

Cats clip Cubs in homecoming comeback

Lee Stubblefield

Great teams win great games when great players make great plays.

So a fitting end to Friday's Barry County Brawl came with Cassville's Isaac Hadlow crushing Monett's Ethan Umfleet to blow up a potential hook and lateral on the final play of a one-point game.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Cassville Wildcats earned the Brawl trophy, claiming a 21-20 victory with a wild comeback victory. Monett last housed the Brawl hardware back in 2016, when the Cubs pulled out a 21-20 win at Burl Fowler Stadium. Since then, it's been all Cassville.

- 2017: 21-0
- 2018: 49-12.
- 2019: 21-14.
- 2020: 50-0.

Add a 21-20 Cassville victory to that list.

Despite all the glitz and glamor of Homecoming and



The Cassville Wildcats and the Monett Cubs faced off Friday night in the annual "Barry County Brawl," a tradition that gives neighboring rivals an opportunity to show which team's boss. This year's nail-biting brawl resulted in a last-minute, one-point win in the Wildcats' favor. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

the annual Barry County Brawl, this game at Wildcat Stadium was widely dis-

missed as just an exercise between two 1-4 rebuilding programs. Instead, this

turned into a game for the ages, one that will endure in Cassville football lore. It's a loss that Monett would like to forget.

No one from Cassville will soon forget the visual of

Cutter Hicks limping up and down the field in the final quarter, willing himself and his team to a stirring comeback victory in a defining display of courage, character, and calm.

Game

The first half was an old-school defensive battle. The scoreboard finally changed when Monett drove 73 yards in 13 plays on the first possession of the second quarter. Corbin McCully banged into the end zone from three yards out, and Erik Chavez added the PAT for a 7-0 lead with 7:43 left in the half.

Cassville responded with a long drive that stalled at the Monett five-yard line with 1:50 on the clock. But Peter Littlefield's 23-yard field goal attempt hooked left, as Monett maintained the 7-0 advantage.

The stalwart Cassville defense held Monett to a quick three-and-out, and the Wildcats stormed down to the Monett 25-yard line with three seconds remaining. But a desperate Hicks pass was intercepted in the end zone

The third quarter belonged to Cassville.

Littlefield dribbled an on-side kick off the tee, and the Wildcats recovered at the

See FOOTBALL 8A

Board okays E911 employee perks



Shown above, E911 Board president, Jon Horner (left), swears in Emma Burns (right) as board secretary at its September 27 meeting. Submitted photo.

Sheila Harris

At the Barry County E911 board's quarterly meeting Monday, September 27, director Mike Phillips brought to the board's attention the difficulty the center has in hiring and retaining emergency dispatchers.

"We are facing a lot of competition for employees from other E911 centers, as well as from other area employers in general," he said.

According to Phillips, a help wanted ad that ran for two weeks recently yielded only five applications for the

See E911 5A

Chili Cook-Off moves back to the square



Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Chili Cook-Off is moving back to the Cassville Square this year. The event is scheduled for October 23.

Ezra DeVore & Sheila Harris

The annual Cassville Chili & Salsa Cook-Off is scheduled for October 23, and, this year, due to overwhelming popular demand, it will again be held on the square. The event, organized by the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce, promises fun for everyone in the family. Activities will get underway at 8 a.m. with live music, over

50 vendor booths offering a variety of homemade goods, crafts, furniture and more. And, of course, chili and salsa-cooking and tasting.

According to Chamber director, Morgan Williams, kids, too, will get in on the fun in a special area reserved just for them.

"First Baptist Church," she said, "is providing an area featuring carnival games and

crafts for kids.

For those new to the Chili Cook-Off tradition, Williams explained that chili and salsa tasting kits can be purchased by attendees for \$3 at the Chamber tent, which will be located in front of Barry County Abstract, on the southwest corner of the square. Kits will include colored beads to be cast for tast-

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Fitzpatrick Recognizes Disability Employment Awareness Month

Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick today recognized October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

“Individuals with disabilities make important contributions to Missouri’s workforce and I am proud to recognize these contributions during National Disability Employment Awareness Month,” Treasurer Fitzpatrick said. “MO ABLE allows Missourians with disabilities to save money without losing access to federal benefits like Medicaid and SSI—making it possible to have a job and work towards financial independence. I have made it a priority to grow this program and will continue to encourage Missouri business leaders and employers to help make it easier for those with disabilities, and their families, to save for the future.”

Treasurer Fitzpatrick is an advocate on behalf of Missourians with disabilities for employment inclusion and opportunity. He is encouraging employers across the state to add payroll deductions for MO ABLE accounts. Partners include the City of Jefferson City, the City of Kansas City and other employers across the state including CoxHealth, Truman State University, the University of Central Missouri, Missouri

State University, Schnucks Markets, and Central Bank in adding payroll deductions for MO ABLE accounts to their benefits packages for employees.

Treasurer Fitzpatrick is also calling on congressional legislators to expand access to the ABLE program by passing the ABLE Age Adjustment Act. This legislation would expand the eligibility age from 26 to 46, meaning millions more Americans would be eligible, including many veterans.

MO ABLE currently has over 2,600 accounts and nearly \$20 million in assets under management, making it one of the largest ABLE programs in the country.

Launched in 2017, MO ABLE allows individuals with disabilities and their families to save up to \$15,000 per year, tax-free, without losing federal benefits like Medicaid and SSI. For more information about the MO ABLE program and to take an eligibility quiz, visit moable.com.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month commemorates the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to America’s workplaces and economy. It began in 1945 as a week in October and was expanded to a full month in 1988

Wrecks result in fatality, multiple injuries

Ezra DeVore

• Russell Janecka (61), of Victoria, Texas, was driving an eastbound 2019 FJR Motorcycle when he tried to overtake another vehicle, and went off of Highway 76, striking a tree. According to a Missouri Highway Patrol report, the accident occurred September 30 at 10:10 a.m., and Janecka was pronounced dead by Dr. Strangler with Mercy Hospital at 10:55 a.m. Janecka was wearing a safety device, and his vehicle was totaled. Janecka was then taken to Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

This was Troop D’s 101st fatality accident for 2021.

• According to a Missouri Highway Patrol report, at 3:50 p.m. on October 1, Terry Leech (27), of Pierce City, was driving a westbound 1978 Honda Motorcycle when he failed to negotiate a curve and overturned on Highway 97, four miles north of Wheaton.

Leech was wearing a safety device. He was transported by a Barry Lawrence Ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Joplin with serious injuries. Leech’s vehicle sustained minor damage.

• October 1 at 4:50 p.m., Dalton Evans (27), of Seligman, was driving a northbound 2007 Chrysler Pacifica when he pulled into the path of Ariana Robinson’s eastbound 2010 Toyota Prius on Highway 86, one mile east of Eagle

Rock.

According to the Missouri Highway Patrol report, Ariana Robinson (22), of Golden, was accompanied by Haley Hartman (23), of Monett. Dalton Evans was accompanied by Devin Hobbs (27), of Cassville. It is unknown if any passengers wore safety devices. Robinson and Hobbs were transported by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Springfield, while Hartman and Evans were transported to Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas, all with moderate injuries. Extensive damage was sustained by both vehicles.

• Nikki Allen (36), of Purdy, was driving an eastbound 2019 Ford Expedition when a southbound 2006 Toyota Corolla, driven by a juvenile (16), failed to stop at a stop sign and struck Allen. Both vehicles were totaled. According to the Missouri Highway Patrol report, the crash occurred at 6:25 p.m. on October 1 on Farm Road 2140, one mile south of Butterfield.

The 2006 Toyota Corolla had four teenaged occupants (ages 16, 16, 16, and 15) from Eagle Rock, Cassville, and Golden. All involved were wearing safety devices.

All of the juveniles were transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville: two with private vehicles, two were taken by EMS.

Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling at Central Crossing Senior Center

Medicare Open Enrollment commences on October 15 and will run through December 7. Our trained Medicare counselors are available by appointment to assist you in your decision of Medicare insurance and supplemental coverage.

Please call the Senior Center at 417-858-6952 during regular business hours of Monday through Friday between

8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to schedule your appointment.

On the day of appointment, residents will need to bring their Medicare cards, current insurance cards, any lists of medications and their MyMedicare.gov logins and passwords if they have an account set up. Counselors will help residents if who don’t already have access to that site.

Pen Friend Program gears up at senior centers

According to SeniorAge director, Kristina Atwood, a new program is starting up for senior residents at area senior centers: a Pen Friend program.

The program pairs people with similar interests together for the purpose of exchanging letters.

“The idea is to hopefully allow our seniors the opportunity to form new friendships and give them something to look forward to in the mail,” Atwood said.

For those who are interested

in participating, there is a simple sign-up form to be filled out. It can be picked up and dropped off at any of the area’s senior centers: Cassville Senior Center, Central Crossing Senior Center, or the Monett Senior Center.



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Notice:

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. Trained Medicare counselors are available by appointment to assist with Medicare insurance coverage and supplemental coverage. 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 Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Monday, October 11, 2021, in observance of Columbus Day.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market runs every Thursday from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. Visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings and practice six-foot physical distancing while shopping. Old Church Gallery is located on Farm Road 1240 in Shell Knob and can be reached at (417) 858-2510.

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.

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

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

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

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service, however, face masks are required on the bus due to COVID-19. Please call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about service in your area. Visit their website at www.oatstransit.org and click on the bus schedules tab for your county to see the full schedule. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. They also contract with a number of agencies.

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.

Oct 8

Annual Barnwarming hosted by the Purdy FFA beginning with the chili supper and ice cream social at 6 P.M. in the elementary gym. Barnwarming games and royalty coronation will follow. The chili supper and ice cream social is \$5 per person, all you can eat.

The Stella Senior Center Dinner and Dance will have the doors open at 6 P.M. with chili and chili dogs on the menu. The dance starts at 7 P.M. with music by The Timberline Country Band. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available. Call (417) 628-3314 or (617) 640-6742 for information.

Oct 9

Solid Rock's Annual FREE Pig Roast and Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be held at the Wheaton City Park starting at 4:30 P.M. All food provided will be FREE. Guests are invited to bring a lawn chair and a smile and enjoy.

Cassville Cruisers will be hosting a Cruise In at the Barry County Museum, 112/76/86, Cassville. Please note, the cruise in will be held at an earlier time, from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. Visitors and new members are welcome.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is hosting a public event with multimedia storyteller, Sara Poff, at 10:30 A.M., at First Methodist Church in Monett. She will be sharing the "Trails to Rails" story of a courageous frontier woman in Missouri history, Olive Boone, the daughter-in-law of Daniel Boone. Call (231) 343-2727 for more information.

Oct 15

Local author Tom Koob and his co-author Curtis Copeland will have a book signing at the Shell Knob Library from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. Their new book *Ozarks Hillbilly Stereotype and Reality* researches the origins, development and usage of the often negative or comic use of the hillbilly term and image. Koob says, "We hope to provide a new perspective on the often maligned folk of the Ozarks. Many people in these hills are proud of their heritage and we believe our book presents an image of positive strengths and character."

Cancellation

The Jenkins Fire Protection District and Jenkins Rural Fire Department will not be holding the annual fish fry fundraiser due to the surge of COVID cases in the area. Anyone wishing to donate may send funds to Jenkins Rural Fire Dept., 25180 State Hwy. 248, Jenkins, MO 65605.

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toast, applesauce. L: chili or burrito, cheese, crackers, green beans, juice or salad meal.

Cassville R-IV PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or pancakes, sausage, blueberries or cereal, cinnamon toast, orange. L: popcorn chicken or cheeseburger, potato wedge, broccoli & cheese, juice. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, Gogurt, applesauce or cereal, banana muffin, peaches. L: spaghetti or shrimp poppers, salad, peas, breadstick, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, hashbrown, toast, pears or cereal, granola bar, fruit cocktail. L: sloppy joe or country steak, potato wedge, pinto beans, peaches. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, graham crackers, mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, pears. L: grilled cheese or turkey sandwich, Sun Chips, carrot, applesauce. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, mandarin oranges. L: chili or chili cheese fries, crackers, string cheese, vegetable mix, juice.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: scrambled eggs, toast, fruit. L: vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: frito pie, corn, fruit, Rice Krispy Treat. Wed: B: french toast sticks, Gogurt. L: chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll. Thurs: B: strawberry bagel, fruit. L: nachos, beans, Mexican rice, fruit. Fri: B: apple cinnamon muffin, Gogurt, fruit. L: corn dog, french fries, fruit.

Southwest Schools: Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, peaches. L: corn dog, macaroni & cheese, green beans, tropical fruit. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, applesauce. L: tacos, lettuce, cheese, seasoned pinto beans, pears. Wed: B: cereal, yogurt cup, pears. L: sloppy joe, corn salad, chips, peaches. Thurs: B: scrambled eggs with bacon, blueberry muffin. L: frito pie, lettuce, cheese, rosy applesauce. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, tropical fruit cup. L: chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, baby carrots, Sun Chips, pineapple.

Rehearsals for SKITS
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Christmas a time for magic. A time to watch as many original Hallmark Channel Christmas movies as humanly possible. And, from this concept and juncture ensues a hilarious comedy that is a parody on the Hallmark Christmas movie genre. This is the fall theatrical presentation by The SKITS community players.

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Now into the fourth week of rehearsals, the actors are working hard to memorize their lines, and are starting to fine-tune their characters. It's often a methodic yet engaging time to try and add such character traits as interesting bodily stage movements, hand gestures, facial expressions, all nuances that will help bring the characters to life.

The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon with its large cast of colorfully entertaining characters will be performed November 12-14 at the United Methodist Church in Shell Knob.



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open positions he was then looking to fill.

In an attempt to become more competitive in the employment market, Phillips presented to the board several options for making the Barry County center more attractive to prospective employees. After much discussion a package was approved which Phillips believes will increase both employee applications and aid in the retention of current employees. The new terms will be announced at a later date and will not go into effect until January 1, 2022.

"It takes a certain kind of person to work as a dispatcher," Phillips said. "The 12-hour, rotating, 24/7 shifts are hard on family life, and the job itself is stressful, but if we're going to find and keep good employees, we have to be competitive with other employers."

Phillips says the increased benefit package for new and current employees will add another \$47 to \$50,000 to the center's annual budget, but Phillips told the Board he's confident the center can absorb the jump in expense.

According to Phillips, the balance of \$400,000 on the E911's center's building loan will be paid off in two years, which will go far toward providing the extra money toward employee retention, he said.

In addition to a proposed change in pay rate and benefits for employees, Phillips also requested that the board consider adding a new form to the initial paperwork packet for new employees. The proposed form would advise new employees that if they self-terminate their employment between a six and 12-month time period, they would be responsible for reimbursing the E911 center for half of the cost of their required certification training for the position. If they opted out prior to six months of employment, employees would be responsible for the reimbursement of the total cost.

"The price tag for the training that goes toward a new employee attaining their EMS, EFD and EPD certificates totals about \$1,300 per employee," Phillips said. "The E911 center pays for that training and those certifi-

Crowder reports decrease
in head count, credit hours

Crowder College Fall 2021 enrollment personnel identified a head count of 3,989 students taking 37,977 hours for the Fall 2021 semester. These numbers reflect currently enrolled students as of count day, September 14. The figures represent a 5 percent decrease in credit hours and head count from fall 2020 with 39,993 and 4,197, respectively.

"I am very proud of the time and energy the faculty and staff have devoted to creating a safe and supportive learning environment where students can take classes with high academic standards," stated Dr. Glenn Coltharp, President, Crowder College. "Across the nation, most higher education institutions are facing a much higher drop in credit hours enrolled in by students. We interpret this numbers as our students recognizing not only the environment we have created at Crowder, but also the support for a community college education. The return on a student's tuition is the best investment a student can make in his or her future."

Enrollment in second 8-week classes which start the week of October 20 is still available. To enroll, a person should apply online: www.Crowder.edu and schedule an appointment for enrollment.

Crowder College has six locations serving a nine-county service region throughout southwest Missouri. As a community college, Crowder offers more than 80 degrees and programs that transfer to a university or prepare a student to enter the workforce.

Pfizer Boosters Available
in Cassville and Monett

The Barry County Health Department will conduct a community-wide vaccine clinic on Saturday, October 16 in Cassville and Saturday, October 23 in Monett. These vaccine booster clinics are open to all eligible Missouri residents who completed the Pfizer CoVID-19 vaccination at least six months ago. There is no cost to individuals receiving the vaccine.

Residents must call 417-847-2114 to schedule an appointment for either location.

Persons eligible to receive the Pfizer BioNTech CoVID vaccine booster shots include:

- Those who completed the Pfizer Covid vaccination 2 shot series at least 6 months ago.
- 65 years of age or older.
- 18+ years of age - residents in long term care.
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- 18+ years of age - with certain underlying medical conditions, such as: cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, dementia, Diabetes, Down's Syndrome, heart conditions, Immuno-compromised conditions, liver disease, obesity, stroke, substance use disorder, smokers (current or former), sickle cell disease, and pregnancy.

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"Lately, though," Phillips explained to the Board, "we've had employees who decided they didn't like the job, so they quit after they'd been fully trained and received their certificates. Not only is the E911 center out the money for their training, but those people can also take their certificates, which we've paid for, to other facilities anywhere."

Board member Nick Mercer had some reservations about asking new employees to sign such a form and asked Phillips whether the proposed new form might deter people from wanting to work at the E911 center, in spite of the new employee benefits package.

"I don't think so," Phillips said. "I think it would just make them think twice before quitting after they've been fully trained."



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Above, CHS Homecoming Queen, Landry Parnell, is escorted across Wildcat turf by King Cutter Hicks. Both Parnell and Hicks are Seniors at Cassville High School. Photo by Priscilla Craig.



Above, CHS Juniors, Annie Moore and her brother, Gabe Moore, were crowned Homecoming Prince and Princess prior to Friday night's football game. Photo by Priscilla Craig.



Shown above, left to right, are CHS Homecoming Royalty: Princess Annie Moore, with her escort, Prince Gabe Moore; Senior attendant, Lexi Yockey, with her escort, Senior Ethan Fuchs; Queen Landry Parnell, with escort Cutter Hicks; Senior attendant, Emilee Mann, with her escort, Senior Landry Mills; Sophomore attendant, Shannon Aplin, with her escort, Sophomore Garrett Ewing; and Freshman attendant, Sydney Johnson, with her attendant, Freshman, Braydin Baker. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

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Monett 48-yard line to open the second half. Hicks delivered to Hernan Hernandez on the Monett sideline for a 29-yard catch and run touchdown, but that score was wiped out by penalty. Then two plays later, Cassville coughed up the football, and Monett recovered to end the drive.

But the Cubs managed only one first down and punted. Umfleet's kick reached only to midfield, and the Wildcats enjoyed great field position to start the next drive. No turnovers this time. It took eleven plays to cover 50 yards, but Hicks put Cassville on the scoreboard with a one-yard sneak with 1:20 remaining in the quarter.

Littlefield's PAT attempt hooked left though, and Monett still led, 7-6.

The Cubs drove to the Cassville 45-yard line to open the final quarter, but failed to move the chains on a critical fourth down attempt. The Wildcats reached the Cubs' 36-yard line in two plays, thanks in part to the third personal foul penalty of the game whistled against Monett.

Then Hicks tossed a Tim Tebow jump pass over the middle to Hadlow, and Cassville's big tight end rumbled down to the two-yard line. Hicks creased the line for his second touchdown of the night, then followed blockers around left end for the

two-point conversion to give Cassville a 14-7 lead with 6:06 left in the game.

Monett would not go away. The Cubs stormed back to tie the game in just five plays. Facing fourth and forever at the Cassville 45-yard line, Umfleet ran a reverse, then launched a long bomb that found a diving Drew Ervin just short of the goal line. McCully scored on the next play, and the Chavez PAT tied the score at 14-14 with 4:27 remaining.

Cassville could not move the chains and punted back to Monett's 40-yard line at the 2:50 mark.

The Cubs stormed to the

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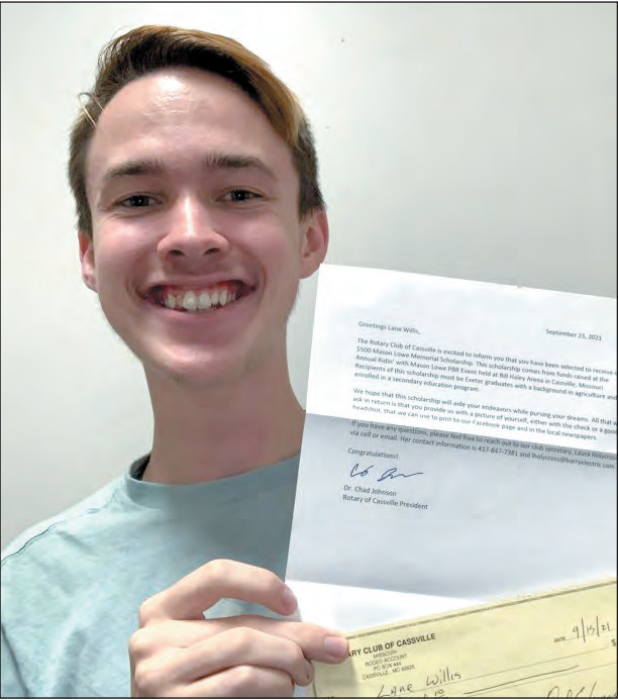
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It's that time again! Find the 13 bats hidden within each October issue of The Barry County Advertiser and win a Halloween gift basket provided by Security Bank of Cassville.

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DARREL WAYNE GORDON

Darrel Wayne Gordon, age 69, passed away peacefully Thursday, September 30, 2021, in Rogers, Arkansas, surrounded by loved ones. Darrel was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

Darrel was born to Hazel Watson (Gordon) Lea and the late Robert Gordon on October 2, 1951, in Farmington, New Mexico. He was the third of four children. During Darrel's early childhood years, he lived in New Mexico and Oklahoma while his father played Minor League Baseball. He later moved to Pineville, where he grew up on the family farm. Darrel developed a deep passion for

sports at an early age which became a large part of his life. Darrel graduated from McDonald County High School in 1969 and then went on to play college basketball at State Fair Junior College. After graduating from Missouri Southern State College, Darrel began teaching and coaching at McDonald County High School. He spent the next 20 years doing what he loved: coaching, teaching, and mentoring. Darrel's passion for coaching and teaching positively impacted many lives and one of his favorite pastimes was reminiscing and sharing stories about his time as a coach and athlete.

Darrel became a loving father to Rebekah on May 18, 1980, and to Rachel on March 5, 1983. One of the many ways Darrel showed his love and devotion to his daughters was by attending every cheer and dance event even if that meant driving long distances or sitting in the stands by himself. Darrel's daughters shared his passion for Arkansas Razorback athletics. During the games, you could see his eyes

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light up when one of the girls called to talk about the game. Anyone who spent time near Darrel knew how proud he was that Rachel shared his passion for teaching and followed in her dad's footsteps becoming an educator. He also loved watching Rebekah's boys play sports and sharing the highlights.

On August 2, 1997, Darrel married Brenda. He spent the next 24 years by her side. During those 24 years, they spent the majority of their time together. In fact, the only time you could find Darrel without Brenda was at the crappie hole. Upon marrying Brenda, he became a loving father and mentor to her children as well. Darrel never missed a game or event and was always their biggest fan. Together, he and Brenda have twelve grandsons. You can see a part of Papa Darrel in each and every one, whether it is their love for sports, fishing, classic movies, or John Wayne. He was never too busy to build a fort, go to a game, or push one of the boys on the swing for hours. Whenever he wasn't with them, he and Brenda spent most of their time laughing and telling stories about them.

Darrel truly cared about those around him. When others were happy, he was genuinely happy. He loved to

celebrate life's wins with you no matter how small they may have seemed. He always wanted people to know he was proud of them and that they should be proud of themselves. He had a true gift for building others up. His empathy and selflessness made him beloved by so many.

Preceding him in death, his father, Robert Gordon; his brother, Michael Gordon; and his stepfather, Earl Lea.

Darrel leaves behind his wife, Brenda, of the home; his beloved mother, Hazel Lea, of Shell Knob; two sisters, Linda Schlessman and husband, Geral, of Pineville, and Barbara Faulks, of Shell Knob; two daughters, Rebekah Barrows and husband, Dave, of Peoria, Arizona, and Rachel Gordon and Fred Muraview, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; four stepchildren, Jeremy Murphy and wife, Cynthia, of Anderson, Michael Murphy and Amy Reese, of Anderson, Adam Murphy and wife, Ashley, of Anderson, Kaisha Kline and husband, Shannon, of Springdale, Ark.; twelve grandsons; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at the Ozark Funeral Home in Anderson, with Pastor Dennis Bergen officiating. Burial followed in the Shelt Noel Cemetery. Those honoring

his life by serving as pallbearers will be all twelve of his grandsons: Treyton Murphy, Jace Murphy, Devon Barrows, Mason Barrows, Austin Barrows, Darin Barrows, Clayton Lynn, Zander Murphy, Corbin Murphy, Daxton Kline, Tucker Kline, and Hudson Kline. Services are under the care and direction of the Ozark Funeral Home in Anderson.



RITA MAE ELLISON

Rita Mae Ellison, of Eagle Rock, was born October 18, 1934, in Stergeon Bay, Wisconsin, to Clifford and Delia (Tilkens) DeFaut. Rita passed away September 23, 2021, in Eagle Rock at the age of 86.

She enjoyed traveling, fishing, bowling, and dancing.

On November 27, 1981, Rita was united in marriage to Robert Ellison, who survives her, of the home. She is also survived by her children, John Chisholm, of Wheaton, Janice Montgomery, of Seligman, Mike Chisholm and wife, Terry, of Bentonville, Ark., Steve Chisolm and friend, Leslie, of Seligman, Cherie Haney and husband, Ed, of San Antonio, Texas; daughter-in-law, Evelyn Chisholm; stepson, Bobby Ellison and wife, Patti, of Eagle Rock; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; dear friend, Imelda Flores; along with other family members and friends.

Rita was preceded in

death by her parents, Clifford and Delia DeFaut; brothers, James and Clifford DeFaut; and sister, Darlene Vanderpool.

Memorial service will be Sunday, October 24, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the Sho-Me Plaza, 202 E. Highway 248, Cassville, with Pastor Jon Cornell officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Compassus, 845 Hwy. 60 STE A, Monett, MO 65708. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.



MIKE CUNNINGHAM

Mike Cunningham, age 68, passed away Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the City Hall Community Room, 10028 10th Street in Eagleville, Missouri 64442. Honoring his love of Coca-Cola, the Chiefs and Cardinals, there will be a red and yellow theme. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Donations may be made to the family in memory of Mike.

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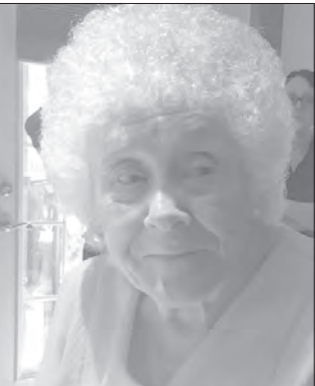
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DARLENE MCCRACKEN

Darlene McCracken, 83, of Purdy, was called home to Heaven on Sunday, September 12, 2021. She was born in Exeter on September 12, 1938, the daughter of the late Garr and Blanche Cole. She was united in marriage on March 22, 1986, in Purdy to Jimmy Wayne McCracken; he preceded her in death on July 14, 2007.

She was retired from FASCO in Cassville, and helped out in the print shop at Jack Henry and Associates in Monett. She loved gardening and fishing and was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Purdy.

Darlene is survived by one son, Lewis Marion Martin Jr., of Monett; two daughters, Lora Wilkins and her husband, Steven, of Monett, and Patty Chardon and her husband, Carlos, of Purdy; two brothers, Russell Cole, of Wheaton, and John Cole ,of Exeter; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, Hayden.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Garr and Blanche; first husband, Lewis Marion Martin Sr. in 1969; three brothers, Cal, Bill and Todd; one sister, Helen; and one grandson, Shane, who is waiting in Heaven.

Funeral services were

held Thursday, September 16, 2021, at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett. Burial was at the Arnhart Cemetery in East Purdy.

Memorial donations for Darlene may be made to the charity or organization of your choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett.



BILL GENE BURNS

Bill Gene Burns, age 74, of Stella, passed away on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin. Mr. Burns, son of John and Maggie (Taylor) Burns, was born on June 19, 1947, in Sabetha, Kansas. Bill was a loving man who had a huge heart that would help anyone. Some of his favorite pastimes were watching westerns, mowing his lawn, and spending time with his significant other and life partner, Nadine. He was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his significant other, Nadine Brown, of Stella; five stepchildren, Lisa Casper and her husband, Joe, of Cassville, Lee Brown, of Goodman, Amy Brown, of Exeter, Anthony Brown and his fiancé, Michelle, of Springfield, Crystal Deshazio and her husband, Steven, of

Exeter; eight step-grandchildren; two brothers, Danny Burns and Jerry Burns, both of Neosho; three sisters, Alice Long, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, Peggy Hasting, of Illinois, and Joyce Kramer, of Topeka, Kansas; and several nieces and nephews, including one special niece, Glenna Chandler, of Illinois.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by four brothers, Fred, Allen, Johnny and Paul; one sister, Shirley Crawford; and one nephew, Richard Burns.

A private family burial will be at Howard Cemetery in Goodman at a later date.

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

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IRENE NEWELL

Irene Newell, age 82, of Gateway, Arkansas, passed away on Monday, September 27, 2021, at Northwest Medical Center in Bentonville, Arkansas. Mrs. Newell, daughter of James and Marjorie (Skelton) Perkins, was born on July 7, 1939, in Fresno,

California. Subsequent to graduating from Cassville High School in 1957, she was united in marriage to Joe Fisher on March 9, 1957, and to this union four children were born. On February 26, 2000, she was united in marriage to James D. Newell in Purdy; he preceded her in death on May 10, 2011.

Irene loved her family dearly, enjoyed watching her grandbabies run and play, and spending time with her special cats, Pepper Anne and Momma Kitty. She was an avid gardener who enjoyed her vegetable and flower gardens. Some of Irene's favorite pastimes were bird-watching, collecting chicken knick-knacks, and spending her summer vacations camping and fishing at the lake soaking up the sun. She was a friend to so many, has left a lasting impression on many lives, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include one son, David Fisher, of Cassville; two daughters, Linda Childers and her husband, Craig, of Grove, Oklahoma, and Donna Jones and her husband, Jimmy, of Gateway, Arkansas; one step-son, John Newell, of Goodman; seven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Ollie Williamson, of Richmond, and Dortha Amos, of Butterfield; and

several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Irene was preceded in death by one son, Michael Fisher; four grandchildren, Dustin Fisher, baby girl Jones, Daniel Neely, and Allen Fisher; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers-in-law.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, October 3, 2021, at the New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Garfield, Arkansas, with Pastor Ron Shultz officiating.

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

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MELVIN L. MOSS

Melvin L. Moss, 79, of rural Monett, passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Arrangements are entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

JEANNIE LEE MORGAN

Jeannie Lee Morgan, age 50, passed away in her home in Washburn on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, surrounded by her loved ones and her loyal companion, Bella. She was born on November 29, 1970, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to Lillie Winberry (Jasso) and Gary Phillips. She was a graduate of Rogers High School in 1989. After high school, she

had many roles in healthcare for several years until she took on the most important role of all, being a mother.

Jeannie is survived by one daughter, Courtney Johns (Morgan) and son-in-law, Timmy Johns. Her parents, Gary Phillips, Lillie Winberry, Jim Winberry. Two brothers, Jason Phillips (Melinda Fairchild), JD Winberry (Anna Penales), and one sister, Racheal Case (Winberry). She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Jeannie was a devoted mother, daughter, aunt, sister. She enjoyed family gatherings, traveling, rock concerts and most of all arguing about politics. If you didn't know something, she would tell you. She was also known for having the best shoulder to cry on and provided comfort to those who were in need. Jeannie was a believer in God and spent many years as a member of several local Baptist Churches.

She is preceded in her death by her maternal grandparents, Charlie and Frankie Jasso, and paternal grandparents, Ollie and Minnie Phillips. Also preceding her death is her uncle Charlie Jasso, and her best friend Jandy Albright.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, anyone who knew her and most of all, Bella.

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The Area 11 Greenhand Conference is a Leadership conference for all of the 1st-year members in the FFA from around the area. This year's theme was "Break out!" Students had the opportunity to learn about the different parts of the FFA and what it's all about from the Area Officer team!

Delta Dental offers schools free program

Delta Dental of Missouri's Land of Smiles® program, known for reaching hundreds of elementary schools throughout Missouri each year to teach grade-school children good dental health habits, is now available in a 15-minute virtual video format. Teachers, school nurses and principals interested in gaining access to the free online program on a date and time that works for their students can visit www.LandofSmilesMO.org.

The virtual Land of Smiles® experience follows dynamic

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The Land of Smiles® program will also include newly updated oral health curriculum that corresponds with the virtual experience, making learning about den-

tal health even more fun for kids. The new program curriculum, available to schools in late October, adheres to National Health Education Standards, as well as health education standards specifically for Missouri. The Grades K-2 curriculum features three lessons that can be taught as a unit or single lesson, classroom activities, coloring sheets, a daily brushing and flossing chart and take-home educational materials. The Grade 3 curriculum has many of the same features but in an advanced format,

as well as two science experiments to demonstrate how cavities are formed and the importance of fluoride for strong teeth.

Delta Dental of Missouri also offers free "smile bags" to schools for students who participate in the program. Each bag includes a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental

floss to help students practice the good oral health habits they learn. Each school is responsible for distributing the bags to participating students who attend school in person or virtually.

Delta Dental of Missouri launched its innovative virtual program in September 2020. Since then, more than

71,000 students from 344 schools in 85 Missouri counties have participated in the engaging, age-appropriate online program either in the classroom or through partial or full-time virtual learning. Those interested in learning more or scheduling the program can visit www.LandofSmilesMO.org.

FOOTBALL from 8A

Cassville 39-yard line in four plays. Then Davin Madrid found Umfleet loose for a 39-yard scoring bomb. Chavez missed on the PAT, but the Cubs had moved in front, 20-14, with only 73 seconds left to play.

How would Cassville respond?

Jake Anthonysz hauled in the kickoff at the Cassville nine-yard line and broke free up the Monett sideline. Chavez - the kicker - finally forced Anthonysz out of bounds at the Monett 32-yard line.

Hicks threw complete to Hernandez for 17 yards, but an incomplection and a sack resulted in a third and long at the Monett 24-yard line with only 39 seconds remaining.

Anthony came up with a clutch catch on a wheel route, spinning in mid-air to bring in a Hicks pass for 17 yards down to the Monett 7-yard line.

The Wildcats hurried to the line and Hicks spiked the ball to kill the clock.

Hicks found Hadlow over the middle for six yards, then Anthonysz knifed off right tackle into the end zone. Littlefield put aside his previous misses and nailed the game-winning PAT, as Cassville moved back in front, 21-20.

Hernandez punched a squib kickoff to avoid any heroics from Umfleet. Then the Cassville defense closed it out, not surrendering a yard on Monett's final desperate possession.

Stats

The stats bear witness to how close this game was.

Cassville amassed 286 total yards to 260 for Monett. As a team, the Wildcats rushed for 161 yards on 41 carries, led by an 85 yard performance by Jake Anthonysz. Cutter Hicks scored twice on a pair of one-yard runs, and Anthonysz scored from a yard out in the final seconds.

Hicks connected on 7 of 14 passes for 125 yards.

The Cubs hurt their cause with penalties. The visitors were flagged seven times for 75 yards, with three personal fouls included. The Wildcats were flagged just twice for 20 yards in the contest.

Cassville improves to 2-4 with the victory, while Monett skids to 1-5. The Wildcats travel to Seneca on Friday night to face the 3-3 Indians. Kickoff is set for 7 PM.

Big 8 scores

Friday:

- Cassville 21, Monett 20
 - Lamar 63, Mt. Vernon 7
 - Nevada 52, Seneca 35
 - McDonald County 35, East Newton 13
 - Marshfield 50, Reeds Spring 28
 - Rogersville 35, Springfield Catholic 7
- #### Sunday:
- Aurora 42, Hollister 31

Wildcat Players of the Week

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 **2021** Fall Sports

As picked by the Wildcats coaching staff

 <div>Pazlee Burbridge Volleyball</div>	 <div>Sharayah Seymour Volleyball</div>
 <div>Ethan Lamborn Football Defense</div>	 <div>Jake Anthonysz Football Special Teams</div>
 <div>Cutter Hicks Football Offense</div>	 <div>Peter Littlefield Soccer Recorded 11 saves and stopped a penalty kick in a 2-1 win vs College Heights on 9/30</div>
 <div>Caleb Leach Cross Country Caleb has consistently stepped up to be a leader for the boys' team.</div>	

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Letter to The Editor

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Dear Editor,

I hope everybody is happy with the new gas tax. This year MODOT repaved Hwy 37 from Monett to Gateway. MODOT resurfaced Hwy 248 from Cassvle to Jenkins. I drive these roads and I could

CHILI COOK-OFF from FRONT

ers’ favorites in the categories of Best Chili, Best Salsa, Most Spirited Booth, and Best Decorated Booth, in keeping with this year’s theme: “Cartoons from the 60s.”

A panel of judges will also cast their votes in the same categories. At noon, a bell will ring to signify the judges’ commencement of tasting. The panel will retreat with its tasty fare to the First Methodist Church to make its decisions.

After the judging, both “Judges’ Choice” and “People’s Choice” winners in all four categories will be announced.

Williams says vendors and cooks can begin setting up their booths at 6 a.m.

The deadline to sign up if you’d like to be a vendor is October 15.

“We have plenty of vendor booth space available,” Williams said. “We line booths up along the square and down streets adjoining the square, so space is not a problem.”

If you’re interested in cooking chili or salsa, the entry deadline is October 11.

The price for a 10’x10’ booth with electricity is \$75. Without electricity, booth price is \$50.

For more information, or to register, contact the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce at (417) 847-2814.

not see anything wrong with them. No potholes etc., but yet our road Gods decided we need it. Don’t get me wrong, we all need good roads, but to replace roads that have no damage is unacceptable. Our farm roads are in bad shape and our local road districts can’t get the money from our county to fix them. If the state wants to tax our fuel then they need to spend the money for our county roads also. I would like to point out that the Monett road district gets more county road funding than any of the other districts. This needs to change, and the funding from the state gas tax should be equally distributed!! In fact, I don’t think it is the right time for this tax.

Mark Deshazer
Exeter



Wildcat runners compete at Lamar

Thursday night Wildcat runners traveled to Lamar to compete in a tough field of runners. The girls finished in 4th place and the boys finished in 9th place.

Individual results, with the Top 25 medaling, were:

- Jolie Evans, 5th
 - Annie Moore, 14th
 - Dakotah Anderson, 39th

- Evelyn Elliott, 64th
 - Sheridan Beach, 79th
 - Caleb Leach, 20th
 - Jacob Martinez, 42nd
 - Charles Elliott, 61st
 - Evan Butler, 62nd
 - Sage Duhr, 70th
 - Simon Gates, 122nd

Middle School results:

- Jacob Hudson, 7th
 - Maddox Cooper, 15th

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REAL ESTATE: 3 bdrm. house with living room, dining room & kitchen, combined with 1 bath, utility room. Approx. 1148 sq ft with new linoleum flooring, new hot water heater, new air unit & new paint throughout. House was built in 2009. Also has a 30 ft x 50 ft quonset hut style barn with concrete floor setting on 4.5 acres.

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EARLY furniture consignments: Dining room tables & chairs, China hutch, Recliner chairs, end tables, glass top coffee table, Buffet cabinet, Set of Gold plated silverware, Several chairs, misc paint, mop buckets, misc pvc fittings & electrical, stove, misc appliances, misc working tables, small refrigerators, SS full size refrigerators, Bed & bedroom set, LR sets, Lots of misc smalls! TV's, Still Taking consignments up to day before sale!

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(May need lower unit). **Jet Ski:** 2005 Sea Doo RXT 4-Tec supercharged, only 135 hours. **Trailers:** 18' with 2' dove tandem axle, HD trailer, (w/new floor) – 8'x5'4" utility trailer. **Mowers:** Wood lawn 36" walk behind mower – DR Brush mower – Ariens YT-XS riding mower (doesn't run) – Honda push mower. **ATV:** Yamaha 350, 4x4, 4 wheeler (needs work). **Old Pickup:** 1996 Ford F250, 4x4, Big block (Doesn't run). **Motorized Items:** 26 ton yard machine log splitter – Stihl BR 550 backpack blower – Troy Bilt chipper/shredder – John Deere 3300 PSI 3.2 GPM pressure washer – 6 KW Onan generator – Stihl limb trimmer – (3) misc generators. **Guns:** ETG, made in Italy mdl 1960 .22 cal revolver – ZMP N.Y. US .22 cal short revolver. **Tools:** Ridgid floor mdl drill press – elect concrete mixer – Stihl chain saw – Schmaker battery jumper – 4'step ladder – bottle jack – 300' tape measure – nippers – misc long handle tools – misc rope – air hose – saw horses – air compressor (needs work) – dual shop light – roller stands – painters walk board – bench grinder – (2) grinder pedestals (new) – old empty tool cases – Craftsman shop vac – Rockwell stand – 20 lb propane bottles – workmate tables – furniture dolly's – 12v sprayer – Misc machinist tools, Honda EU 3000 is super quiet generator (needs fuel tank) – plastic saw horses – Karcher 1700 psi 1.5 gpm elect pressure washer - 20 lb propane bottles, more tools not listed. **Furniture & Appliances:** Leather sofa & matching chair & ottoman – Big man recliner – Oak dining table & 4 chairs – sm cedar table – library table – misc end tables – oak computer cabinet – oak office chair – king size bed – pine chest of drawers – rocker/recliner – king size bed w/bottom drawers – dressing mirror – chest of drawers – wood bench – Westin House 50" flat screen TV – metal 4 drawer file cabinet – 6 gun glass door gun cabinet – king size bed. **Appliances:** Kenmore refrigerator/freezer – Kenmore dryer – Kenmore H. D. washer – Maytag Neptune dryer – Maytag commercial technology washer. **Antiques & Collectibles:** Ant Aladdin heater - swag lamp - 3 old iron wheels - sad iron - sm cast iron smelting pot - kerosene lantern - Ball jars - glass milk bottle - 1919 Kodiak camera - coffee grinder - misc glass such as: Blue cow pitcher, cherry pitcher, blue lusterware pitcher, bone handle carving set, brass candle holders, brown & white dog 1926, brass cup, brass lock, lace shoe hook, mini sword, wood ruler, wooden wine barrel corks, old wood shingles. **Embroidery Machine:** Noltings Long Arm Quilter with oak custom made table 12' long – Pace Setter by Brother PC-8500 embroidery machine – Embroidery cards – over 100 different patterns for quilting machine – misc quilting & embroidery items. **Misc:** Sun Vision Pro 24 S Wolff system tanning bed – Bow Flex tread climber TC 3000 – AB lounge – Inversion table – Bow Flex Max M3 trainer – log patio furniture – log yard swing – park bench – yard swing – patio table & 4 chairs – hammock – round galvanized wash tub – 100' of Rohn 25 TV tower – HD shelving – (3) ceiling fans (new in box) – underground sprinkler hose (new) – some chicken wire – dog crates – misc lumber 2x8, 2x6, tongue & groove, misc log siding, some plywood, 1x12, 8" corner post – aluminum tubing approx. 7' long – misc plumbing & electrical supplies – misc cleaners & paints, etc – smoker – 4 bags of paver sand – fuel tank – water skis – life jackets – old Pepsi Cola crate – misc bags of R11 & R19 insulation – Dyson vac – misc kitchen ware such as aluminum Wagner ware – Guardian ware – 1 piece of Pampered chef, corning ware, glasses, cups, bowls, Keurig coffee maker, etc, Nice polisher - holmes air purifier - tent - misc fishing tackle - fishing poles - reels - womans bicycle - galvanized trash can - RV voltage booster mdl RV 220-50 , 4 rick seasoned firewood– many more items not listed. **Real Estate:** **Property #1:** Table Rock Lake Front, Walk Down, mowed to water's edge, large log sided home on 4.5 acres right on the water. Enter this home into the large living room with tongue & groove vaulted ceiling w/open beams, partial stone wall from floor to ceiling where the wood burning stove sits. Upstairs balcony overlooks the living room, glass French door leading out to a large, raised wrap around covered deck looking out to Table Rock Lake and lots of large windows. The living room is open to the kitchen. Kitchen features custom pine cabinets, center island, triple SS sink with garbage disposal, built in Maytag dishwasher, Maytag smooth top elec cook stove, built in Maytag microwave and Frigidaire Refrigerator/Freezer, pine wood flooring throughout the living room & kitchen. From the kitchen, down the hall to bedroom #1 with ceiling fan, closet & window. Then onto a full bathroom, nice utility room and a large master bedroom with master bath, walk in closet, ceiling fan, glass French door leading out to the large, raised wrap around deck lakeside. **Upstairs:** There is a setting room, media room, etc with balcony overlooking the living room. Also upstairs is a 2nd master bedroom w/ large walk-in closet, full bathroom, ceiling fan & glass French door leading out to a private deck. This home also has a full unfinished basement w/exception of a full finished bathroom. Some petitions have been put up for a 4th bedroom, closet, living area w/French door leading out to a large bottom deck lake side. Also, an oversized 2 car garage with raised bathtub for pet baths. **Outside Amenities:** Large wrap around deck, large upper deck & large lower decks. 12'x20' shed w/12'x20' lean to. Well and septic. Your own private road leading down to the water. Shoreline is a gentle slope right into the lake, mowed to waters edge. **Property #2:** Also selling 2 ac m/l adjoining Property #1. **Boat Slips:** (2) 10'x28' Boat Slips with lifts to be offered separate right after we offer the home. **Note:** Mr. & Mrs. Jackson built this home 17 years ago and now will be retiring & traveling so we will be offering this fantastic lake front property & (2) boat slips at Public Auction. So, if you or someone you know is looking for Table Rock Lake Front property that is mowed right to the water on 4.5 acres & a 3500 sq ft home, great for entertaining, weekend getaway for the whole family, VRBO or a year round residence, you won't want to miss this one. 4.5 acres on Table Rock Lake with this kind of access is super hard to find. Enjoy your own space or room to put cabin rentals for the person wanting the VRBO entrepreneur experience. Call 417-847-2507 and learn how to get qualified to bid on this fantastic property or to preview before auction day. 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Purdy's Barrientos Takes Lead at FCCLA Regional Meeting



Purdy High School Junior Adriana Barrientos represents her district as FCCLA Chapter President and Region 11 Reporter in her second year as a Purdy Eagle.

Barrientos led a session on cyberbullying at the FCCLA Region 11 Leadership Workshop in Carthage on September 30.

Submitted content

Purdy High School Junior Adriana Barrientos represented her school district as a session leader at the Sep-

tember 30 FCCLA Region 11 Leadership Workshop in Carthage. Barrientos, who serves the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America as Region 11 Reporter, addressed her constituents on the dangers of cyberbullying.

Barrientos revealed, "Cyberbullying is a big problem, and it often goes unnoticed and unreported. I hope that my work with FCCLA will encourage students to seek adult help when they encounter cyberbullying and also give them confidence to reach out and help victims."

Barrientos discovered her leadership voice and her own courage as a new student at Purdy during the 2020-2021 school year. A lifelong resident of Wheaton, Barrientos was nervous about starting a new school for her sophomore year.

"I didn't know what to expect," she said. "It was a hard adjustment. I'd been at Wheaton my whole life. The first few days at Purdy were hard. I wasn't sure what to do. There were so many new people. I felt like an outcast."

Barrientos found her footing in Ms. Amy Harkey's first

hour Family and Consumer Sciences class.

"Ms. Harkey made me feel at home at Purdy," she said. "I got to know the students in her classroom, and that helped me adjust. When Ms. Harkey invited me to join FCCLA I was curious. I had never heard of it, but I decided to join to get the opportunity to be more involved and to get to know more people at my new school."

Barrientos quickly found herself busy with FCCLA activities, including making 20 blankets for new babies born at Cox Monett Hospital.

"It was such a great project. People donate fabric, and Ms. Harkey's fashion class helped us," she explained. "We made some cute blankets! It was so rewarding to help the community, especially babies!"

As her first year as a Purdy Eagle neared its conclusion, Barrientos accepted an invitation from Harkey to serve as the FCCLA Region 11 reporter for the 2021-2022 school year.

"I am not a fan of public speaking, and I am nervous about meeting new people, but this was a once-in-a-lifetime chance. I knew it would help me overcome my shyness and fear of public speaking, so I said yes," Barrientos said.

As a confident and courageous Barrientos prepared for her cyberbullying presentation, she credited Harkey with her success in finding a place for herself at Purdy and in FCCLA.

"Ms. Harkey has had such



Purdy High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) officers attended the FCCLA Region 11 Leadership Workshop in Carthage, on September 30. Officers are pictured from left: Weston Ellison, Vice President of Membership; Anna Hoffman, Secretary; Taryn Orwig, Vice President of Achievement/Programs; Caitlin Brown, Treasurer; Adriana Barrientos, Chapter President/Region 11 Reporter; Jessica Garcia, Vice President of Public Relations; Jomelin Alvarez, First Vice President and Daniel Aldava, Vice President of Fundraising. The Purdy FCCLA Chapter operates under the guidance of Adviser Amy Harkey.

an impact on my life. There is no way I would've done something like this before I met her. She is an amazing teacher and a great person. She has been there for me since the start and has given me opportunities that no one else would've," Barrientos said.

Harkey noted of her FCCLA Chapter President and Region 11 reporter, "It has been a pleasure to watch Adriana grow into a leader. When she came to Purdy, she was very unsure of herself, but I recognized there was a leader hiding inside. Not

only has she been willing to step up and tackle any task that I have put before her, she always goes above and beyond what is asked. I am so proud of her overcoming her fears and growing."



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Fall activities planned at Roaring River

Andy Ostmeyer, The Joplin Globe

Having just returned from some trout fishing at Roaring River, I can tell you the park is ready for fall, and this year we get a little lucky, because there are five October weekends, which means five chances to get to the most popular — and for my money the best — state park in Missouri.

You never know how good fall color will be until it debuts, but here's hoping for great color, since there's so much going on this month at the park.

Charlie 22 Outdoors conducted its annual Operation Roaring River event for veterans Sunday through Wednesday. It will hold another event Dec. 10-12, during the catch-and-release portion of trout season at Roaring River.

Based in Webb City, the Charlie 22 Outdoors group takes its name from what it calls a national pandemic — veteran suicide — and national reports that there are 22 such suicides per day.

Operation Roaring River is just one of a number of all-expenses-paid hunting, fishing and outdoor events Charlie 22 Outdoors holds around the country for veterans. You can learn more at their website, charlie22outdoors.com, or on social media.

October 8-10, Roaring River will host the Wonders of Wildlife National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School, offering classes in everything from kayaking and overnight canoe trips to Dutch oven cooking and fly tying. Many of the classes are

already full, but you can learn more about the annual event and watch for next year's course catalog at wondersof-wildlife.org.

On October 16, the Cassville Community Foundation is conducting a 10K fundraiser on Roaring River trails.

"The race starts when the siren goes off," Rachael Freeman, director of the foundation told me, which is at 7:30 a.m. this time of year.

The chip-timed race will start and end at the historic lodge, and will include all or part of the Devil's Kitchen, Fire Tower and River trails, as well as connectors.

"We did this last year, and we had a really good response," she told me. "We had runners really enjoy it."

The event had 46 runners last year, and the foundation is hoping for a similar number this year but can accommodate up to 100 people. You can sign up through Oct. 15, and learn more at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Cassville/RoaringRiverTrail-RunCCC>. The cost is \$40 per person, which supports the foundation.

"The entry fee goes to a great cause," Freeman said. "Each year we have a grant round and we give grants to nonprofits in the Barry County area."

Previous recipients include the Cassville Food Pantry, the Cassville School District Backpack Program, Haven of the Ozarks (a no-

kill animal shelter) and the water safety program offered by the Cassville YMCA.

Last year's overall winner, Scott Hicks, of Billings, ran the 10K in just over 58 minutes; the top female winner, Courtney Kirk, of Cassville, ran it in just over an hour and 10 minutes, so look for some competitive challengers, but Freeman said there is room for more.

"I would love for them to come out and experience everything Roaring River has to offer," Freeman added.

Dogwood Trailblazers will hold an event at Roaring River the following weekend, on Saturday, Oct. 23.

"There will be two different 5K variations, an 8K and a 10K," said Doris Conyers, with the walking club, which holds noncompetitive events around the region. It is part of the American Volkspport Association. Walkers can begin anytime between 9 and 11:30 a.m., and must finish by 2 p.m. There is no need to register in advance.

"They just need to show up," at the CCC Shelterhouse, Doris told me.

The last weekend, Oct. 30 and 31, should be around the peak of fall color. It marks the end of the catch-and-keep season, and should be another great weekend to visit. With features like the Devil's Kitchen Trail, it's also a great place to spend Halloween.

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The recent rains didn't affect the river much. It got a bit off -colored, then it cleared up. It's very clear again.

It did come up a bit, but it was very low so it didn't change much.

When it rains, it knocks lots of food out of the trees for the trout to feed on. Beetles, ants, caterpillars, and other creepy-crawlies get knocked into the river, and trout then feed very heavily on them.

The flow is now at 46 cubic feet per second. The dry fly fishing will continue to be very good. There are still good caddis hatches every day. The trico hatch remains steady in the morning, and there are still good BWO hatches.

There is always midge activity, so you should have fun fishing on top for the next few weeks.

Nymph-fishing is always good. Pheasant tails, hares ears, burlaps, sow bugs, copper johns and assorted. zebra midges are always good choices.

I'm fishing mostly #16's and smaller right now. Nine-foot 6X leaders are still good for subsurface flies. For dry flies, 7X will work better. Sometimes, with beetles, hoppers and other bigger surface flies, you can get away with 6X leaders.

Inline spinners still work

well early. Thirty-minute wonders, white, black/white and brown have been pretty good colors this week. Small crankbaits have been working well early also, and a few nice trout were caught on gold spoons this week.

Marabou jigs are great right now, especially if your sight-fishing. Use white, early; tan is good, also, when the sun is up big and bright.

Olive, black/yellow, olive/tan, or black jigs have been working great.

A lot of nice fish have been caught this year on the small John-Deere-green type jigs.

Plastic worms are still very effective. Orange, white, cheese and pink have been

Fish like a pro!

good this week.

Plastic eggs, are working pretty well; the white, orange and pink were good this week.

The one-inch crawlers are still working well right now; the brown worked pretty well earlier this week, but it seemed, last weekend, the pink was working better for some of the anglers.

Fishing a spinning reel right now is great. You'll need less weight. B or BB is usually fine right now. Number ten or smaller hooks will work best, and a good two-pound line is very important. Maxima or Gamma are the best lines to use right now.

Good luck on the river this week.

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9th Annual Frontier Days showcases skills of early settlers



Above, Sandra Schreiner holds down a booth at Frontier Days, an annual event held on the farm of Schreiner and her husband, Edgar. The event showcases the crafts, skills and machinery used by early residents of Barry County. Photo by Sheila Harris.

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Above, Edgar Schreiner stands in front of a press he built for processing sorghum. Not shown in the photo is the boiler he constructed for cooking the sorghum. Photos by Sheila Harris.



Seated beside a window inside the log cabin, Linda Phillips (above) demonstrated the art of hand-quilting at Frontier Days Saturday on the Sandy and Edgar Schreiner Farm, near Jenkins. Photo by Sheila Harris.



Shown above, a replica of an original log cabin was constructed on the Schreiner property to add authenticity to Frontier Days. "The construction project," said Sandra Schreiner, "took three years to complete." Photo by Sheila Harris.



A horse waits patiently to give the next load of buggy passengers a free ride during Frontier Days, a weekend event on the Edgar and Sandy Schreiner farm near Jenkins. Photo by Sheila Harris.

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Under tariffs filed by the natural gas company, a Spire Missouri East residential customer using 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month would see a line item charge of \$0.19 in their bill, which is a \$0.82 reduction in their bill from the current WNAR rate. A Spire Missouri West residential customer using 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month would see a line item charge of \$0.58 in their bill, which is a \$0.48 reduction in their bill from the current WNAR rate.

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State MMJ program transfers \$6.8 million to veterans fund

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has made the second transfer of funds from Missouri’s medical marijuana program to the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC). The total amount transferred is \$6,843,310. Missourians voted in November 2018 to adopt Constitutional Amendment 2, known now as Article XIV. The amendment includes a

Watch for deer!

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds drivers that deer are more active and create hazards for Missouri motorists this time of year. Deer behavior changes due to mating season, which may cause an increase in sightings and roadway crossings. Hunting and crop harvesting may result in these animals being in places they aren’t usually seen. Drivers are urged to remain alert. If you strike a deer, move your vehicle to a safe location and call 9-1-1 or *55 on a cell phone and report it.

Last year, drivers in Missouri experienced 3,639 traffic crashes where deer-vehicle strikes occurred. One deer strike occurred every 2.4 hours in the state. In these crashes, there were five fatalities and 348 people were injured. The majority of deer strike crashes occur in October and November each year, with the largest number taking place in November. Although deer strikes can occur at any time, most occur during the 6-6:59 a.m. and 6-6:59 p.m. timeframe.

Remember: Rural areas are not the only place where deer/vehicle strikes occur. Drivers in urban areas of the state should watch for deer as well. When you see a deer, slow down and proceed with caution. Deer often travel in groups--stay on guard after a close call or when you see a single deer. Natural features also affect deer movement. In areas where there are streams or wooded corridors surrounded by farmland, look for more deer to cross roadways. At night, watch for deer eyes to reflect your headlights, which could give you more time to react to their presence.

Drivers are reminded that an attempt to avoid striking a deer could result in a more serious crash involving oncoming traffic. Try to remain calm. Overreacting usually leads to more serious traffic crashes. As soon as you see a deer, the best course of action is to reduce your speed gradually while watching other traffic around you. Other drivers may be doing the same, so be sure to pay attention and always wear your seat belt.

provision requiring that fees and taxes generated by the medical marijuana program, less operational expenses, be transferred to the MVC for health and care services for military veterans. Article XIV states that medical marijuana sold in licensed dispensaries will be taxed at a rate of 4%. Since dispensary sales began in October 2020, more than \$113 million in sales have occurred. “Patients are being served by more than 140 dispensary facilities in Missouri now, and we are very pleased to see their sales revenue where it is,” said Lyndall Fraker, Director of the Section of Medical Marijuana Regulation with DHSS. “Ultimately, this is how we are able to provide much-needed funding for the veteran’s commission.” “MVC will use these funds for veterans’ health and safety initiatives designated in House Bill 8,” said Paul Kirchhoff, Missouri Veterans Commission Executive Director. “A portion of these funds will also be used to complete the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Jacksonville columbarium wall.” The first transfer of funds occurred in September 2020 and totaled \$2,135,510. To monitor the continued progress of the licensed facilities, visit the Facility Data and Reports webpage.



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Sam Polly, MU Extension

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With zero tolerance for these tiny pests, it is important to hire the right pest control provider, Polly says. Misapplied pesticides or choosing subgrade “exterminators” opens owners to expenses and legal liability.

“You need to eliminate bedbugs before they spread, so you need a reputable pest control firm,” he says. “Don’t choose one based on price or allow a renter, friend or family member attempt to treat them.”

Control begins with prevention and education, he says. Bedbugs hitchhike on luggage and used furniture, so check items for signs of bugs before bringing them into the home. Check regularly for bedbugs to detect them early.

Bedbugs are about the size of a small tick and easily seen with the naked eye. These wingless pests are brownish red in color. Their eggs are pearl-white eggs and about the size of a pinhead. Bedbugs commonly show along mattress seams, behind headboards, in ceilings and wall junctions, along baseboards and on personal belongings. They leave behind brown or black fecal spots.

Polly recommends choosing a pest management pro-

fessional before you need one.

Look for a professional who is friendly, knowledgeable and helpful, he says. They should have a business facility, adequate staff and well-maintained equipment. Ask for references from local customers and run a check with the Better Business Bureau or the National Pest Management Association.

Professionals will offer proof of a certified commercial applicator’s license, insurance and other credentials. After assessing the extent of infestation, they will explain the treatment process they use. The contract should address this as well as guarantees, cost and agreed access to the building with minimal disruption.

Observe if the workers wear protective equipment and follow good safety practices. Ask for a written record of applied pesticides. After treatment, a follow-up inspection should reveal dead bugs.

Treatments and costs depend on the degree of infestation. Medium to light infestations use chemical treatment. Heavy infestations use heat treatments that can penetrate walls, furniture, flooring, etc.

The MU Extension publication “Occasional Biting Pests” is available for free download at extension.missouri.edu/g7396.

Learn about creepy critters on MDC Wild Webcast

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites the public to learn about aquatic vampires, zombie insects, barfing birds, bizarre bats, spooky spiders, weird worms, and other creepy critters found in Missouri during its “Halloween Special” MDC Wild Webcast on Creepy Critters Wednesday, Oct. 27, at noon until 1 p.m.

MDC Urban Wildlife Biologist Erin Shank from the Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood will share her insights and expertise on some of the creepy critters that call

Missouri home, such as lampreys, spider wasps, robber flies, horsehair worms, bats, vultures, tarantulas, butcher birds, and others. Shank will also answer webcast-participant questions on the topic as time allows.

Register online for the free MDC Wild Webcast on Creep Critters at short.mdc.mo.gov/Zym.

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