

Arrests made in connection with body found near Seligman



Daniel Blanks

Sheila Harris

Reginald Baker, of Seligman, and Daniel Blanks, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, were arrested in Tulsa over the



Reginald Baker

weekend in connection with the death of Richard Phillips, of Springdale, Arkansas. Phillips's body was found by

squirrel hunters about 1:15 p.m. Saturday, near Forest Road 1014 north of Seligman.

According to Barry County Sheriff Danny Boyd, the body had been discarded down a hillside about a half-mile from the road.

"Springdale police had been to Barry County last Tuesday to let us know that Phillips had disappeared from his Springdale apartment and may be in the area," Boyd said.

According to Boyd, Phillips had suffered multiple gunshot wounds, although

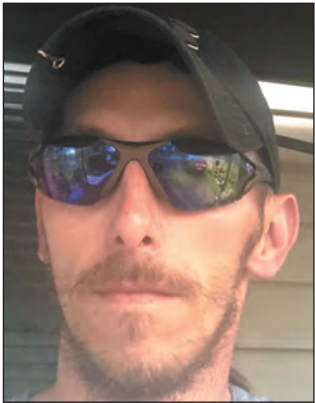
his body has been sent to Arkansas State Crime Lab to determine an official cause of death.

Boyd, along with Barry County detectives Doug Henry and Abby Parsons, collected evidence at the scene, which included shell casings. Shell casings of the same size were also found in a recovered vehicle in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Baker and Blanks were arrested in connection with Phillips' disappearance.

According to Boyd, it was obvious the shooting did not occur where the body was

found. Authorities believe Phillips died in Springdale, where Springdale Police public information officer, Lieutenant Jeff Taylor, says witnesses reported seeing two men forcibly remove Phillips from his apartment after an argument. The witnesses then contacted the authorities.

After their arrest, the suspects were held in the Tulsa County Jail before being extradited to Washington County, Arkansas, where they're currently held and where their cases will be prosecuted.



Richard Phillips

Blank and Baker face numerous charges, which may be upgraded as crime lab evidence is returned.

Where is Roaring River Spring's water coming from?



Above, Roaring River State Park employee, Kelly Koch, of Cassville, replaces charcoal packets near the mouth of Roaring River Spring. The packets are used in dye-tracing tests performed by hydrologists Ben Miller and Bob Lerch, with the Cave Research Foundation. The tests have been ongoing for four years and are being used to determine the breadth of the area from which Roaring River Spring draws its water. Photo by Sheila Harris.

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While a diving team has been plumbing the depths of Roaring River Spring, hydrologists Ben Miller and

Bob Lerch have been conducting dye-tracing tests on the land surrounding the

spring to determine the extent of the area – known as the "recharge basin" - from which it draws the average 20.4 million gallons of water it churns out daily.

"Roaring River is one of the most important springs in Missouri, and it's crazy. . . for a spring this size, nobody knows where its water comes from," said Miller, an employee of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and native of Springfield, who now resides in Mount Juliet, Tennessee.

With U.S. Forest Service funds granted through the Cave Research Foundation, Miller and Lerch, a retired USDA soil analyst from Columbia, have been working on the detailed project for the past four years. They are assisted by Roaring River State Park Cultural Resource Interpreter, Kelly Koch, of Cassville, who likens the

karst topography below the Ozarks landscape to "Swiss cheese."

Karst, the soluble limestone and dolomite below foot in the Ozarks, which dissolves into the formation of sinkholes, caves and underground aquifers, is the fascinating resource the Cave Research Foundation (a non-profit organization of which Miller and Lerch are both members) seeks to preserve through research and education.

"Becoming aware of the size of Roaring River Spring's recharge area will give people an idea of how easily its water can be impacted by contamination that occurs miles away from the spring and river itself," said Bob Lerch. "So far, we've learned that the spring draws water from a 40-square-mile area, primarily to the north and west of it. "That means, for example,"



Above, Ben Miller (front) facilitates the spread of the non-toxic dye he and fellow hydrologist, Bob Lerch (rear), injected into a stream bed near Roaring River Spring as part of dye-tracing tests they are conducting for the Cave Research Foundation to determine the extent of the spring's recharge area.

Photo by Kelly Koch.

he said, "that if a chemical tanker overturned on Highway 37 in the Washburn area, any spilled chemicals would

almost surely make their way into Roaring River Spring."

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We love a parade!

Ezra DeVore

Cities in Barry County are making plans for Christmas parades: the traditional annual events that spell candy and Santa for wide-eyed children.

• **Washburn: December 4, 10 a.m.**

Washburn's Christmas Parade will proceed from the Washburn Baptist Church to the Southwest Middle School. Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third place float entries, in addition to a \$125 prize.

• **Exeter: December 4, 1:30 p.m.**

Exeter's Christmas parade will proceed from Front

Street, southward. After the parade, Santa will be at City Hall with gift bags for children.

• **Cassville: December 4, 6 p.m.**

Line-up will begin at 4 p.m. in front of the field house on Meadow Drive and proceed to Clover Street.

First-place awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Marching bands
- Single-unit vehicle, best decorated
- Single-unit vehicle, oldest
- Single vehicle, most unusual
- Horse-drawn

A first-place traveling

award will be presented in the following categories:

- Religious
- Non-religious
- Commercial

A "Kids' Choice Award," sponsored by Hutchens Construction, will also be presented. The winner of "Best Float" will receive \$1,000.

• **Wheaton: December 11, 6 p.m.**

On December 10, Wheaton will hold a Christmas Light Contest for those who have utilities with the city of Wheaton, though residing within city limits is not required for entry. The first, second, and third place win-

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Natural gas rates to almost double

To reflect estimated changes in the wholesale cost of natural gas as well as a change in the company’s Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor, Spire East and Spire West customers of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire will see natural gas rates change under a filing that takes effect on November 30, 2021.

The ACA factor is a mechanism which tracks any over-collection or under-collection of actual natural gas costs over a 12-month period. The net over- or under-collected balances are subsequently either refunded or collected the next year. Spire’s current ACA period includes costs associated with the February 2021 Cold Weather Event (Winter Storm Uri) which had a significant impact on certain natural gas prices.

Spire East residential customers currently pay approximately \$0.37 per therm of natural gas. Under this filing, the rate will increase to approximately \$0.59 per therm. Spire West residential customers currently pay approximately \$0.40 per Ccf (per hundred cubic feet) of natural gas. Under this filing, the rate will increase to ap-

proximately \$0.79 per Ccf.

The cost of natural gas from wholesale suppliers generally makes up approximately 50 percent to 55 percent of a customer’s total monthly natural gas bill. The wholesale cost of natural gas (the cost your local natural gas company must pay to its suppliers for natural gas) is not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The wellhead cost of natural gas is unregulated and is primarily driven by supply, demand and the weather.

The Missouri Public Service Commission does conduct an annual regulatory review to ensure that regulated natural gas companies make prudent decisions in securing natural gas supplies for their customers.

What you can do to help manage your utility bill:

- Add attic insulation if necessary.
- Place weather stripping around doors; use plastic film-covering and caulk windows to keep heat from escaping from your home.
- Change or replace furnace filters each month when dirty.
- Have your chimney checked

for blockage.

- Close fireplace dampers when the fireplace is not being used.
- Have your heating system checked and tuned-up if needed.
- Place an approved insulated cover-jacket around the hot water heater.
- Consider getting professional help for any projects that are beyond your capabilities.
- Contact your local utility company to ask about energy saving tips and programs.

Spire East provides natural gas service to approximately 654,600 customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, Crawford, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.

Spire West provides natural gas service to approximately 522,000 customers in Andrew, Barry, Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Dade, DeKalb, Greene, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Moniteau, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Stone and Vernon counties.

Outpatient chemotherapy services now offered at Cox Monett

Access to convenient, outpatient chemotherapy services is now available close to home.

Last week, Cox Monett began offering chemotherapy treatments at the new hospital located at 1000 E. Hwy. 60 in Monett. While the types of chemo offered are limited at this time, for some patients, this means that most cancer care can be given in Monett.

“Previously all CoxHealth patients needing to receive chemotherapy would have to drive to Springfield for treatment,” said Geoffrey Davison, system director of Oncology at CoxHealth. “This is a great benefit to the community to be able to provide a specialized service locally in a hospital setting.”

Outpatient chemotherapy services at Cox Monett is part of an overall plan to increase access to CoxHealth’s oncology services. Initially, the team plans to focus on immunotherapy, which is a

more easily tolerated chemotherapy regimen. Over the course of the coming months, additional therapies and an expanded provider presence could be added. All chemo regimens will be determined on a case-by-case basis, tied to the patient’s diagnosis.

“Our first patient was ecstatic that he is now able to receive his treatments locally,” said Sabrina Gralheer, registered nurse in the Ambulatory Procedure Center, who will be involved in most patients’ chemo treatments at Cox Monett. “We spent months training and preparing for this day. To be able to offer chemotherapy closer to home is the right thing to do.”

Hematology and oncology specialist Dr. Raymond Lobins currently sees patients on Wednesdays at the Visiting Physicians Clinic, which is located at 2200 E. Cleveland Ave. in Monett. To make an appointment, call 417-875-2607.

COVID-19 Situational Update

COVID-19 cases in the state are on the uptick, while Barry County cases have taken a slight downturn, as reported by the Barry County Health Department on November 24.

The health department reports 65 new cases in Barry County, a decrease of seven new cases since November 17. However, statewide, there has been an increase of 14,800 new cases since that same date.

The health department reports the death of one more resident of Barry County due to complications of COVID-19: a male 61 years of age or older with significant underlying health conditions.

The state reports an increase of 97 deaths of COVID-19 patients for the same period.

According to a KY3 report, as of November 29, COVID patients in Springfield hospitals had doubled from 40 to 80 in a two-week period, and CoxHealth reported that it has reopened its COVID-19 unit.

Energy Help Available Through OACAC

Sheila Harris

According to Tommie Trammell, director of OACAC’s Low Income Heat Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), all area residents may apply for assistance with their heating bills through OACAC’s Winter Crisis Intervention Program. The winter programs runs from October through May and can be used for help with

most types of heat sources, including natural gas, propane, electric and wood.

“Eligibility is based on income,” Trammell said. “We encourage everyone who is interested to apply, because, many times, people are eligible who might not think they would be.”

The Winter Crisis Program is intended to provide help to prevent a pending crisis. The program is federally funded and administered through OACAC, which makes payments to the utility vendors.

“It takes about 30 days for applications to be processed,” Trammell said, “so we advise people to keep paying on

their bills during that time to prevent shut-off.”

A second energy assistance program provides one-time payments from the state to utility vendors, for qualifying households with residents with disabilities or who are over the age of 60.

Both programs are federally funded and are income-based.

Applications may be found online at <https://oac.ac/liheap-energy-programs/>. Residents may also call 417-864-3460 to have an application mailed, or stop by the Cassville OACAC Center at 10826 FR 2172 to pick an application up

Monett Pfizer Clinic for kids planned

The Barry County Health Department will conduct a vaccine clinic on Tuesday, December 14, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Monett Intermediate School. This clinic is open to all five to 11 year olds. There is no cost to receive the vaccine. Appointments must be scheduled by calling 417-847-2114.

Pfizer CoVID-19 child dose is one-third of the adult dose and is a two-shot series.

Pfizer is currently the only CoVID vaccine approved for use in children five years and

older.

Children can become infected and get very sick from CoVID. Those infections may lead to short and long-term health complications. Vaccinations for children five 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 children 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 of CoVID in the community.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccination, please contact your primary care provider or the Barry County Health Department.

Please call 417-847-2114 to schedule an appointment for your child’s vaccination.



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

Notice:

Important message from the Barry County Collector's office: **Barry County Courthouse** will be closed Friday, December 31, 2021. Skyler Bowman, Barry County Collector, has announced that her office will remain open for TAX PAYMENTS ONLY. The Collector's Office is unable to make any changes or corrections, therefore, please plan to contact the Assessor's office in order to request any changes or corrections prior to December 31. Penalties will begin January 1, 2022. Payments can also be made by mail and online at barrycountrycollector.com. Please contact the Collector's office at (417) 847-2113 if you have any questions.

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.

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 3

A Dinner and Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 6 P.M. Chili and chili dogs are on the menu. The dance starts at 7 P.M. with The Sac River Band playing. Cover charge is \$5. This is a family friendly event.

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.

Dec 5

The Purdy Christmas Parade will begin at 11 A.M. Lineup will be from 10 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. in the Purdy High School parking lot. The parade route will run from the high school, turn west along Hwy. C and continue to Country Corner. There is no charge to enter the parade and young spectators are encouraged to bring a sack to collect candy. For more information about the parade, call Julie Terry (417) 236-4139.

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

School Menus: Dec 6 - Dec 10

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nugget, hashbrown, mandarin oranges or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, tropical fruit. L: spaghetti or alfredo, salad, carrots, breadstick, juice or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: popcorn chicken or country steak, potatoes, brown gravy, corn, breadstick, juice or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chocolate muffin, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, Pop-tart, orange. L: pizza or ham sandwich, Sun Chips, carrots, salad, fruit cocktail or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage, toast, pears or cereal, granola bar, apple. L: corndog or fish sticks, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables, juice or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, apple or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: burrito or crispito, nachos, refried beans, corn, pears or salad meal.

Cassville R-IV PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: Frito pie or chicken quesadilla, refried beans, corn, fruit cocktail. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, animal crackers, mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: corndog or fish sticks, mac & cheese, peas, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, hashbrown, toast, pears or cereal, granola bar, peaches. L: soft taco or crispito, corn, salad, graham crackers, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage, pineapple or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: country steak or chicken nuggets, gravy, potatoes, baked beans, applesauce. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-tart, pears. L: grilled cheese or turkey sandwich, Sun Chips, carrots, tropical fruit.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: scrambled eggs, ww toast, fruit. L: chicken parmesan, romaine salad, tomato, ranch, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: taco salad, refried beans, Mexican rice, fruit. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup, fruit. L: chicken tenders, potatoes au gratin, corn, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast tornado, fruit. L: wg pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, tomato, ranch, fruit, fudgy brownies. Fri: B: blueberry muffin, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken fried steak sandwich, Sun Chips, vegetables, fruit.

Southwest Schools: Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, pears, juice. L: Philly cheesesteak, carrots, chips, pears. Tues: B: cereal bar, mozz. cheese stick, peaches. L: vegetable beef stew, corn muffin, peaches, crackers. Wed: B: biscuits & gravy, applesauce, juice. L: orange chicken, rice, broccoli, fortune cookie, pineapple. Thurs: B: strawberry mini bagels, yogurt cup, pears, juice. L: cheese pizza, romaine salad, corn tropical fruit. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, tropical fruit, juice. L: BBQ rib sandwich, cole slaw, banana bread, mandarin oranges, chips.

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DONE BY ORDER OF:
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Dear Editor,

Cassville Taxpayers may not be aware that the City of Cassville came into a generous windfall this year. That's right, the U.S. Government saw fit to give Cassville \$600,000 for assistance due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Now you might be wondering just what will become of such a surplus. You are probably asking yourself exactly what kind of plans the City has for these funds.

After all, with the fiscal wisdom that we have seen from this group in the past, there is no doubt that they won't be very frugal when deciding where to use these funds.

Well, hopefully this letter will answer some of your questions.

A reliable source has informed me that the City has come up with the wise idea of installing showers in city hall. That's right, *showers*; showers quite similar to what you would find in a locker room or gym.

Now, I can't begin to explain how the city came up with this brilliant idea, nor do I know if the spending of these funds must be approved by the city council, or if this is strictly a decision that's left up to the city manager (as if it makes a difference). But whoever came up with such a foolish thought needs to be "tapped" for the simples.

We have witnessed over

County purchases vehicles

Sheila Harris

According to minutes from the Barry County Commission's November 18 meeting, a single, sealed bid was received from Les Jacobs Ford, in Cassville, for the county's pending purchase of three new vehicles for law enforcement

The bid, totaling \$105,649, was awarded to Les Jacobs Ford for the county's purchase of two police interceptor vehicles (at \$35,299 each) and one half-ton pickup (at \$35,051).

Presiding commissioner Gary Youngblood stated that the purchases - a regular annual expense - had been planned for in the county's annual budget.

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they choose to spend *your* money.

We really need a few good candidates on the next ballot for city council, people who aren't afraid to be critical of foolish ideas. People who aren't afraid to question what is proposed.

If it's a good idea, then that's great, but why approve an idea that you know is bad to begin with?

Do you live in the city limits? If so, why not consider running for city council? If you have the willingness to put forth better ideas, the citizens of Cassville need you.

Gail Purves
Cassville

Editor's Note:

In response to this letter, I contacted Cassville City Administrator, Steve Walensky, and Financial Director, Isaac Petersen, to give them an opportunity to respond to these allegations.

Walensky states that tentative plans are in being discussed for remodeling the restrooms in Cassville's City Hall, although, at this time, they have no cost estimates, therefore, no firm plans for showers.

When asked why there would be a need for showers in the city hall building, Petersen pointed out that sometimes law enforcement personnel are in need of a shower after helping with the clean-up of auto accidents or other incidents.

Walensky says the allegation that the city purchased five vehicles for staff members is untrue.

"We purchased a patrol vehicle for the police department and a replacement vehicle for the public works department," he said.

Petersen noted that the city has received \$640,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds, with half of the allotment received this year and half to be received next year.

Dear Editor,

I have read several comments on Facebook regarding Boyd McNeil's letter. I have a few questions and comments.

First, where in scripture does it say, "All true Holy Days were established in the very first year of Creation?" And are any of them still in circulation? Second, where in any literature does it state, "We are all supposed to be vegetarians?" And if that were so, what happens to the unattended animals? Would they not become so numerous that they would require most of all vegetation? And, "Scripture says that Noah built the ark to save the innocent animals."

Some were saved, and some perished in the flood, according to Genesis Chapter 7. Be sure to read the chapter and you will see that people, animals and birds were vic-

tims of the flood.

Genesis 9:3 refers to the eating of meat.

Exodus chapter 16 tells about God providing quail for the Israelites as they wandered 40 years between leaving Egypt and their arrival in the promised land. Numbers chapter 11 gives a more detailed account of this provision. Read the whole chapter.

Throughout the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, written by Moses, speaks of God's pleasure with animal sacrifice. It further details what portions of the various animals are to be eaten and what parts are to be destroyed. It's stated in various places in the Pentateuch. Anyone who has read much of these books knows that!

Don Beeson
Cassville

Dear Editor,

MoDot has been in violation of our right-of-way laws ever since placing "yield" signs for right turning traffic leaving Hwy 37 and turning onto highway H or W and other intersections. A MoDot person told me, via email, years ago, that the signs were placed to avoid left turning traffic backing up at those intersections. There is not enough traffic for that to happen and even if there was MoDot would have to provide a "legal" remedy. MoDot has to comply with the law and remove those yield signs.

Russel Knight,
Exeter



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“One of the best Christmas gifts I’ve ever received”



Above, retired First State Bank President, Ann Hall, displays a portion of a crocheted shawl she received from her grandmother as a Christmas gift many years ago.

Ann Hall, Purdy

My husband, Ken, and I were looking through some snapshots recently, when I came across a photograph that reminded me of one of the best Christmas gifts I’ve ever received.

My grandmother was one of those crafty ladies who crocheted, made quilts, sour-dough bread, etc. This particular year, shawls were the “in” thing. Grandma phoned one day asking me to come over; she needed a model. It seemed that my cousin had asked Grandma to make her a shawl. When I got to the farm, Grandma had this beautiful off-white triangle crocheted for Karen’s shawl. Since Karen and I were the same size, Grandma wanted me to try it on to see if it

needed to be longer before she added the fringe. I immediately decided (the shawl) was what I needed to complete my wardrobe, but Grandma kept talking about how she’d have to hurry to get this one finished in time for Christmas. I took the hint and decided a handmade shawl was not in my future. Christmas morning, I had quite a stack of loot, including a lovely blouse from my grandparents. It wasn’t a handmade shawl, but I had been forewarned and wasn’t really expecting one - not really.

Cleaning up the ribbon and wrapping paper, Ken picked up a paper sack that had been stuffed way back behind the Christmas tree, with my name on the outside.

He handed me the sack, and inside was - you guessed it - the beginning of a lovely shawl. Grandma hadn’t had time to make a shawl for me, but, as a surprise, she had sat up and begun one the night before. This picture catches the expression of delight on my face as I opened the sack and took out a section of crocheted shawl (with the ball of yarn and crochet hook still attached!).



CMS October Students Named



The Cassville Middle School October Students of the Month, sponsored by Willis Insurance, pictured above, left to right, are: Sixth Grade: Kaiyln Speer, daughter of Samantha and Justin Speer of Cassville; Seventh Grade: Avery Stokes, daughter of Laura Stueven, of Cassville, and Travis Stokes, of Purdy; Eighth Grade: Sara Stockton, daughter of Cheryl and Larry Stockton, of Cassville.

Students are pictured with CMS Principal, Mr. Darren Rhea (far left), and Jeremy Marple (far right), with Willis Insurance.

Students of the Month are nominated by CMS teachers based upon academic excellence, perseverance or improvement, who display exemplary citizenship and are a positive influence on school culture.

Students of the Month receive a candy bar, a Sonic gift card and lunch with Mr. Rhea.

Christmas Contest, Week One: And the winner is . . .



Shown above, Judy Hayes and Trey Rose, of First State Bank, draw the name of the lucky winner of the gift basket and table centerpiece donated by the bank, as a sponsor of The Barry County Advertiser’s weekly “Tis the Season To Be Giving” Christmas Contest.

Charlene Hermansen’s name was drawn Wednesday by First State Bank of Purdy’s Cassville loan officer, Trey Rose.

After finding the 12 hidden holly ornaments in last week’s Barry County Advertiser, then submitting her finds to the newspaper’s office, Hermansen’s name was drawn as the winner of the goodie-filled gift bag and centerpiece generously donated by First State Bank, sponsor of the first week’s contest. Congratulations, Ms.

Hermansen! This week’s contest is sponsored by Security Bank of Southwest Missouri. Find the 12 gingerbread men hidden in this issue of The Barry County Advertiser, then email your findings to editor@4bca.com. You may also drop them at our office at 201 9th Street in Cassville, or mail them to P.O. Box 488, Cassville, MO 65625. Please include your telephone number on submissions.

EXAMPLE ONLY



Crowder Theatre to present Frozen JR

The Crowder College theatre department will present Disney’s *Frozen JR* Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 4, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., in the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Neosho campus.

Tickets reservations are available via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CrowderCollegeTheatre> or at the door. Tickets are \$12 each for adults and \$8 each for

children 12 and under. Bring a canned food donation and receive half off of the ticket price.

Cast and Crew include: King Agnarr: Micah Corrick; Queen Iduna: Shana Whisman; Pabbie: Gage Starbuck; Bulda: Madilyn Hawkins; Bishop: Sean Harper; Kristoff: Haden Thompson; Sven: Cloe Belcher; Hans: Briggs Gard; Weselton: Kaden Mein; Olaf: Alexis Taylor

Barnett; Oaken: Dora Gilreath; Young Elsa: Mackenzie Whipkey; Young Anna: Violet Hill; Middle Elsa: Lillian Leake; Middle Anna: Amara Christenson; Elsa: Tatum Burt; Anna: Caroline Cole; Housekeeper: Dora Gilreath; Handmaiden: Isabelle Bryson; Butler: Michael Jones; Cook: AJ Guatney; Ensemble: Breanna Phillips, Nora Boyt, Tobin Boyt; Pre-show Elsa: Piper Davies; Pre-show Anna: Melody Vickrey; Pre-show Olaf: Averie Sandlin; Understudy: AJ Guatney; Crew: Caleb McKinnis, Tyra

Todd, Madison Davenport, Bailey Drake.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, *Frozen JR* expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, *Frozen, Jr.* is sure to thaw even the coldest heart.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION FILING DEADLINE PURDY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT PURDY, MISSOURI

The Purdy R-II School District will accept Declarations of Candidacy from persons interested in running for a position on the School Board in the April 5, 2022 election.

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

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Ozark Festival Orchestra to present Christmas Concert

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The Ozark Festival Orchestra will open its 42nd season with its annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Monett High School Performing Arts Center.

Under the baton of music director Todd Borgmann, the OFO will present music for the holiday season, both sacred and secular. Seven selections will offer seasonal favorites.

“Christmas Round the World” will share the tunes and traditional music from Europe and America, including a beloved Hanukkah song. “A Canadian Brass Christmas” lets the orchestra shine with musical colors celebrating the festive spirit of the holiday.

Orchestral treatments of “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas,” “God Rest

Ye Merry Gentlemen” and “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” offer flourishes from different sections of the OFO to bring simple melodies into grand statements for the holidays. A surprising arrangement of “Silent Night” will provide an entirely new way to enjoy a beloved favorite, as will “A Christmas Portrait.”

This is music that will raise your spirits and help usher in the joy of the holiday.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, and free for children high school age and under. The performing arts center is located on the north side of Monett High School, west of the Price Cutter supermarket at Bridle Lane and East Cleveland Avenue.

Social distancing will be recommended in the auditorium. The OFO will fol-

low safety guidelines as proscribed by the Monett school district for using the performing arts center.

The OFO will continue its 42nd season with its Young Artists/Soloist Showcase Concert on Feb. 20, also at the Monett High School Performing Arts Center; its Pops in the Park/Marty Beckwith Memorial Concert on April 24, either at the high school PAC or at the Monett City Park Casino.

The OFO is a community orchestra composed of players from southwest Missouri and nearby towns, focusing primarily on classical music. The orchestra is supported by memberships, local foundations, ads in the orchestra program book and funds managed by the Monett Community Foundation.

Local MSU Student nets first in IT contest



Shown above are members of the Association for Business Information Technology (A-BITS) for the College of Business at Missouri State University (MSU) at a competition in Amarillo, Texas, in October.

Wayland Cha, of Wheaton, shown in the photo above, is a member of the Association for Business Information Technology (A-BITS) at the College of Business at Missouri State University (MSU).

The association netted multiple wins and the Top School Award for MSU at the U.S. Information Technology Collegiate Conference (USITCC) south central regional competition in Amarillo, Texas, in October.

Cha was awarded first place in Application Devel-

opment at the competition. You can read more on our blog post here: <https://blogs.missouristate.edu/cob/2021/11/16/itc-competition/>

The A-BITS team participates in two major competitions/conferences each year: USITCC and the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (nCCDC). They both happen in the spring and USITCC has a regional conference in the fall.

More details can be found at: <http://usitcc.com/> and <https://nccdc.org/>

USITCC has eight competitions aligned with the school's ITC curriculum. Each competition covers a specific area of study with real life problem statements created by industry practitioners.

“In the past, we have had great success in Cybersecurity, PC troubleshooting, and System Analysis and Design,” said Sean Barnhill, director of marketing for the College of Business at MSU.

Texas man injured in Route J crash

Ezra DeVore

According to a Missouri Highway Patrol report, on November 28 at 6:30 a.m., Benjamin LeBleu (39), of Grove, Texas, was south-

bound in a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe when he fell asleep, ran off Route J in Golden, struck a tree, totaled the vehicle.

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Opening Date for Filing: Tuesday, December 7, 2021
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.**

No person shall be certified as a candidate for a municipal office, nor shall such person's name appear on the ballot as a candidate for such office, who shall be in arrears for any unpaid city taxes or municipal user fees on the last day to file a declaration of candidacy for the office (Section 115.346 RSMo.)

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Students of The Month at Eunice Thomas Elementary

Exemplifying the character trait of "Integrity"



Shown above, left to right, are Kinder Academy students Lacy Ferguson and Zayne Christie; Elizabeth Oberst and Jordan Mink are absent from the photo

Shown at right are members of the Kindergarten class, left to right, front row: Mileena Epperson, Noa Williams, Isabella Martinez, Hailey Buckner and Aubrey Kilts; back row, left to right: Briar Atnip, Alex Harris, Keegan Thompson, Jeremiah Crawford, Riley Hayward, Remington Dutton and Reef McIntyre.

The best way to see Christmas is through the eyes of a child.



Shown above are First Grade students, left to right, front row: Nelli Jo Reed, Madison Still, Neelei Johnson, Hazlee Gwinup, Morgan Hinson and Camile Smith; back row: Kinley Stough, Connor Madsen, Tristan Bicksler, Fuchi Thao and Alec Smith; Brooklyn Barber is absent from the photo.



Shown above are Second Grade students, left to right, front row: Charley Nichols, Patience Massey, Greycynn Ware, Shannon Doucet, Zoi Stockton and Karma Perez; back row: Maddox Clory, Michael McNeill, Oliver Fields, Elijah Bunnell, Ryder Ellis and Milton Aman

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Call or email City Hall for a parade entry form, or print one off of the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WheatonCity>.
The 41st annual Wheaton Winter Wonderland Christmas Parade will be held on December 11 at 6 p.m. Line-up will begin at the Body of Christ Ministries, and the parade will proceed to the end of the school parking lot.
Free hot dogs, chili and hot chocolate will be served in the City Park after the parade by Wheaton FFA and the Wheaton Student Council.
Awards for first, second, and third place will be given to the winners of seven categories in the parade: religious floats, non-religious floats, marching units/bands, horses, tractors, cars & trucks, and miscellaneous.
• **Seligman: December 11, 2 p.m.**
Seligman's Christmas parade will begin near Dollar General and proceed to City Hall. After the parade, stop by the City Hall Community building for photo opportunities with Santa, where children will be given a gift bag.
• **Purdy: December 14, 11 a.m.**
Purdy's Christmas parade will begin at the high school parking lot and proceed to Country Corner. There is no charge to enter the parade. For more information, people may contact Julie Terry at 417-236-4139.

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SW Elementary September Students of The Month



During the month of September, students were chosen to be Rangers of the Month at Southwest Elementary. These students exhibited the character trait of Responsibility.
Shown above, left to right, in the front row, are: Ezmae Flick, Grayson Pendergraft, Wesley Baras, Paige Owens, Scarlett Thompson; middle row: Jessie Tull, Marshall Tucker, Lolo Chisholm, Ali McKinney, Audrey Starr, Azlyn Kelley; back row: Brody Holt, Addy Lakey, Brylee Cutberth, Easton Wilson, Aubrey Miller; absent: Chevelle Hackler.

SW Elementary October Students of The Month



During the month of October, students were chosen to be Students of the Month at Southwest Elementary. These students exhibited the character trait of Respect.
Shown above, October Respectful Students, left to right, in the front row, are: Aubri Miles, River Clark, Hazel Roe, Ashlynn Townsend, Jayce Cutberth; middle row: Kendall Cook, Lauryn Terry, Kathleen Smith, Lilly Lowe, Briggs Myers, Garrett England; back row: Dustin Libertus, Jaxs Dover, Bentley Libertus, Jaelyn Wright, Hannah Brooks; Absent: Elliott Thomas.

Purdy FBLA, Volleyball Team
Raise Pink Out Funds

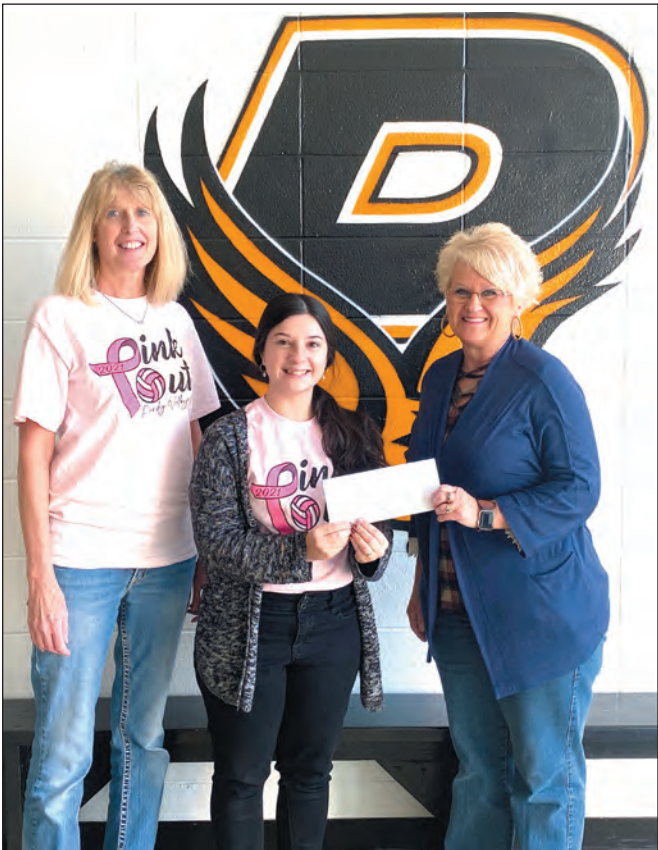
The Purdy High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter and Purdy High School Volleyball Team raised \$1,300 in their annual October Pink Out fundraising effort.

Funds were raised from t-shirt and cake-pop sales, a hat day, a 50/50 raffle, a Pink Basket raffle and a serving contest at the Pink Out Volleyball Game.

This year's proceeds were divided evenly between the Power of Pink, a Wheaton-based organization serving local breast cancer patients and their families, and Anna Willson, sister of Purdy Elementary teacher Sarah Willson, who is currently battling breast cancer.

Pictured at right, from left to right, are Purdy FBLA Advisers, Kay Wright and Emily Kooi, and Janice McCrackin, representing Power of Pink.

Not pictured were Purdy High School Volleyball Coach, Mica Propps, and recipient, Anna Willson.



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BETTY LOU KAISER
Betty Lou Kaiser, age 84, of Exeter, passed away Friday, November 19, 2021, in Bentonville, Arkansas.
She was born August 9, 1937, in Exeter, the daughter of Clovis and Lucy (Smith) Packwood. On March 11, 1977, she was united in marriage to Willis Jay Kaiser who preceded her in death on June 27, 2003. Also preceding her were her parents; one son, Randy Tiner; one brother, Verdayne; and one sister, Imogene.
Surviving are three sons, Rickey Tiner and his wife, Gail, of Centerton, Arkansas, Rory Drummond and his fiancée, Kristi Moore, of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Joe Kaiser and his wife, Patty, of Centerton, Arkansas; one daughter, Carrie McKenney and her husband, Rob, of Noel; one brother, Harold Packwood and his wife, Joy, of Exeter; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.
Growing up in Exeter, she received her education and graduated from Exeter High School. Throughout

her lifetime, Betty worked at Jumping - Jacks shoe factory in Cassville, in the shoe department at the first Walmart in Rogers, Arkansas, as a manager at a trailer park in Bentonville, Arkansas, and as a janitor for Bemco Inc. in Centerton, Arkansas. She was a housewife that loved to cook, cherished her three sons and enjoyed raising them and her two stepchildren. Betty was a member of the Ridgley Church of Christ.
Graveside services were held Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Gary Cook conducted the services.
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CHARLENE OPAL FULTON
Charlene Opal Fulton, age 87, of Eagle Rock, passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021, at home.
She was born on January 6, 1934, in Eagle Rock, the

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daughter of Charles and Ora (Prier) Ball. On July 14, 1950, at Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Fulton, who preceded her in death on March 21, 2012. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one brother, Oman Ball; and two sisters, Eva Jane Ball and Mary Ball.
Surviving are two daughters, Pam Hinson and her husband, James, of Eagle Rock, and Jane Divine, of Cassville; one brother, Arzell Ball and his wife, Thelma, of Richardson, Texas; six grandchildren, Misty Stover, Heather Brown, Jimmy Hinson, Danielle Still, Tyler Hinson and Kendra Flattem; ten great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.
Charlene attended schools in Eagle Rock and Cassville before marrying and starting her family. After working as a waitress at Roaring River Lodge and Crow's Dinner House, she went to Vaisey Bristol Shoe Factory. She then purchased and operated a restaurant at Hill Top. She was later employed by Emerson Electric in Rogers, Arkansas, then FASCO Industries in Cassville in the customer service department from where she retired. After retirement, she farmed with her husband and later worked in the Mercy Hospital cafeteria. She enjoyed telling stories to friends and family but most of all she loved spending time with her family. She was a member

of Corinth Baptist Church where she loved spending time in fellowship with her Christian family.
Services were held Monday, November 29, 2021, at Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Donnie Spears and Chad Brown conducted the services.
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RUTH HAZEL (HILBURN) LAKEY
Ruth Hazel (Hilburn) Lakey, age 71, of Cassville, passed away on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas. Mrs. Lakey, daughter of William and Lona (Richardson) Hilburn, was born on July 15, 1950, in Butterfield. She was a 1967 Cassville High School graduate. Ruthie worked for Fasco Industries in Cassville for several years and subsequently went on to work for Mercy Hospital in Rogers as a Surgical Technician. She

loved life and lived it to the fullest, always having a good time wherever she went. Some of her favorite pastimes were fishing, camping, four wheeling, and spending time with family. Ruthie attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Cassville.
Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Brigante and her husband, Dennis, of Medford, Oregon, and Sabrina Boulton and her husband, Sam, of Fountain Valley, California; seven grandchildren, D.J., Nathan, Amber, Alissa, Samuel, Ashley, and Shiane; one great-grandson, Jaden; nine step-great-grandchildren; five brothers, Clyde Hilburn, Ralph Hilburn and his wife, Sharon, Wayne Hilburn and his wife, Becky, and Jerry Hilburn and his wife, Sundra, all of Cassville, John Hilburn and his wife, Brenda, of Grove, Oklahoma, and Harvey Hilburn and his wife, Linda, of Wayne; two sisters, Rhoda Balch, of Cassville, and Linda Coons and her husband, Steve, of Exeter; and numerous nieces and nephews, including her great-niece, Lillianna Mosqueda, of Wayne, that she raised as her own.
In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Sonnie Lakey; three brothers, Sammy Earl Hilburn, Charles Hilburn, and James Hilburn; and one sister, Helen Stapon-ski.
Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 2021, at the Russell Cemetery in Butterfield, with Pastor Kevin Hilton officiating.
The family will receive

friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and entrusted to the White Funeral Home, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.
Service arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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ELMER LEE DAVIS
Elmer Lee Davis, Sr. age 82, of Monett, passed away Tuesday, November 23, 2021, in Monett. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

MICHAEL "MIKE" LEWIS SCHMIDT
Michael "Mike" Lewis Schmidt, of Monett, passed away Monday, November 22nd, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home in Monett.

PATRICK EDMONDS
Patrick Edmonds, age 78, of Shell Knob, passed away on Monday, November 29, 2021, in his home. No services are scheduled at this time.
Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home & Crematory, Cassville.

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NANCY LYNN GREGORY
Nancy Lynn Gregory, age 64, of Exeter, passed from this life on Monday, November 29, 2021, at Cox Hospital, Monett. Ms. Gregory, daughter of Jack and Ina (Stringer) Foster, was born on September 6, 1957, in Nampa, Idaho.

Nancy enjoyed working as a program supervisor for ARC of the Ozarks, but her greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren. In her spare time, Nancy liked crochet, gardening, photography, and loved her Higher Ground church family. She was a beautiful soul and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include two daughters, Stacy Gregory and Kitana Estrada and her husband, Tomas, all of Monett; and her two grandchildren, Mateo and Maite.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her son, Shaun Gregory; and one sister, Darla Ransom.

No services are scheduled

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at this time.

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JEFFERY SCOTT LINDER
Jeffery Scott Linder, age 61, of Granby, passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

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LYNNE ANN (HENDERSON) SIEBERT
Lynne Ann (Henderson) Siebert, age 63, of Exeter, passed away at her home surrounded by her children on Friday, November 26, 2021. Ms. Siebert, daughter of Richard and Francis (Nolte) Harman, was born on May 2, 1958, in Richmond, Virginia. For the last ten years, Lynne has been employed with the Exeter School District as the Food Service Director. The administration and staff all cared for her, always treated her like family, and Lynne and her family will forever be grateful. Lynne was a loving mother and grandma who always put her family's needs before her own, showing them how to be strong and to never give up. She had a

huge heart, was always willing to help others, and lived her life to the fullest. Some of her favorite pastimes were gardening, her flowers, mowing her lawn, and spending time with her grandchildren. Though her time here was cut short, Lynne left a lasting impression on so many hearts and will be greatly missed by so many.

Survivors include one son, Chris Henderson, of Cassville; one daughter, Stephanie Myers and her husband, Chaise, of Cassville; eight grandchildren, Alyzea Myers, Addison Myers, Ashton Henderson, Miles Henderson, Chloe Henderson, and Aubree Donovan, Malyea Henderson, and Isabelle Donovan, whom she raised as her own; special friend, Savannah Lawrence; two brothers, Lee Harman and his wife, Rachel, of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Ricky Harmon and his wife, Diane, of Mechanicsville, Virginia; three nieces, Ashley Harman, Courtney Harman, and Heather Guthrow and her husband, Daniel; one nephew, Justin Tanir; one great-niece, Lily, and one great-nephew, Daniel.

In addition to her parents, Lynne was preceded in death by her daughter, Lisa Nicole "Nikki" Henderson on February 19, 2019; one sister, Lori Tanir; and her step-mother, Pat Harman.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville, with Pastor Milford Baker officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

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

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LAURA DEANN GARRETT
Laura Deann Garrett, age 59, of Shell Knob, went to be with her husband Dordie on Monday, November 29, 2021. Mrs. Garrett, daughter of Jim and Viola (Johnson) Thiesen, was born on November 5, 1962, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. On March 8, 1996, she was united in marriage to George A. Garrett, III, in St. Joseph. They were inseparable, the perfect pair and are united at last. Laura was fierce, loyal, kind, and she instilled these qualities in her one and only daughter, Jami, as well as her two granddaughters. Needless to say for Laura, her girls hung the galaxy. Her fur babies, Zoey, Oliver, and Olivia, were cherished companions.

Laura left behind one daughter, Jami McSorley-Whisman and her husband, Jamie, of Shell Knob; two granddaughters, Kylie Martin and Jalie Whisman; one brother; three sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Laura was preceded in death by her husband, George Garrett, III, on March 21, 2010.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, Missouri, with Brother Reece Morrow officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Haven of the Ozarks and entrusted to White Funeral Home, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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Fitzpatrick to Launch 3rd Annual 12 Days of Unclaimed Property

It's the most wonderful time of the year—and Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick will spend 12 business days reminding Missourians to channel their inner-Kris Kringle and check the Unclaimed Property list. Beginning December 1 and continuing through December 16, the @MOTreasurer Twitter and Facebook accounts will encourage Missourians to search the Unclaimed Property database for their names and others they know. All posts will use the hashtag #12DaysofUCP.

“Cyber Monday has come and gone but this deal lasts year round and always has free shipping,” Treasurer Fitzpatrick said. “My Office holds over \$1 billion in Unclaimed Property and we want to return it to rightful owners—especially as we approach the holidays and Missourians find increased costs at the gas pump and on grocery store shelves this sea-

son. While these social posts take a tongue-in-cheek tone about some of the items in the unclaimed property vault and names on the list, I hope Missourians will take a serious look and maybe find an unexpected holiday gift.”

State law requires financial institutions, insurance companies, public agencies and other business entities to turn over unclaimed assets to the Treasurer's Office. Most Unclaimed Property consists of cash from bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and contents of safe deposit boxes that have been abandoned. It can also include uncollected insurance policy proceeds, government refunds, utility deposits, and wages from past jobs.

Since taking office in 2019, Treasurer Fitzpatrick has broken six Unclaimed Property records. His broken records include returning the first \$1 million of his administration in less than 10 days,

returning over \$45 million in one fiscal year, returning Unclaimed Property to more Missourians in one year than any prior treasurer, returning \$100 million to Missourians faster than any prior treasurer, returning more Unclaimed Property in one fiscal year than any prior year, and returning more Unclaimed Property in one month than any prior treasurer.

The Treasurer's Office currently manages over \$1 billion in unclaimed assets in more than five million owner accounts. Unclaimed Property is waiting for one in ten Missourians, and the average return is nearly \$300. Missourians can search and claim Unclaimed Property year-round at ShowMeMoney.com.

MDC Nov. Firearm Deer Harvest Numbers

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 187,967 deer during the November portion of firearms deer season, Nov. 13-23. Of the 187,967 deer harvested, 101,501 were antlered bucks, 16,435 were button bucks, and 70,031 were does.

Top harvest counties were Franklin with 4,144 deer harvested, Texas with 4,050, and Howell with 3,244.

Last year hunters checked 177,769 deer during the November portion of firearms deer season with 96,298 being antlered bucks, 16,128 being button bucks, and 65,343 being does.

For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of

deer, visit the MDC website at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/.

For harvest summaries from past years, visit mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries.

MDC reported two firearms-related hunting incidents during the November portion of the firearms deer season with both being non-fatal and self-inflicted.

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

Learn more about deer hunting in Missouri online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer.

Get more information about deer season and hunting regulations from MDC's 2021 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where hunting permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/fall-deer-turkey-hunting-regulations-information.

MDC seeks volunteers for Spfd. Nature Center

Volunteers play valuable roles at the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Springfield Conservation Nature Center.

People who are interested in volunteering at the nature center can learn more about the duties this entails at a Springfield Conservation Nature Center volunteer interest meeting from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2. Volunteer positions require an average commitment of 10 hours a month and are for individuals ages 18 and older. Duties that nature center volunteers perform include staffing the reception desk, helping with gift shop sales, animal care, assisting with educational programs and special projects, and patrolling the trails.

Individuals who have questions or want more information about this can call Assistant Nature Center Manager Amy Juhala at 417-888-4237 or e-mail SprfdNatureCenter@mdc.mo.gov.

The Springfield Conservation Nature Center is located in southeast Springfield at 4601 S. Nature Center Way. Information about nature center events can be obtained

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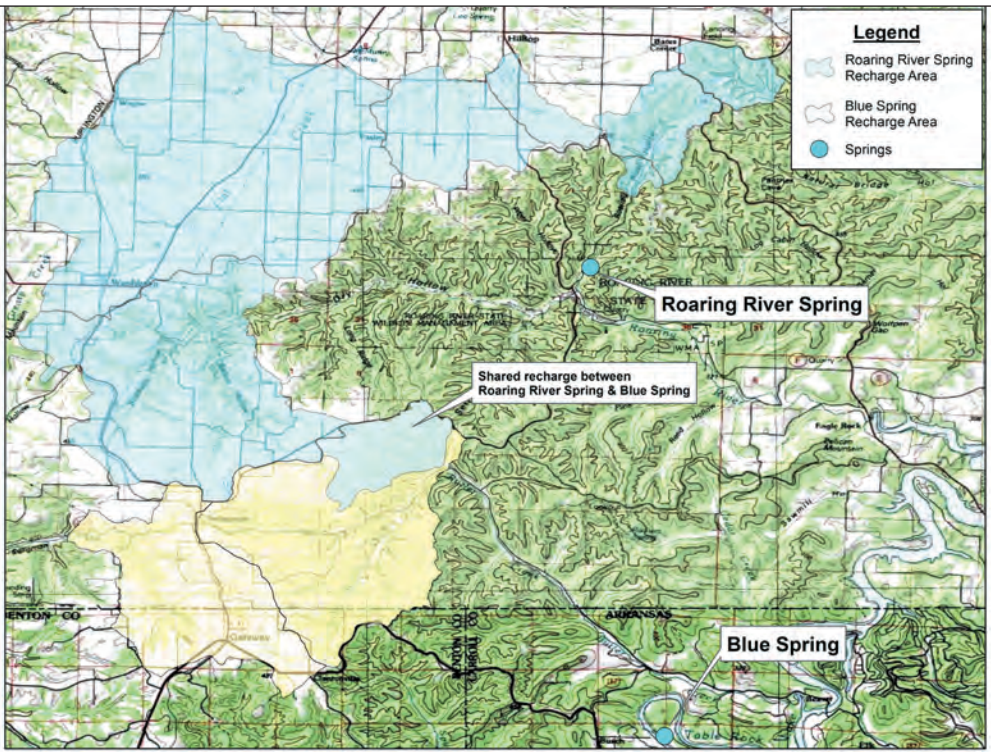
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On the map, above, the blue area - some 40 square miles - shows the known recharge basin (so far) for Roaring River Spring. The smaller blue/green area to the south shows the recharge area shared with Blue Spring, near Eureka Springs. Map courtesy of Cartography by Ben Miller, Cave Research Foundation, 2021.

tracing tests that Miller and Lerch are conducting - with the help of Koch - consist of pouring (“injecting”) the contents of canisters of non-toxic, powdered dye into chosen water channels (either wet or dry) at predetermined distances from the spring. A different color of fluorescent dye is placed into each of three or four selected injection sites, per round of injections. The trio take great care to ensure that stray dye does not reach the surrounding landscape, which could produce a false reading on their tests.

Meanwhile, near the mouth of Roaring River Spring, teabag-sized packets of absorbent charcoal have been submerged and secured in strategic locations in anticipation of the dye’s arrival into the spring’s water. A week or two after the dyes have been injected, per instructions from the hydrologists, Koch collects and replaces the charcoal packets, which are sent to three separate labs to determine whether dye is present in them.

“If dye is detected in a sample, we note the area where that dye was injected and chart it,” Lerch said.

“When samples come back from the lab with positive results for dye, we move outward from those injection

sites for our next round of injections,” Lerch said.

“We look for natural water channels to inject,” Miller said. “Sometimes favorable injection sites are on U.S. Forest Service land and sometimes they’re on private property. In those cases,” said Miller, “we track down the names of landowners and ask for permission to test.”

Miller explained that, many times, a stream can be flowing, then appear to dry up.

“It doesn’t necessarily mean that the water stops flowing,” Miller said. “With this karst topography, sometimes the water just goes underground and flows below the surface. We call the spot where it goes underground a ‘sink.’”

An unusual detail the hydrologists have discovered in their research is that in an area in Butler Hollow, Roaring River Spring shares a por-

tion of its recharge basin with Blue Spring, near Eureka Springs.

“The water that goes southeast actually has to run beneath the White River in order to reach Blue Spring,” Lerch said. “It’s really strange; it shows that some of the aquifers feeding Blue Spring are ancient.”

Kelly Koch pointed out another surprising bit of information: most of the dye injected into areas within close proximity of the spring did not make its way into the spring water.

“We think the dye just didn’t have enough time to sink to the depth of the spring in order to enter the water flow,” said Koch.

Bob Lerch agrees. “Unless there’s a deep feature like a sinkhole, the dye probably won’t reach the spring water in time to show up on our test,” he said.

“Forecast rain is the num-

ber one factor we take into consideration when choosing dates for rounds of dye-tracing tests,” Lerch said. “Sometimes we can do two rounds of injections during the spring when there’s typically more rain. And, in the fall, if rain is in the forecast, we can sometimes place the dye in a dry water channel, knowing rain will soon move it.

“What we don’t want,” he added, “is to have the dye sit there on dry ground for weeks or months, without giving us any information.”

According to Lerch, he and Miller completed their ninth round of dye-tracing tests at the end of October. They began the project in 2017.

“We expect to get the lab results back for this round by the end of January,” he said, a turnaround time he says is typical.

“As long as we continue to get positive results, we’ll continue to test, although we foresee the project possibly coming to an end within a year or two,” Miller said.

With new knowledge coming to light about the depth of Roaring River Spring, additional information about the area encompassed by its recharge basin will lead to a better understanding of the relationship between the two, and, Lerch hopes, emphasize the importance of keeping our soil and groundwater free from contaminants.



Students of The First Quarter named at CHS



Senior Landy Parnell and Junior Jacob Martinez have been named Students of the Quarter for the first quarter at Cassville High School.

Parnell is involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Interact Club, Volleyball, Track and Soccer. She is the daughter of Lance and Suzy Parnell.

Martinez is a member of both the Cross Country and Track and Field teams. He is the son of Marla and Felipe Mendoza.

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Shown, left to right, are: Mr. Tyler Willis, CHS Principal; Martinez; Parnell; and Troy Wenzel, with Rockin’ W Excavation.

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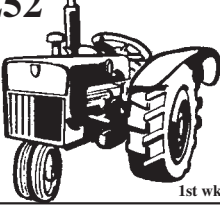
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