mansion and The Capitol Building in Jefferson City on November 10, where she was introduced to Governor Parson and First Lady, Teresa Parson.

Dilbeck is shown above, center, with CHS instructors, Mr. Nathan Fortner and Mrs. Mandy Boone.

Arrow Point Village, Inc.

Notice of election filing deadline for Arrow Point Village, Inc. Notice is hereby given that APV, Inc. will hold an election Tuesday April 6, 2021 for the purpose of electing two (2) new Board of Trustee members for a two (2) year term. Open filing date is December 15, 2020 and closing date is January 19, 2021. Prospective candidates may file a Declaration of Candidate form with any member of the Board of Trustees between the above stated dates. Done by the order of the Board of Trustees of Arrow Point Village, Inc.



Shown above, the goodie bags delivered to Mercy Cassville medical personnel by preschoolers at First Baptist Church in Cassville.

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CHARLES EDWARD “EDDY” ASHER
Charles Edward “Eddy” Asher, age 76, of Cape Fair, passed away on November 20, 2020.
Eddy was born December 21, 1943, in Aurora, to Earnest Sanders Asher and Ruth Martha (Henson) Asher. He grew up on the family farm - Asher’s Cane Bottom. He married Linda Ann Latapie on January 4, 1965, in Chalmette, Louisiana. Eddy retired after 30 years with JCPenney Construction; he

remodeled and built new stores all over the United States.
Eddy is survived by his children, Julie A. Asher, Katie L. Asher and husband, Casey Woodworth, Shane E. Asher and wife, Renee, Jeremy S. Asher and wife, Tiffany; his beloved grandchildren, Christopher S. Asher, Austin J. Nickell, Antonia E. Asher, Calista R. Asher, Reagan A. Asher, Cody R. Asher, and Logan E. Asher; and great-granddaughter, Mina Mae Asher. He is also survived by his siblings, Mary Ruth Tearney, Sharon Asher Munyun (Dwain), Betty Asher Jenkins, Linda Sue Asher, Reatha Asher-Lloyd and Ansel Asher (Karen); and a special friend, Iris Chambers.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Ann; his daughter, Lisa Ann; parents Earnest and Ruth Asher; and brother, Earnest “Sonny”

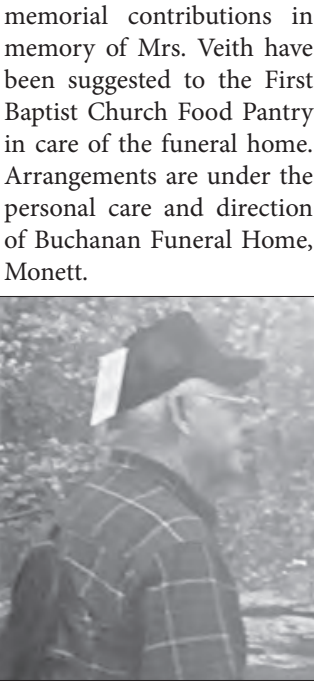
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Asher.
Eddy was probably best known for his love of music. He was a gifted singer and songwriter and always enjoyed bringing out his guitar to play a song or two. He made sure to pass along his love of music to his children and grandchildren. The sound of his voice, his trademark yodel, the train whistle, and the stories in his songs will be sincerely missed.
A small private memorial for immediate family only will be held Saturday, November 28, 2020, at the Cape Fair Christian Church.



GLORIA BETH VEITH
Mrs. Gloria Beth Veith, 78, of Purdy, was called by her Lord and Savior to her heavenly home on Sunday morning, November 22, 2020, while at Cassville Health Care and Rehab.
Gloria was born on June 9, 1942, in Springfield, the only child of Alvin Doris Holder and Virginia Lavelle (Yarnall) Holder. At a young age, she and her family moved to Purdy where she attended and graduated from

Purdy High School with the Class of 1960. For most of her working years, Gloria worked as a secretary, retiring as secretary of the Purdy High School in 2012. Gloria was a member of the First Baptist Church of Purdy, where she loved her church family. She also enjoyed being outdoors.
Gloria was united in marriage to Larry Dean Veith on July 1, 1960, at the First Baptist Church. They were blessed with two children and over forty-two years of wonderful memories made together. He preceded her in death on May 21, 2003.
Gloria was also preceded in death by her parents, Alvin Holder and Virginia Holder Higgs.
Those left to cherish the life that she lived are her son, Ronnie Veith and wife, Renee, of Purdy; her daughter, Sherri Brooks and husband, Kerry, of Cassville; six grandchildren, John Brooks (Lindsay), Michael Brooks, Ryan Veith (Jessica), Aaron Brooks (Alex), Riley Veith (Kara) and Reese Veith; as well as four great-grandchildren, Haisley, Bowen, Piper and Hadley.
Friends may pay their respects from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at the Maplewood Cemetery, Exeter. Reverend Tony Martin will be officiating. In lieu of flowers,



SAMUEL LEWIS HALL
Samuel Lewis Hall, 79, of Aurora, died peacefully at 4:08 p.m., Nov. 1, 2020, in Springfield, after short illness.
He is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce Hargis Hall, of the home; one brother, Harry, with his wife, Betty Hall, of Lexington, Ky.; a sister, Becky, with husband Malford Benz, of Arlington, S.D.; and a sister in law, Margret Hall, of Aurora. He was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Hall, of Aurora.
Survivors also include a daughter, Teresa Mercer, with her husband Gregg, of Springfield; a son, Russ, and his wife Samantha Hall, of Jasper; and a son, Mike, with his wife Deanna Hall, of Stockton.
Grandchildren include Jennifer and Courtney Finley, of Pierce City, with their sons, Kenyen and Karson; Dallas and Candy Barnett, of Daytona Beach, Florida, and their son, Zayne; and Brett and Mary Barnett and Eliana, of Springfield; Seth

Hall and his son, Easton, of Jasper, MO; and Bobby Farrell with Jaxon and Paisley, of Memphis, Tenn.; Cody Hall, of Overland Park, Kan.; and Carleigh Hall, of The United States Navy; and two step-granddaughters, Amanda Williams with her daughter, Sophia, of Joplin, and Brooks Mercer, also of Joplin.
Also included are numerous nieces and nephews.
Sam was a well-liked farmer for numerous years in Barry County, where he raised cattle. He and his family moved to Aurora after selling the farm where he was involved in the construction and building trades.
He and Joyce are members of Gunter Methodist Church in Butterfield.
A memorial service will be held at Gunter Methodist Church in Butterfield at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2020.
Online condolences may be made at www.bennettwormington.com.

NOEL EUGENE SMITH
Noel Eugene Smith, age 77, of Monett, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2020.
Funeral services for Mr. Smith were held Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

LEON STERLING ASHLEY
Leon Sterling Ashley, age 76, of Humansville, passed away on Friday, November 20, 2020.
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TOMMIE E. "TOM" MITCHELL
Tommie E. "Tom" Mitchell, age 91, of Fairview, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020, at Freeman Hospital West in Joplin.
He was born August 13, 1929, in Barry County, the son of J.C. "Doc" and Sally (Mahurin) Mitchell. On December 15, 1947, in Cassville, he was united in marriage to Mary Taylor, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Gene Mitchell and his wife, Irvaleene, of Neosho, Danny Mitchell and his wife, Pat, of Fairview, and Johnny Mitchell and his wife, Chris, of Neosho; two daughters, Linda Shiveley and her husband, Roger, of Battlefield,

and Sheila McNabb and her husband, John, of Wheaton; two sisters, Shirley McKinley, of Pineville, and Hilma Hines, of Powell; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren with one on the way.
Preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Suzie; two sisters, Polly and Hazel; and six brothers, Ray, Bill, Keet, Joe, John and Raymond.
Tom grew up and received his education in Butterfield. For several years, he resided in Kansas where he worked in construction. Around 1961 he moved to Fairview and owned and operated a saw mill. He was a hard worker and provided for his family. Many people in the area received their first job working for Tom. Some of his favorite pastimes were restoring Model A cars and tractors and trading parts with people from everywhere.
Services were held Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul

Wahlert conducted the services. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Butterfield.
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GLENN ERNEST FAIRBROTHER
Glenn Ernest Fairbrother, age 87, of Shell Knob, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020.
Visitation will be held from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Monday, November 30, 2020,

at Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Burial will be in Kansas.
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WILMA LEE GILLEY
Wilma Lee Gilley, age 92, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, November 21, 2020, at Cassville Health and Rehabilitation.
Graveside services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, November 30, 2020, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville

under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
A complete obituary will be in next week's paper.
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Kenneth Ray Chrisman, age 83, of Exeter, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at his home.
Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
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LUANNA MAE "LOU" URIE
Luanna Mae "Lou" Urie, age 85, of Shell Knob, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at her home.
No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.
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Money *does* grow on trees

How to sell timber for profit, healthy woods

“Money does grow on trees,” says University of Missouri Extension natural resources specialist Sarah Havens.

“Just how much money depends in part on knowledge and planning by the landowner,” Havens says.

At the recent Pixels of Production conference for women in agriculture, Havens told participants how to improve profits and forest health. Pixels took the place of the annual Pearls of Production hands-on conference.

“Most landowners do not know the value of their woodlands,” she says. “Too often, landowners make quick decisions on selling

and underestimate the true value of their trees. A professional forester helps guide the process so that the sale is financially and ecologically sound.”

There are two types of professional foresters: public foresters, such as those who work with the Missouri Department of Conservation and provide limited advisory and management assistance, and private foresters who charge a fee to get the best price for timber and offer woodland health advice.

“The amount paid for their services is more than returned through the increased revenue from the timber sale,” says Havens.

Havens recommends these steps before selling:

- Do not make a quick decision. Educate yourself and make a plan.
- Hire a professional forester. Foresters will give an inventory of the number and types of trees available for sale as well as the volume, quality and estimated value of the timber. They may also offer guidance on working with loggers, marketing the timber and income tax provisions for timber sales.
- Be a good neighbor. Know your property lines so that you do not infringe on adjacent property. Let neighboring landowners know that

a logger will be harvesting trees on your land. Establish a safe buffer zone between properties.

- Choose a logger by negotiation or sealed bid. Foresters consider less than 20 acres of woodland a small sale. In these cases, the seller likely will rely on direct, negotiated sales with the buyer. Larger sales may benefit from a written bid process. Havens recommends a written contract that specifies items such as payment timing and amount, insurance coverage, cleanup and restrictions. Price factors include species, site accessibility, size of trees, logging difficulty, marketing conditions, distance to mill, log-

ging restrictions and competition.

- Insist on a trained logger. The Missouri Forest Products Association website lists professional timber harvesters by county at www.moforest.org/loggers.
- Monitor harvest activities.

MU Extension publication G5051, “Selling Timber: What the Landowner Needs to Know,” is available for free download at extension.missouri.edu/p/G5051.

The Missouri Department of Conservation has information on forest management at mdc.mo.gov/forest.

MDC thanks deer hunters for help with CWD sampling

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) thanks the many deer hunters who participated in its tissue sampling efforts in 30 counties Nov. 14 and 15 to find cases of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in harvested deer. Thanks to hunter participation, MDC collected tissue samples of lymph nodes from approximately 2,780 hunter-harvested deer for CWD testing. Lymph nodes are one area in deer where CWD is concentrated.

“Although sampling in the 30 counties of our CWD Management Zone on opening weekend was voluntary and not mandatory this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we greatly appreciate the participation of the many hunters who presented their deer for sampling,” said MDC Deer Biologist Kevyn Wiskirchen who coordinated the sampling-weekend efforts. “Hunters play a key role in the surveillance that keeps CWD rare in Missouri.”

MDC’s CWD sampling efforts during the opening weekend of the November portion of the fall firearms deer season have been mandatory in past years for counties in or near where CWD has been found. Last year this included 29 counties and resulted in more than 18,800 tissue samples collected. In 2018, MDC collected more than 20,000 tissue samples opening weekend in 31 counties.

Wiskirchen reminds hunters that they can still have their harvested deer sampled for free through the end of the season (Jan. 15, 2021) through more than 140 partnering taxidermists and meat processors around the state. Find sampling locations and more online at mdc.mo.gov/cwd under “Voluntary CWD Sampling All Season.”

“These samples play a critical role in detecting CWD in new areas of the state and are especially important this season because of the significantly lower number of samples collected by MDC staff on opening weekend due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,” he added.

Hunters who submitted tissue samples from their harvested deer for CWD testing can get free test results for their deer online at mdc.mo.gov/cwd under “Get Test Results for Your Deer.”

CWD is a deadly disease in white-tailed deer and other members of the deer family. MDC’s CWD sampling and testing efforts find cases of the deadly disease to help the Department limit its spread. According to MDC, the prevalence of CWD is still very low in the state. Learn more at mdc.mo.gov/cwd under “CWD in Missouri.”

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Lady Trojans open season with win over Exeter

Lee Stubblefield

The Southwest Lady Trojans opened the varsity basketball season with a 55-38 home victory over longtime rival Exeter on Monday night at Washburn.

Southwest spurred to a 12-6 lead in the opening quarter, led by 8 early points from Brylee Wilson. The Lady Trojans pushed the lead to 30-19 at halftime, and outscored the Lady Tigers in both the third (13-12) and fourth quarters (12-7).

Southwest's tough man-to-man defense set the tone early, as Exeter struggled getting the ball in bounds.

"This was just my sixth day with the girls," said Southwest's Destiny Jalbert, com-

ing off a frustrating time in quarantine. "All but two of our girls scored, the bench came in and played hard, and they all played as a unit, which is encouraging this early in the season."

Wilson was the game's high scorer with 20, including 7 of 14 free throws. Macy Barrett led Exeter with 13.

Southwest scorers: Brylee Wilson, 20; Kiya Barker, 11; Lyric Bernard, 6; Alexis Raucstadt, 6; Olivia Ayer, 5; Anna Church, 3; Cally Bowyer, 2; Laney Moore, 2.

Exeter scorers: Macy Barrett, 13; Abbi Caddell, 9; Hailey Mattingly, 5; Emma Sorensen, 5; Madison Crumpler, 4; Jasmine Hall, 2.

Lady Wildcats drop opener to Joplin

Lee Stubblefield

The Joplin Lady Eagles came to Cassville and squeezed out a 36-30 win in the season opener for both teams on Friday night.

It was a painfully low-scoring game at times, with Joplin scoring in single digits for three of the four quarters. The Lady Wildcats had their own shooting woes. After taking a 10-8 lead to end the first quarter, the Cassville girls only managed 5 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

With all the misses, both teams easily had more rebounds than points, with Joplin winning that stat, 41-40. For the game, Joplin shot 26% from the field and 41% from

the free throw line. Cassville connected on just 21% from the field and 50% from the line.

The game heated up in the closing minutes.

Cassville's Kyren Postlewait tied the game at 28-28 late in the fourth, but Joplin answered with two buckets and a pair of free throws to claim a 34-28 lead enroute to the win.

Cassville scorers: Sharayah Seymour, 11; Kyren Postlewait, 9; Lilly Harrison, 5; Riley Morris, 4; Ashlynn Bryan, 1.

Joplin scorers: Brooke Nice, 10; Brynn Driver, 9; Emma Floyd, 8; Isabella Yust, 7; Serefina Auberry, 2.

Patrol website adopts new look

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, invites the public to visit the agency's updated website. Visit us at <https://statepatrol.dps.mo.gov>. The improved Missouri State Highway Patrol design works best with Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox browser.

The home page has been advanced and modernized to make finding information easier and to improve the user's experience. The Patrol's new Show-Me Integrity Accountability Portal is featured prominently to provide an in-depth look into the Patrol's organization, training, career opportunities, and key statistics. The Patrol added a "What's Trending" window at the bottom of the homepage, showing the agency's Twitter posts so those who do not

use social media will still be able to follow the most recent agency news.

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difficult decision to cancel their popular annual fundraiser, the Tinsel Tea, this year. An event hosted by the Cassville United Methodist Church on the first Saturday of December for the past 17 years, the tea was a major source of funds for the pantry.

"Because the needs of the community are especially great this year, the pantry is urgently in need of funding, so instead of the Tinsel Tea, this year we are offering an alternative fund-raising opportunity," Mills said. "With a donation to the pantry in the name of a person on the donor's gift-shopping list, we will give (or mail) a beautiful Christmas gift card to donors, along with confirmation of their gift. In turn, donors can then send the card to a friend or family member stating that a donation was made to the Cassville Food Pantry in their name.

"With this alternative type of gift, the pantry will receive much-needed assistance and social-distancing can be safely practiced," Mills added.

Donations can be delivered and gift cards picked up by dropping by the pantry's new location at 800 West 10th Street or by calling to request that a card be mailed.

For more information about this alternative gift, or with questions about the food pantry's services, please contact Janet Mills at 417-846-7871.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Seeking Applicants For 112th Recruit Class

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, a premier law enforcement agency, is testing for new troopers. The Patrol is encouraging qualified individuals of all backgrounds to apply, and will offer testing at nine different locations in Missouri. Those who successfully complete testing will be eligible to continue in the selection process for the 112th Recruit Class, scheduled to begin training on August 2, 2021. The application deadline is December 15, 2020.

To be eligible, candidates must possess a minimum of 30 college credit hours from an accredited college/university or served in any component of the United States Armed Forces, including National Guard, for a minimum of two years, with an honorable discharge if separated, or a minimum of two years' experience as a full-time POST-certified peace officer when recruit training begins.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has updated its uniform guidelines to allow troopers to have tattoos or brands as long as they meet two requirements: 1) The tattoos or brands cannot depict or support criminal behavior, drug usage, nudity, profanity, promiscuity, subversive groups, bigotry, etc. 2) Tattoos/brands cannot be located on the head, neck, hands, wrists, or any part of the body which would be visible during movements in the performance of their duties while wearing an official uniform or civilian attire. Troopers with tattoos on the arms that would be visible in the class B uniform (short sleeves) will wear the class A uniform (long sleeves).

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The 20-volume Lifetimes of Memories series of books is the product of twelve years of labor for employees of the Barry County Museum. The books contain excerpts from the lives of 99 residents who held memories of living in the Ozarks during an era long past.

Sheila Harris

I discovered the Lifetimes of Memories series of books quite by accident on the Barry County Museum’s website earlier this year. I’ve been enthralled with them ever since. They contain glimpses into the lives of Barry County residents who were raised during the depression, who fought during World War II, and, in general, lived through experiences most of us cannot easily imagine.

At first, I was attracted by the stories of people whose names I recognized, like my kids’ great-grandfather, Dick Harris, but soon I realized that, collectively, they told a story which would forever be lost, if not for the efforts of the employees of the Barry County Museum.

My hat’s off to all of them!

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In 2005, a handful of Barry County Museum employees had the idea of preserving a collective oral history of Barry County residents. Twelve years later, in 2017, they stopped for a breather.

Their finished products, a series of twenty printed books, include the words of 99 area residents - most of them now deceased. The

books represent not only the lives of the individuals interviewed, but also a way of life lived by many who grew up during earlier years in the Ozarks.

For history lovers - especially lovers of local history - the collection is priceless, but each volume is for sale at the museum for \$9.95 each.

Schrediah Mahurin, of Cassville, was approached about taking on the project when she was an employee of Able 2 Products in Cassville in 2005. As a previous employee of the Monett and Cassville Senior Centers, she seemed a natural fit since she was acquainted with many senior citizens in the area.

“I was thrilled to be asked to be a part of the project,” Mahurin said, “but I had zero experience with the concept. In fact, none of us involved had any experience. I started by reading books on the art of oral interviews. My first recorded interview was with my aunt, Eunice Lyall. I thought it would help me if I started with someone I knew, someone easy.”

Mahurin went on to interview the majority of the 99 people whose voices are included in the finished books,

interviews which entailed multiple visits spread out over several weeks.

After being recorded, each interview was transcribed, edited, proofed, edited and proofed some more, sometimes as many as three times, said Barry County Museum director, Kathy White.

According to Schrediah Mahurin, each hour of an interview translated into about 40 man-hours of labor.

“Not only did we need someone to transcribe the oral interview,” Mahurin said, “but, with every interview, people usually gave us a small mountain of photos, more than we could possibly use. We had to wade through them, decide what to use, then place them in the proper place in the dialogue.”

A cohesive narrative also had to be created from each transcription, according to Kathy White, who joined the project as an editor and proofreader after it was already underway.

Staff member Jeremiah Buntin, who holds an English degree, created most of the narrative.

“We didn’t have a set schedule or deadline for publication,” Mahurin said. “Our first volume was published in November 2007, on the day that coincided with the opening of the new Barry County Museum. We held a book-signing in the museum with no idea of how many people to expect. We were overwhelmed with the turnout, so planned a little better for those that followed.”

The voices of residents captured in the Lifetimes of Memories series include both well-known names and those not so much so.

“We tried to interview residents (narrators) from a wide cross-section of the county,” Kathy White said.

“Once people became aware of our project, they began to suggest older residents to us who had great stories,” Mahurin said.

Bridge project nears completion



The new bridge over Flat Creek, north of Y Highway on Farm Road 1135, should be ready for traffic sometime during the first week in December if all goes according to schedule, according to project supervisor, Alvie Brewer, of West Plains Bridge & Grading.

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