

Parnell resigns as Wildcat football coach, Weldy to step up



Shown above, left to right, are Cassville High School football coaches, Clay Weldy and Lance Parnell. Parnell has announced his resignation as head coach; Weldy has been selected to take his place.

Mindi Artherton

Since joining the staff in 2008, Clay Weldy quickly became a leader in the Cassville Wildcat football program. Beginning July of 2022, he will hold the title of “Head Coach.”

During the November Board of Education meeting, the board accepted the resignation of current Head Football Coach Lance Parnell and selected Weldy to lead the program during the 22-23 season.

“Coach Parnell has dedicated nearly 25 years of his career to Cassville Wildcat

football and played a key role in making this program one of the most respected programs in the state,” said Doug Martin, Cassville R-IV Athletic and Activities Director. “We are looking forward to Coach Weldy continuing this strong tradition of success and know he will do a great job for our student athletes.”

Parnell has only resigned as the varsity football coach. He will continue to be employed by the district.

Parnell became a member of Wildcat Nation in 1998 when he joined the district to teach physical education

and to coach quarterbacks and defensive backs. In 2002, he was named Defensive Coordinator for the Cats and Head Coach in 2013.

“I have been coaching football for 26 years,” stated Parnell. “I have loved every single minute of coaching the game that I love. It is time to move on to a new challenge, and I am excited about that.”

Weldy is no stranger to Wildcat football. After coaching a short time at Buffalo, he joined Cassville R-IV in 2008 coaching quarterbacks, running backs and receivers. He was promoted to Offensive

Coordinator in 2012.

“I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve as Head Football Coach of the Wildcats,” said Weldy. “Cassville has been home to my family for 14 years and we are looking forward to being a part of Wildcat football in this capacity.”

Weldy, and his wife, Susan, are both graduates of Aurora High School.

Submit your Christmas memories to editor@4bca.com. We look forward to publishing them as space allows.

Monett Life360 hosts ribbon-cutting at new location



Life360 Community Services in Monett hosted a Monett Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony (above, left) Monday at their new location in the old Cox Monett Hospital building. The building was donated to the Life360 non-profit organization earlier this year by CoxHealth. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Sheila Harris

The Life360 Resource Center, located in the old Cox Monett Hospital building at 801 N. Lincoln Ave., Monett, hosted a Monett Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday. The facility will house offices for many community-building

initiatives, a portion of which will include mental health services, foster care programs, crisis pregnancy care, nutrition services, employment services, and youth and childcare services.

Life 360 Executive Vice-President Jeremy Hahn says not all prospective tenants

are on site yet.

“Some of them won’t be moving in until after the first of the new year,” he said, “but we want to get the word out that we’re here. Stop by and visit with us and learn what we offer. If the service you need isn’t housed here, we can refer you to a location

where it is.”

Monday’s ribbon-cutting was followed by tours of the center and introductions to the resource center tenants. A luncheon was also held for open-house guests.

COVID-19 vaccine for kids, boosters for adults now available

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has amended the state’s standing orders for COVID-19 vaccine administration immediately authorizing use of a single booster

dose for all individuals ages 18 and older after completion of primary vaccination with any FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vac

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This week’s Holiday Gift Basket Contest is sponsored by First State Bank of Purdy.

There are 12 holly ornaments (example shown below) in this week’s issue of The Barry County Advertiser.

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The drawing for the bas-

ket, with a value of \$50 - \$75, will take place December 1, with the winner announced afterward.

Please submit your ornament finds by email to editor@com, by mail to P.O. Box 488, Cassville, MO, 65625, or in person at The Barry County Advertiser’s offices at 201 9th Street, Cassville.

Merry hunting!
EXAMPLE ONLY



CHS Grad appointed Ozark County Prosecuting Attorney



Matthew Weatherman

Ezra DeVore

Cassville High School graduate (Class of 2002) Matthew Weatherman is

now the Prosecuting Attorney for Ozark County.

Weatherman’s term will become effective on December 1, 2021, and continue until December 31, 2022.

Since graduating from Thomas M Cooley School of Law in 2012, and passing the Bar in May of 2013, Weatherman has been working as a sworn-in attorney across Barry, Lawrence, Dallas, Polk, and Howell counties. His current and most recent position at the Howell County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office will end November 30, which he has held since spring of 2019.

“I started my law career

while still in Law School,” says Weatherman, “by completing an externship with the Barry County Prosecutor’s Office, utilizing Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, allowing me to practice law as a prosecutor under the guidance of then-prosecutor, and now Associate Circuit Judge, Johnnie Cox, and Assistant Prosecutor J. Patrick Sullivan.”

Weatherman was then hired by Pamela Musgrave, District Defender of the Area 37 Office of the Public Defender in Monett. Assigned to the Lawrence County

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Area wrecks result in serious injuries

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- According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Michael T. Nash (48), of Cassville, suffered serious injuries on November 16 at 3:50 p.m. when his 2021 Harley Davidson Sport Glide struck debris in the roadway on Highway 248, three miles east of Cassville. The westbound motorcycle then traveled off the right side of the roadway, struck a culvert and overturned, ejecting the driver.
- Nash, who was wearing a safety device, was transported by life flight to Mercy Hospital in Springfield.
- The Harley was towed from the scene by Brice's Wrecker Service.
- The accident was investigated by Trooper T. L. Coffey with Troop D, Missouri State

Highway Patrol.

- According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Barry N. Tidwell (61), of Golden, suffered serious injuries on November 17 at 2:35 p.m. when his southbound 2008 Chevrolet Uplander failed to negotiate a curve on Route J, in Golden. The vehicle then traveled off the roadway, struck the ground, a cable box and a tree.
- Tidwell was not wearing a safety device and his vehicle was uninsured. He was transported by Mercy Life Line to Mercy Hospital in Springfield.
- The vehicle was towed from the scene by Table Rock Auto Clinic.
- The accident was investigated by Msgr. J. E. Givens with Troop D, Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Steve Edwards to retire as president and CEO of CoxHealth



Steve Edwards

After 30 years in leadership, Steve Edwards will soon retire as president and CEO of CoxHealth.

His last day will be May 31, 2022.

"We have been deeply fortunate to have Steve serve

CoxHealth's patients and employees, and the community as a whole, especially through periods of great change," says Rob Fulp, chairman of the CoxHealth Board of Directors. "He will be greatly missed, but we will forever be impacted by his dedication to do right by the community he cares about."

Steve began in leadership at CoxHealth in 1992, and worked in various roles at the health system before being named as president and CEO in 2012. He followed a similar path as his father, Charlie Edwards, who also served as CEO of the health system.

"CoxHealth is fundamentally built on family, a legacy

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COVID-19 cases leap in Barry County

Sheila Harris

According to the Barry County Health Department's November 17 situational update, the percentage of positive cases of COVID-19, per tests administered, jumped sharply during the six-day period between November 11 and 17.

The November 11 update showed 613 tests were administered during the nine-day period between November 2 and 11; of those, 48 cases were positive, yielding a positivity rate of 7.83 percent.

However, between November 11 and 17, the health department reports that fewer COVID-19 tests were administered (338); of those, 72 cases were positive, yielding a positivity rate of 21.3 percent.

For the six-day period ending November 17, 89 people are in isolation with active cases of COVID, up 26 from the previous reporting period, and over 200 people are in quarantine after exposure to a person with a positive case of COVID-19 - up over 125 from the previous week.

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good."

- Maya Angelou

3Acine. This follows the FDA and CDC's announcements today authorizing and endorsing the use of single dose boosters for all adults.

Those who are 18 or older and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are eligible for a booster shot:

- At least 2 months after a 1-dose vaccine of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, or
- At least 6 months after a 2-dose vaccine of Pfizer BioNTech or Moderna.

According to DHSS, COVID-19 booster shots are administered anywhere the

COVID-19 vaccine is available. Individuals do not need to get their booster shot at the same location they received their initial series. Those seeking a booster shot can visit M0St0psCovid.com to find a nearby provider and schedule an appointment or locate a walk-in clinic.

The Barry County Health Department is providing boosters at their Cassville office at 65 Main Street on a walk-in basis.

The Barry County Health Department also announced that the vaccine now available for children, ages 5 to 11 years old. They have re-

ceived a limited quantity of the Pfizer CoVID-19 child dose, which is one-third the amount of the adult dose and is administered as a two-shot series.

Pfizer is currently the only CoVID vaccine approved for use in children 5 years and older.

According to the health department's press release, children can become infected and get very sick from Co-

VID. Those infections may lead to short and long-term health complications.

Vaccination for children ages 5 years and older is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is currently the best way to prevent these infections.

In addition to protecting your child, vaccination helps by:

- Protecting younger chil-

dren and other at risk family members.

- Protecting your child from serious illness, if they contract CoVID.
- Helping to keep children in school and other group activities.
- Helping to slow the spread

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If you have any questions regarding the vaccination, please contact your Primary Care Provider or the Barry County Health Department.

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Notice:

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Thursday, November 25, 2021, and Friday, November 26, 2021, for Thanksgiving.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Thursday, November 25, 2021, and Friday, November 26, 2021, in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal operations will resume on Monday, November 29, 2021.

Seligman Chamber Event Center is having a country dance with live bands every Saturday night from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10 per person. 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (417) 662-3612.

Cassville Pantry is currently well stocked and offering free food assistance via a curbside method. The agency is a Feeding America Pantry located at 800 W. 10th Street, Cassville. It provides fresh produce, meat, bakery, dry goods, and personal care products. Pantry is open every Monday through Thursday morning from 9 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. and every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 5:30 P.M.

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

The Helping Hands Food Pantry services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano and is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Saturday and Tuesday, and also 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. Questions for the pantry can be answered by calling 417-271-1301 or visiting at 32685 State Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock. (Just 1/4 mile east of the Hwy. P intersection). The pantry is supported by area churches, business associations and private donations.

Discovery Quilters meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. at the Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church. New members are welcome.

The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton will be open on Sundays from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA).

Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities provides a network where non profits can belong, share knowledge and support one another. The organization hosts meetings via Zoom. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

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

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

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service. To schedule a ride or find out about service, call the OATS Transit office at (417) 887-9272 or (800) 770-6287.

Nov 19

A Dinner and Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 6 P.M. The kitchen will be serving soups and salads and desserts. The dance starts at 7 P.M. with The Timberline Country Band playing. Cover charge is \$5. Call (417) 628-3314 for information.

Dec 2

Purdy Elementary 3rd and 5th grade general music students and Eagle Echoes audition choir will present "The Great Big Holiday Bake Off - A Confectionary Christmas Musical" at 7 P.M. in the Purdy Performing Arts Center. Admission to the performance is free.

Dec 4

A Holiday Shopping Event Fund Raiser is being cohosted by the women of Central Community United Methodist Church in Shell Knob and the Discovery Quilters of Shell Knob from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the church on YY Hwy., Shell Knob. There will be a large variety of homemade cookies which can be purchased by the pound, and the quilters are offering a variety of unique sewn items which would be perfect for gift-giving. Proceeds from cookie sales will benefit the Alliance of Churches and proceeds from sewn items will benefit the charity projects of the quilt guild.

The Cassville Christmas Parade will begin at 6 P.M. on Main Street. The parade will assemble at Cassville High School at 4 P.M. with the procession beginning at 5:45 P.M. and reaching Main Street by 6 P.M. The parade will conclude on Clover Street.

Washburn Parade will be held at 10 A.M. Entry forms can be picked up at Washburn City Hall or call (417) 826-5242. No entry fee and prizes will be awarded to winners. Santa will be there.

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

A Festive Community Tree Lighting will be held in Exeter after the Christmas parade. Everyone is encouraged to join in the festivities which will include live musical performances, hot beverages and concessions.



School Menus: Nov 29 - Dec 3

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville R-IV 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 or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: cheeseburger or turkey sandwich, Baked Lays, baked beans, juice or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, pears. L: pork patty sandwich or chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, tater tots, corn, fruit cocktail or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, pineapple or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: crispito or quesadilla, corn, nachos, salad, Mandarin oranges or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, animal crackers, yogurt, apple. L: chili or little smokies, cheese, crackers, green beans, cookie, or salad meal.

Cassville R-IV 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, carrots, Sidekicks. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nugget, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: Frito pie or chicken quesadilla, refried beans, corn, fruit cocktail. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: turkey sandwich or chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, cookie, pears. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, tropical fruit or cereal, PB&J, fruit snacks. L: pizza or crispito, carrots, graham cracker, applesauce. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, pears. L: chicken & noodles or popcorn chicken, potatoes, broccoli, gravy, peaches.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: breakfast pizza, fruit. L: super nachoes, black beans, Mexican rice, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: shrimp poppers, mac & cheese, vegetables, fruit. Wed: B: mini waffles, syrup, fruit. L: chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, peas, carrots, fruit. Thurs: B: cinni minis, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: corn dog, potato wedge, fruit. Fri: B: strawberry parfait, chocolate chip muffin, fruit. L: sub sandwich, Sun Chips, veggies, fruit.

Southwest Schools: Mon: B: pancakes w/ butter & syrup, strawberry cup. L: corn dog, peas & carrots, mac & cheese, Mandarin oranges. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, apple slices, juice. L: Frito pie, lettuce, cheese, hominy, salsa, Jello w/ fruit. Wed: breakfast sausage pizza, yogurt cup, peaches. L: salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, hot roll, glazed carrots, pears. Thurs: B: breakfast crispitos, salsa, pears. L: chicken alfredo, garlic bread, winter blend veggies, brownies, strawberry cup. Fri: B: sausage & hashbrown sandwich, yogurt cup, pineapple, juice. L: chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, apple slices w/ caramel, chips.



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Dr. Merlyn Johnson

The first 13 weeks of the school year have gone by quickly, and it has been both exciting and productive thus far. We have already completed the first quarter and are well into our second.

Winter sports are upon us and we are excited about the potential for each of these seasons. Although we continue to navigate through some COVID-19 related challenges, our district staff and students have remained resilient through it all. We continue to look forward to better days ahead for our families, our staff and our Cassville community. Make no mistake, this has been a challenging time for all of us. We have all been impacted by COVID-19 - academically, economically, medically, emotionally and physically. Aside from these challenges, there exist many small victories

WEATHERMAN from FRONT

docket, Weatherman was then "paired up with Senior Public Defender Brian Smith to help train me."

After nearly a decade of being a Public Defender, Weatherman applied for, and was appointed as, Prosecuting Attorney for Ozark County.

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Cassville R-IV Superintendent, Dr. Merlyn Johnson.

and silver linings. Over the past few weeks, we have had numerous celebrations as our students and staff have been able to participate in a traditional school setting with few restrictions. We congratulate them all on persevering and navigating through such a unique school experience. We thank our entire staff for their dedication to our students, not just academically but also socially and emotionally. We thank our families for their constant support and cooperation.

As we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful, I want to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you. First, we are thankful for our students who come to school every day ready and willing to learn. They give us all a daily reminder of what is important, bring us purpose to work hard for something greater than ourselves, and they serve as a constant reminder for why we are here. We are thankful for the sup-

port of the parents, grandparents and guardians in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. Our families dedicate so much time and energy in order to serve as an advocate for their children and to support their children's many endeavors here at Cassville R-IV Schools.

We are thankful for the teachers, paras, bus drivers, custodians, maintenance workers, secretaries, nurses, nutrition staff, therapists, administrators, and all other support staff who really care about student achievement and who have the best interests of our students at heart. Through everyone's efforts, our school is filled with positive, productive, and powerful learning each and every day. We are also thankful for our community supporters, churches, retired teachers, and volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school. I continue to witness dedicated and tireless individuals going above and beyond to make sure great things happen at Cassville R-IV Schools. Every single person truly does make a difference in the lives of our students, and those students, in their own individual ways, benefit from those efforts.

Most importantly, we are thankful for the parents, grandparents and guardians who continue to share their most valuable possessions with us and, in most cases, work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety and well-being. For this, we are ever so

thankful.

My family and I have been warmly received by many individuals in the community and district. We feel so blessed to be part of a community that holds true to the values and traditions that we are familiar with from our own personal experiences. As the superintendent of schools, I will do everything within my abilities to see that the District's efforts to achieve greatness for the children of Cassville R-IV will remain strong for generations to come. The District is in a great position to continue to embrace knowledge, respect tradition, and foster community.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a very happy, healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,
 Dr. Merlyn Johnson
 Cassville R-IV Superintendent

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Dear Editor,

The average individual would not believe that there is anything wrong with celebrating the yearly Thanksgiving holiday by gathering together with friends and family and having a huge meal and thanking the Creator for all of the favors they

have received.

There are several issues that need to be addressed with this Holiday. The term "Holiday" implies that it is a "holy day". For a day to be designated as a holy day, that would imply that the Creator is the one who established this particular day as holy. This, however, is not the case. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by President George Washington after a request by Congress. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on

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First Baptist Church of Purdy welcomes new pastor

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The First Baptist Church of Purdy welcomes Pastor Ed Lassley and his wife Karen to its ministry. Ed is originally from Springfield, Missouri, and Karen is originally from the Detroit, Michigan, area.

Ed previously pastored in Michigan and has recently

come back to his home state of Missouri to pastor.

Ed and Karen have been married for 36 years and have three children, (Christopher, Bryan, and Ally), one daughter-in-law (DeAnn Lassley) and two grandsons (Titus, 5, and Nathan, 11 months).

Karen holds a Certificate of Ministry and Ed holds a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Leadership.

According to a press release from the church, Ed is very excited about the family spirit and ministry teamwork that is truly evident at First Baptist of Purdy.

“My dad had a ministry in Cincinnati,” Pastor Lassley said. “I had my own personal

call, but growing up in a pastor’s family, you’re definitely inspired to surrender your life that way.”

Pastor Lassley earned his first degree, a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Pastoral Studies from the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, where he met his wife, Karen, while she was earning her Certificate of Ministry. Pastor Lassley then earned a Masters Degree in Ministry from the Louisiana Theological Seminary, and his Doctorate of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership from Andersonville Theological Seminary in Albany, Georgia.

Since graduating, he has spent 27 years pastoring Baptist churches in Detroit and Cincinnati, as well as Grace Bible Church in Lansing, Michigan; yet even after 27 years, he still has plans.

“As a church,” Pastor Lassley continued, “we want to be



Ed & Karen Lassley

a real beacon in our community, and see God’s kingdom be built. We’re looking forward to having ministries for children, families, and men and women to meet their individual needs.”

Currently living in Ozark to be with Ed’s parents, Ed and Karen Lassley plan to move to the central Barry County region and embrace this new chapter in their lives.

Are you ready for Christmas?

Helen Hoover

“Are you ready for Christ-

mas?” a friend asked.

“Sure,” I replied.

“You are?”

Her eyebrows raised as she looked at me. It was the first part of December.

“Yes, I’m always ready to celebrate Christ’s birth.”

“Oh, you’re not thinking about the things to get done.”

It seems the question, “Are you ready for Christmas?” is a contest to see who gets the most things accomplished or as a conversation starter. It can also become a pity-party for poor me, look how much I have to do.

Our culture has become so engrossed in getting things done for the holiday that the true essence of Christmas is lost. The focus is on buying gifts and getting them wrapped, making cookies, sending out cards, and decorating the tree.

The secular side of Christmas is fun and enjoyable. There is nothing wrong with these things if they remain as an accessory rather than dominating our energy and time. We need to cautiously keep the glitzy part of the holiday from ruling what we do and how we act.

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While I was looking out the window, I could hear the talking Nancy Nurse doll that I asked for talking in the living room. Santa must be here, I thought.

I looked out the window and saw a Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer flying through the sky. I woke up my sister so she could see Rudolph.

It was a great Christmas Eve. I saw Rudolph flying, and Santa gave me my Nancy Nurse doll.

When I got older I realized it was my mom playing with my doll, and Rudolph was a plane flying over the house, but the joy that night gave me will last forever.

OK Assembly of God Washburn welcomes pastor

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Charles & Vicky Taff

said, “to welcome Pastors Charles and Vicky Taff to our congregation.”

The Taffs have spent the past 40 years in the ministry together.

“For the past 12 or 13 years,” Pastor Charles Taff said, “we headed up Victory House, a Teen Challenge drug and alcohol rehabilitation ministry for teenage girls that we started in Brewster, Kansas.

“My wife has always had a heart for teen girls,” he continued. “The story’s kind of funny. She’d followed my leading for the first years of our ministry, then I said, ‘We’re gonna make a change;

you’ve always followed *me*, now I’ll follow *you*.’ That’s how Victory House was started.”

After their daughter was diagnosed with cancer, the couple moved back to their home town of Steelville, Missouri, to be near her before she passed away December 2 of last year.

In addition to their daughter, the couple has a son who resides in the Springfield area, but no grandchildren.

“We’re too young for grandkids anyway,” Pastor Charles, who’s in his mid-60s, laughs.

Pastor Charles said he and Vicky are excited to see what

the future holds at OK Assembly of God.

“I’d been filling in as pastor for about a month,” he said, “and was officially voted in on November 1.”

The Taffs are currently living in Cassville after recently relocating from Springfield.

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Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, December 28, 2021
Declaration of Candidacy may be file with the City Clerk, 101 Front Street, Purdy, Missouri between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Hours will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing.
Please note that City Hall will be closed Dec. 20 through Dec. 26, 2021.

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SKITS cast comically presents love as a tragedy



Above, Craig Burford, of Shell Knob, freshly dusted with December snow, plays Paul, a successful romance novelist.

Ezra DeVore
Among genres most revered, comedy rarely arises, yet comedy used with taste and wit can examine society with the same scope as a period drama. The Holiday Channel: Christmas Movie Wonderthon by Don Zolitis, as performed by the local community theater SKITS (Skeel Knob in the Spotlight)



Above, Maddye Campbell (left), as the character Holly, exclaims her plight as the owner of a struggling small town hotel to the play's two narrators: SKITS board member and director of The Holiday Channel: Christmas Movie Wonderthon, Anne Hoffman (center) and SKITS Second Vice President, Don Herbert (right). Photos by Adriana Keeton.

exemplified this with clever dialogue, self-aware humor, and radiant performances during three presentations November 12 - 14. The story was spun from a web of intentional cliches and near-constant, yet tasteful, fourth-wall breaking. Based on the "Christmas Love Story" tropes, the story told six stories at once, with each of

the six couples encompassed in some form of trope. The New York real estate agent was swayed from corporate life by a small town man to learn the true meaning of Christmas and the European prince was conveniently undercover long enough to fall in love with a blonde woman. The play, delightfully performed, offered a unique in-

spection of the absurdities so swiftly accepted in love stories: obsession, gas-lighting, blind recklessness, and the sacrifice of common sense in an attempt to earn the fairytale perfection promised by the very cliches this play mocks. One story in particular, the tale of Carol and Jackson, was a hilarious yet insightful study of obsession and what one will do to achieve the perfection they've dreamt up. Carol stumbled upon an



Above, Sue Klassen, as Carol (above) attempts to soothe her comatose "boyfriend," Jackson (below), played by Cade Keeton.

unconscious man so enthralling she fell in love. Carol then raided Jackson's wallet and phone to uncover more information about her new accidental suitor, and even photo-shopped herself into pictures on his phone and created texts between their phones to appear as though Carol and Jackson had been in a long-standing, committed relationship. Upon Jackson eventually regaining consciousness, Carol poisoned Jackson's dog to

further Jackson's reliance on her. All of the play's storylines were interwoven and detailed a certain aspect of love in need of criticism. The humor was a true testament to the immense talent of the cast, crew, and director, Anne Hoffman, in that even the play's dark themes of deceit, greed, and love were shown beautifully as comically eternal.

Horner Ridge 4-H members serve breakfast to veterans



Horner Ridge 4-H members served a pancake breakfast to area veterans at the Sho-Me Plaza in Cassville on October 13. Shown above, left to right, are: Vietnam veteran, Ted Bolton; his wife, Fran Bolton; and 4-H members Aubrey Kilts, Hailey Bowen, Jace Welters and Jasmine Corn.

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 Shown at left, left to right, are: Senior, Patti Vang; Freshman, Sarah Holenda; Sophomore, SaTriana Krattley; and Junior, Ali-cyn Chang.

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Above, are students Makaiden Boles (front) and Makenna Hagins (rear).

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MARVIN E. PHIPPS
Marvin E. Phipps, age 78, of Cassville, passed away Friday, November 19, 2021, at his home.
He was born December 9, 1942, in Ava, the son of Edward and Zelma (Robertson) Phipps. On June 5, 1964, in Ava, he was united in marriage to Linda Henley, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Maria Kay Phipps, of Cassville; one sister, Nancy Crowell and her husband, Jim, of Columbia; three nephews, Bill Crowell, Ron Crowell and Aaron Stanifer and several

niece-in-laws; great nieces; great nephews; cousins; and friends.
Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Audra.
Marvin grew up and attended school in Ava, graduating from Ava High School in 1960. After graduating, he attended Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, receiving an Agricultural Business Degree in 1968. He then began working for Barry County Farmers Home Administration Of The United States Department of Agriculture as a loan supervisor from where he retired in 2000. He served as a board member and loan officer for Freedom Bank in Cassville, board member for Barry County Electric Cooperative for twenty years, board member for Barry-Lawrence County Developmentally Disabled Tax Board and was on the Board of Directors at Freedom Bank. He was

very proud to be an owner of Show-Me-Select Angus Heifers. Raising his heifers and taking care of his property was what he enjoyed, but he loved and was devoted to his wife and their very special daughter. He was a member of Cassville United Methodist Church.
Services were held Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at Cassville United Methodist Church in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jeff Fugitt conducted the services.
Contributions may be made to The Arc of the Ozarks or Barry-Lawrence County Development Center, Incorporated in memory of Marvin.
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TRACY RAY LANNUM
Tracy Ray Lannum, age 61, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021, at home.
Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 5:00 P.M. Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
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WILMA LOUISE CALLAN
Wilma Louise Callan, 92, of Monett, passed away Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.
BETTY LOU KAISER
Betty Lou Kaiser, age 84, of Exeter, passed away Friday, November 19, 2021, in Bentonville, Arkansas.
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Ozarks Food Harvest sets fundraising goal

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Community members can support The Food Bank by donating through its website or Facebook fundraiser on Nov. 30. Ozarks Food Harvest's fundraising goal of \$30,000 will help provide more than 120,000 meals to children, families and seniors in the Ozarks. Feeding Missouri, the Feeding America food bank coalition for Missouri, and CoxHealth will be matching donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. "The holiday season can be an especially difficult time for families facing hunger," said Denise Gibson, development and communication director at Ozarks Food Harvest. "We're so grateful to everyone in southwest Missouri that helps support our mission to Transform Hunger into Hope." Since 2014, Ozarks Food Harvest has raised more than \$175,000 through Giving Tuesday campaigns to help provide more than 700,000 meals to families experiencing hunger in the Ozarks. Ozarks Food Harvest is the largest COVID-19 related donor to charities in southwest Missouri serving 270 hunger-relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank reaches nearly 30,000 individuals weekly and provides more than 23 million meals annually. In southwest Missouri, 1 in 5 children and 1 in 6 adults face hunger. To donate to Ozarks Food Harvest on Nov. 30, visit ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate. For more details about the Giving Tuesday movement, visit givingtuesday.org.
Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America food bank for southwest Missouri, serving 270 organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank reaches nearly 30,000 individuals weekly and provides more than 23 million meals annually. Learn more at ozarksfoodharvest.org, facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest or twitter.com/ozksfoodharvest.



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Cassville School Board Notes
November 18

Ezra DeVore
 Clint Walton of RE Smith Construction reported that the current anticipated completion date of the new playgrounds (K-2 and 3-5) is May 12. According to Walton, the new playgrounds will be highly modernized and entirely wheelchair accessible.
 Middle School Special Education teacher Bob Defenbaugh and Middle School Counselor Amy Cole have submitted letters of retirement, effective July 1, 2022. Additionally, Cassville's head coach of varsity football, Lance Parnell, has resigned from his coach duties. Parnell has been in the football program at Cassville for 24 years, with the previous nine spent as the head coach. Parnell will remain employed in the district as a teacher, however his retirement from football coaching will be effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. In Parnell's stead, Clay Weldy will be hired as the Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.
 At the recommendation of Cassville High School Principal Tyler Willis, the Board approved the employment of Teresa Stewart as a High School Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, effective in the spring semester of 2022. The Board also approved Mary Richmiller as the Intermediate School Music Teacher, in response to the critical teacher shortage, and a recommendation from Intermediate Principal Jeff Swadley. Richmiller will begin as Intermediate School Music Teacher effective Janu-

ary of 2022.
 According to Superintendent Johnson, current FCS (Family and Consumer Sciences) teacher, Amy Johnson, will move to the elementary technology teaching position in January, and Melissa Volenweider, who is serving as the elementary technology teacher due to critical shortage, will complete the first semester in this position.
 Cassville Superintendent Dr. Merlyn Johnson gave a report detailing that the Cassville schools are not supplied with as many COVID-19 testing kits as preferred for students and staff, so a decrease in testing was discussed. Additionally, Emergency Leave policies were reviewed to allow more leniency for teachers taking care of their quarantined young children.
 "The first part of the 2021-2022 school year has gone by quickly," began Superintendent Dr. Merlyn Johnson, "and it has been both exciting and productive thus far. We have already completed the first quarter and are well into our second. Winter sports are upon us and we are excited about the potential for each of these seasons. Although we continue to experience some COVID and quarantine challenges, we have persevered through it all so far."



LETTER from 5A

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the last Thursday in November.
 The point that I am trying to make is that the Creator did not establish this day as a holy day. This specifically means that it is actually a false man-made holiday.
 A genuine "Holy-Day" has three (3) specific criteria for it to be considered as a true Holy day. (1). The Creator has to be the One who established it. (2). All true "Holy-Days" were established in the very first year of Creation. (3). They absolutely must apply to every man, woman, and child in the world at the same time.
 Scripture says that Noah built the ark to save the innocent animals. It also says we are not supposed to kill. It also says that we were all given every herb of the field and every fruit of the tree,

and it shall be our food. All throughout Scripture there are repeated references to the planting and harvesting of the garden. We are all supposed to be vegetarians.
 As such, we are not supposed to be killing and eating any of the innocent turkeys, chickens, pigs, or beef when we are giving thanks to our Creator. We were created from the dust, clay of the earth and so we should be getting our nutrition from the earth as well.
 Daniel refused to defile his body by eating the meat from the kings table. As a result, Scripture says that he was 10 times better than all others in the entire realm.
 When Moses brought the descendants of Yacob out of pagan Egypt, he told them. "You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days." When properly interpreted, what Moses actually told them was; "You shall not eat any defiled food from now on".
 Do you remember your mom telling you to eat something because it was good for you. Just consider how good it is for all of those innocent animals when you do not kill and eat any of them.
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Shell Knob Bakers, Quilters Team Up for Holiday Shopping Event

Do you like homemade cookies for the holidays? Do you appreciate unique sewn items for yourself or to give as gifts?
 The women of Central Community United Methodist Church in Shell Knob and the Discovery Quilters of Shell Knob will offer both baked and sewn goods Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church on YY highway.
 The ladies of the church will offer a large variety of homemade cookies which can be purchased by the pound, giving you an opportunity to try many different kinds.
 The proceeds from the Cookie Walk will benefit the Alliance of Churches and the services they provide to help our neighbors in need. The Cookie Walk has been a very popular event in years past. It was suspended in 2020, but is back this year! Be sure to stop by to get your cookies for the holidays!
 The Discovery Quilters have been sharing their expertise and skills for many years in Shell Knob. The guild has more than 60 members who support several quilt missions in the community and surrounding areas. As many as 200 baby quilts are given each year to Barry and Stone County Health Departments, the Purple Flower Domestic Violence Center in Eureka Springs, and the Pregnancy Lifeline of Stone County. They work with the VFW to present Quilts of Valor to veterans and they make comfort quilts for friends and family who experience illness or loss.
 The Guild will offer a variety of items at our Boutique on Dec. 4 including potholders, placemats, table-toppers, and other things: some that are useful and some that are simply pretty. Their sales support their guild programs and activities.

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USDA Reminds Barry County Farmers and Ranchers to Vote in County Committee Election

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has started mailing ballots for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Barry County FSA office or postmarked by Dec. 6.

“FSA county committee members provide valuable knowledge and judgment as decisions are made about the services we provide, including disaster and safety-net programs,” said Tammy Spicer, county executive director for Barry County. “Please take a few minutes to review your ballot and make your

selection prior to the Dec. 6 deadline.”

Each committee has from three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office, and at least one seat is up for election each year for a certain Local Administrative Area (LAA). Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2022. County committee members help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility.

The nominees up for election in LAA 1, which includes the townships of Ozark, Crane Creek, McDowell, McDonald, Jenkins, Mountain, Mineral, Shell Knob, Sugar Creek, Roaring River, and White River in Barry County are O.D. Cope. Cope is nominated to serve as a committee member for a 3-year term. He farms the family Century Farm. He has a beef cattle operation and produces alfalfa and grass hay.

He is an active member of the Barry COC serving 6 years and currently serves as Chairperson. He also serves on the Ozark Electric Co-op board.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits. Also, for County Committee elections, producers who are not of legal voting age, but supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, are eligible to vote.

Producers can find out if their LAA is up for election and if they are eligible to vote by contacting their local FSA county office. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office. Visit fsa.usda.gov/ elections for more information.

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Jessie Long
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Axl Tello Vasquez

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Aidan Conner
Nayely DeLeon
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Ty Lile
Ivan Lomeli
Alejandro Rivera
Bentley Talbert
Marshall Taylor
William Alvarez
Jordan Conner
Abigail Keener
Jasmin Pastor-Gomez
Nelly Ramirez Hernandez

Fourth Grade “A”:

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Dulce Elias
Emma Graham
Nadalie Kukovich
Uriel Ochoa
Bryson Terry
Brinlee Vineyard
Grace Wolf
Josie Brown
Roman Earnhart
Raylan Grant
Jessica Harris
Audie Hutson
Braeden Leahy
Jaelynn Webb
Justin Wolf

Fourth Grade “B”:

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Eduardo Roman
Brayleigh Taylor

Fifth Grade “A”:
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Sophie Tyson
Karson Rosewicz
Laney Lamp

Fifth Grade “B”:
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Local businesses team up for scavenger hunt on Small Business Saturday

Sheila Harris

The hunt is on in Cassville this Saturday, November 27, as eight businesses team up for the third annual Small Business Scavenger Hunt. Start times for the hunt vary from store to store. See ads at the bottom of this page for more information.

Event organizer, Charli Jo Baugh, of Tomblin's Jewelry in Cassville, says the annual event is intended to bring the local community together.

"People don't even have to buy anything in order to participate," she said. "The main thing we want is for people to have fun."

The scavenger hunt works like this:

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

"For example," she contin-

ued, "maybe it will be 'Find Santa in his workshop,' or 'Find the heart-shaped diamond.' When the shopper finds that item, their name is entered into a drawing to be held December 4. People can enter the drawing at each of the eight businesses to increase their chances of winning, or simply enter once at one business for one chance to win."

According to Baugh, shoppers may earn extra chances

to win by taking a selfie inside a participating business, then posting it to Facebook and tagging the business and the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce.

On December 4, 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.

The winners' names will be posted to Tomblin's Facebook page the same day.

Participating businesses include: Carey's Cassville Florist, Designs by Debbie, Diva Bling & The Tiny Highlander Boutique, Forever Yours Embroidery, Habitat ReStore, The Pink Zebra Boutique, Tomblin's Jewelry & Gifts and Whitley Pharmacy.

Additional businesses

may also be included whose names were not available at press time.

Happy hunting!



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of caring, and deep local connection," says Fulp. "Steve has greatly extended this mission and commitment through his own efforts."

A search committee, composed of CoxHealth Board of Directors members, has al-

ready been named to choose the health system's next president and CEO. They will begin immediately with the goal of having the next top executive in place before Steve's departure in May.

"We take the responsibil-

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Two vacancies, each for a 3 year term, will be filled at the election. The positions that are currently up for election are held by Todd Schallert and Mike Bennett. Qualified candidates may file in the Superintendent's Office located at 201 S. Gabby Gibbons Drive in Purdy, Missouri. The names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballot in order of Filing.

Filing will begin on December 7, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., and will continue thru 5:00 P.M., on December 28, 2021 during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday thru Friday from 8:00A.M. to 4:00P.M.

The office will be closed for the holidays from December 20, 2021 thru December 27, 2021. A school representative will be in the office on December 28, 2021 to accept filings from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. If school is cancelled due to inclement weather the office will be closed.

Dr. Travis Graham, Superintendent

Southwest School Board Filing Dates Set

Filing dates for candidacy for the Southwest R-V Board of Education election have been set for December 7, 2021 through December 28, 2021, during regular office hours {8 am – 4 pm/ Monday through Friday}. Filing will begin December 7, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. and end on December 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The office will be closed for the holidays on the following dates: December 17 {12:30 pm}, December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27 and 28 until 12:00 p.m., also if district is closed due to inclement weather. The office will be open on the last day of filing, December 28 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Qualified applicants for the Board may file for candidacy with Board Secretary Judy Brooks in the office of the Superintendent. In accordance with Policy BBB, placement of candidate names on ballot will be in the order of filing.

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