

## Wrestler Zach Coenen doubles Cassville’s gold

Lee Stubblefield

**What. A. Week.**  
On Tuesday, Cassville’s Annie Moore became a state wrestling gold medalist.  
Zach Coenen on Thursday? #metoo.  
Coenen, Cassville’s lone entry in the MSHSAA Class 2 wrestling championships at Independence, matched Moore’s mojo to capture Cassville’s first ever boys wrestling medal. Unlike Moore, who pinned every opponent in her state saga, Coenen had to battle through overtime in all three of his matches to earn the gold bling.  
After an opening round bye in the Class 2, 220 pound weight class, Coenen survived in the quarterfinals against Josh Dunmire of Fulton, winning in OT, 2-1. The semifinals saw Coenen forced into OT again. This

time he dominated the extra period, defeating Peyton Hahn of Boonville, 4-1, to advance to the championship match.  
Waiting for Coenen in the finals was Jared Kinder, Moberly’s prolific senior with the 45-6 record. Only 26 wrestlers in the 14 weight divisions of the Class 2 tournament had reached the 40-win plateau. Most school schedules lack the number of matches required for a wrestler to reach 40 wins. To hit that mark, you have to finish the season near perfect, or compete every weekday and twice on Sunday.  
Harrisonville’s Carson Miller came in with an impressive 39-9 record, but Kinder decisioned him in the semifinals.  
In contrast, Coenen’s sectional championship victory boosted his record to just 28-3. But throw out the victory total. They were both sectional champions. Perhaps the most important stat was Kinder’s six losses, double Coenen’s number.  
**Technique, ferocity, and instinct**  
In the title match, Coenen battled Kinder toe-to-toe, and hold for hold, then scored the winning point in the waning minute of overtime. Coenen matched Kinder in technique, and used his football power and instinct honed in years of practice and competition to turn the tide.  
**Cassville championship history**  
Annie Moore and Zach Coenen join 15 other Wildcats from the past as individual state champions in MSHSAA sports and ac-

See COENEN 7A



Cassville High School senior, Zach Coenen, took the first place gold medal in the Thursday, March 11, state wrestling championships in Independence, making it the second gold medal for Cassville  
Lady Wildcat wrestler, Annie Moore, won the state title two days prior on Tuesday, March 9.

## Tier 3 COVID-19 vaccine eligibility opened with Cassville drive-through clinic



Drivers lined up on City Park Road in Cassville Monday to receive a first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on the opening day of Phase 1B - Tier 3 eligibility.

Sheila Harris

The Barry County Health Department, in conjunction with supporting healthcare and EMS providers, seems to have drive-through vaccination clinics down to a science.  
Monday’s opening of Phase 1B - Tier 3 COVID-19 vaccine eligibility in Cassville was marked by a drive-through clinic near

Cassville’s city ball fields, yet another one conducted with well-oiled efficiency.  
In spite of a long line of traffic, wait times were minimal. Most drivers entering the line at the south end of City Park Road, were able to leave via Mineral Springs Road in less than 30 minutes: a time frame which included waiting for the proscribed 15 minutes after the vaccination

was administered.  
Health department administrator Roger Brock credits the efficiency to the 30 or so people who pitch in to help with the clinics, including personnel from Roark Family Health and Access Family Care in Cassville, as well as Mercy EMS, City of Cassville and Office of Emergency

See VACCINES 9A

## GoBEC, Barry Electric host broadband discussion



Above, Greene County Presiding Commissioner, Bob Dixon - member of a national group tasked with gathering information to assist with reducing the digital divide in rural America - led a community discussion hosted by Barry Electric and GoBEC Fiber Technology Wednesday, March 10.

Sheila Harris

Greene County Presiding Commissioner, Bob Dixon – a member of the National Association of Counties - met with business owners and interested citizens of Barry County Wednesday for a discussion about the challenges of providing broadband internet connectivity to all residents of the county.  
The round-table style meeting - held in one of Barry Electric’s garages in Cassville – was the most productive meeting in the four counties where he’s held them so far, Dixon said.  
“I’m gathering information from residents of the ten-county region I’m responsible for,” said Dixon, who was appointed to a 30-member national task force to study the broadband needs of U.S. residents in detail.

“Primarily, we are looking for the answer to three questions,” he continued. “What is the current footprint of broadband? What are the barriers to build-out (to increase that bandwidth)? And, how can we guarantee equal access to the internet?  
The goal, Dixon said, is to decrease the digital divide in rural areas across the nation.  
“Most of the comments we receive regarding the importance of internet connectivity come from four fundamental groups: law enforcement, agriculture leaders, educators, and business leaders,” Dixon said.  
Angela Seymour, who represented Crowder College at the meeting, said many of the school’s students were left stranded last year when classes went virtual.

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Testing Voter  
Tabulation Equipment

Absentee voting  
continues

Barry County Clerk, Joyce Ennis, reports a public pre-election tabulation test of the electronic tabulating equipment for the April 6, 2021, General Municipal Election. It will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, in the County Clerk's Office.

Absentee voting continues for the April 6, 2021, General Municipal Election through Monday, April 5, 2021, at the Barry County

Offices with no elections to be held

**There will be no election for the following offices in the General Municipal Election, April 6, 2021, per RSMo. 115.124:**

"If the number of candidates who have filed for a particular office is equal to the number of positions in that office to be filled by the election, no election shall be held for such office, and the candidates shall assume the responsibilities of their offices at the same time and in the same manner as if they had been elected."

The following list contains the names of the candidates that shall assume the responsibilities of office under this section.

**Ambulance Boards**

- Gary Lupen-South Barry County Amb Dist. #1
- Ken Cieslinski-South Barry County Amb Dist. #4
- Justin Howerton-Barry/Lawrence County Amb Dist. #1
- David Compton-Barry/Lawrence County Amb Dist. #4

**Fire Protection District Boards**

- Joseph Walker, Aurora Fire
- Waylon Doty, Aurora Fire
- Richard Linebarger, Cassville Fire
- Parker Stumpff, Cassville Fire

- Gene Stimble, Central Crossing Fire
- Gary Paul, Exeter Fire
- Ron Shockley, Exeter Fire
- Randall Wallace, Wheaton Fire
- Steve Williams, Wheaton Fire

**School Board of Directors:**

- Mark McCully, Aurora R-VIII
- Jeramie Grosenbacher, Aurora VIII
- Wade Hermansen, Cassville R-IV
- Steve Henbest, Cassville R-IV
- Bruce Steele, Crane R-III
- Gregory Vaught, Crane R-III
- Mitch Sorensen, Exeter R-VI
- Sammy Hudson, Exeter R-VI
- Kent Stephens, Galena R-II
- Angela Stewart Foster, Galena R-II
- Daniel "Danny" Dalton, Southwest R-V
- Robert Catron, Southwest R-V
- Jared Lechner, Verona R-VII
- Jeff Hillhouse, Verona R-VII

**City Boards:**

- Purdy City

**Road District Commissioners**

- Jamie Cornell, Ash
- Kyle Forgey, Capps

- Rick Epperly, Corsicana
- Gary Moreland, Crane Creek
- Josh Still, Exeter
- Carroll Craig, Flat Creek
- Robert Evans, Greasy Creek
- Jason Hudson, Jenkins
- Ron Campbell, Kings Prairie
- Eddie Dummit, McDonald
- Mike Collins, Mountain
- Robert Miller, Ozark
- Mark Witt, Pioneer
- Jon Godsey, Pleasant Ridge
- Rick Scott, Purdy
- Eddie Gibson, Roaring River
- Ryland Kremier, Shell Knob
- Randy Miles, Sugar Creek
- Jeff Cockrum, Washburn
- C.L. England, Wheaton
- Larry Mann, White River

**Water Districts-Board of Directors**

- Brett Walker, Crestwood West Water No. 2
- Linde Hendrix, Southwest Rural Water Dist. 1
- Lenna Knight, Southwest Rural Water Dist. 1

**South Barry County Hospital**

- Eddie Davison, 6 yr. term

First-come  
J & J vaccination clinic  
scheduled in Cassville

Clerk's Office in Cassville, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If unable to vote absentee in person, you may request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. You can pick up an absentee ballot request form at the Monett Chamber of Commerce or you may send a written request to the office of: Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or by fax at 417-847-5311. If you are requesting an absentee ballot by mail we will need: Date of Election, Name of voter, Physical address, Mailing address, Date of birth, Last four (4) digits of social security number, Phone number, Reason for voting absentee (absent from your voting location on election day or physical disability), and signature.

You may also print an absentee application from sos.mo.gov and mail it to our office.

Last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is Wednesday, March 24, 2021, for the April 6, 2021, General Municipal election.

For additional information, call Barry County Clerk, Joyce Ennis at 417-847-2561 ext. 3 or email jennis@barry-countyclerk.com.

Barry County Health Department officials report they have received a limited number of Johnson & Johnson single dose vaccines. These vaccinations will be administered by appointment on Saturday, March 20. Those interested in receiving a vaccination can call the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114 to register.

The vaccine will be available on a first-come basis and

Cox Monett offers free  
screening mammograms

Free screening mammograms in March, thanks to BCFO.

Underinsured and uninsured women will have an opportunity to receive free screening mammograms at CoxHealth on select dates in March. The program is provided through a partnership between Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks and CoxHealth.

Participants do not need to be CoxHealth patients to receive a mammogram, but must be age 40 or older and not be experiencing any breast problems. Appointments are required.

For more information or

are available to Missouri residents including: K-12 educators, childcare staff, food production and processing employees, as well as persons included in certain critical infrastructure sectors.

Persons over 65 years of age, first responders, and those with certain health conditions also remain eligible for vaccination.

to register, please contact the relevant site:

- Cox Monett: March 23, 1 – 3 p.m. 417-354-1138.
- Cox Branson: March 24, 2:30 – 6 p.m. 417-348-8796.
- Cox Barton County: March 24, 12 – 5 p.m. 417-681-5161.

A referral from a physician is required for the screening in Lamar, but is not needed at the other locations.

Hulston Cancer Center: March 29, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. 417-269-LADY.

No appointments are needed for the screenings in Springfield.

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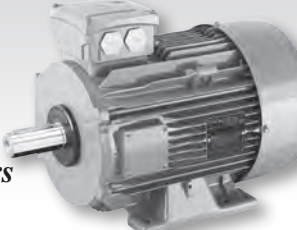
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## Notice:

**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.

**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](http://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 to serve their clients.

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## March 24

**Give Ozarks: Rally for Recovery Day** is an online event starting at 7 A.M. continuing to 7 P.M. through the Cause Momentum website. Donations are easy and safe to make on this secure website. The pandemic has negatively impacted everyone and the Central Crossing Senior Center (CCSC) is no different. While not open for group activities, the cost of maintaining the building continues, and CCSC was unable to hold any fund-raisers, their main source of income. CCSC continued to help the community through Medicare Counseling, Foot Health Clinics, and Tax Preparation. CCSC encourages anyone to make a contribution on Give Ozarks Day. A link to Give Ozarks will be available on the CCSC website: [www.shellknobseniorsinc.org](http://www.shellknobseniorsinc.org).

## March 25

**A Blood Donation Event** will be held at the Mill Street Church of Christ Multi-Purpose Room, 1104 Mill Street, Cassville, from 12 P.M. to 6 P.M. Masks are required for donors and staff. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Appointments are strongly encouraged to manage donor flow. To schedule your appointment, call (417) 227-5006 or got to [www.cbco.org/donate-blood](http://www.cbco.org/donate-blood).

**The Barry County Republican Club** will meet at Steak Inn in Shell Knob at 6:30 P.M.

## March 25 & 26

**Purdy Preschool and Kindergarten Screenings** for the 2021-2022 school year will be held on Thursday, March 25th, and Friday, March 26th, from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., by appointment only. Please call (417) 442-3216, ext. 1 to schedule a screening for your child.

**Exeter R-VI School District Pre-K & Kindergarten Screenings** will be held at Exeter Elementary on Thursday, March 25, 2021, and Friday, March 26, 2021. Students for Pre-K must be 4 years old before August 1, 2021, and for Kindergarten must be 5 years old before August 1, 2021. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling (417) 835-2922 ext. 1. The following items must be brought to the screening: proof of residency (something with physical address on it); birth certificate; imunization record.

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## March 31

**A Blood Donation Drive** will be held at Exeter High School, High School Commons Area, Front and Locust, Exeter, from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. Masks are required for donors and staff. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Appointments are strongly encouraged to manage donor flow. Schedule an appointment by calling 9417) 227-5006 or got to [www.cbco.org/donate-blood](http://www.cbco.org/donate-blood).

## School Menus: Mar. 22 - Mar. 26

*All meals served with milk and subject to change.*

**Cassville High School:** Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: spaghetti or pizza, salad, corn, breadsticks, juice. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: general chicken or popcorn chicken, rice, carrots, egg roll, pineapple or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit cocktail. L: country steak or pork chopette, potatoes, gravy, hot roll, green beans, fruit cocktail or salad meal. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, yogurt cup, peaches. L: grilled ham & cheese or grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, crackers, carrot sticks, pineapple or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, graham crackers, pears or cereal, PB&J, grapes. L: corndog or fish sticks, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables, juice or salad meal.

**Cassville PR-IN-Middle:** Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or cherry frudel, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, tropical fruit. L: corndog or fish sticks, mac & cheese, glazed carrots, mandarin oranges. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple slices. L: burrito or hot dog, nachos, green beans, pineapple. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, tropical fruit. L: Pizza or chicken crispito, corn, salad, fruit cocktail. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, strawberries or cereal, Teddy Grahams, apple-sauce. L: chicken & noodle or country steak, potatoes, mixed vegetables, gravy, peaches. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, sausage, mandarin oranges or cereal, Pop-Tart, peaches. L: pizza or ham sandwich, broccoli, Go-Gurt, peaches.

**Purdy:** Mon: B: oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit. L: super nachos, black beans, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: spaghetti, meat sauce, romaine, toamato, ranch, fruit. Wed: B: pancake, sausage on a stick, syrup, fruit. L: chicken tenders, french fries, fruit. Thurs: B: omelet, toast, fruit. L: chili cheese dog, vegetables, fruit. Fri: B: oatmeal, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, Sun Chips, vegetables, fruit.

**Southwest:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: french toast sticks, pears, juice. L: pizza crunchers, corn, mozz. cheese stick, tropical fruit. Wed: B: biscuit, pepper gravy, grapes, juice. L: chicken fajita nachos, nacho cheese sauce, shredded lettuce, salsa, fiesta corn, mandarin oranges. Thurs: B: breakfast sausage pizza, peaches, juice. L: chicken & noodles, mixed vegetables, peaches, brownies. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, ketchup, grapes, juice. L: ham sandwich, leaf lettuce, chips, apple slices with caramel.

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## 10th County Joins Treasurer Fitzpatrick’s Local Government Checkbook

To kick off Sunshine Week, Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick today announced that Cape Girardeau County is the 10th county to provide spending data for the local government checkbook. This is part of his ongoing commitment to ensuring a more efficient and transparent government at all levels.

Spending data from ten local governments, Cape Girardeau County, Cass County, Clay County, Cole County, Franklin County, Greene County, Jasper County, Newton County, St. Charles County, and the City of St. Louis, can be searched, with 16 additional counties in progress. The Office will continue adding county expenditure data as it becomes available.

Visitors to the Checkbook can examine expenditure data detailing funds, departments, vendors, payment descriptions, and totals for the available government entities.

“Government transparency is essential to a functioning republic,” Treasurer Fitzpatrick said. “As Treasurer, I will always strive to improve transparency be-

cause I want Missourians to trust that their government is working for them and their tax dollars are being spent wisely. Increased transparency helps facilitate that trust and I am hopeful that more county leaders will volunteer to participate in the local government checkbook.”

In 2020, Treasurer Fitzpatrick announced the expansion of the Show-Me Checkbook to include local governments. He also facilitated aggregating state expenditures related to CARES Act funding in one portal on the Treasurer’s Office website for Missourians to search.

The Show-Me Checkbook, launched by the Treasurer’s Office in 2018, is one of the most comprehensive state financial data portals in the country. The Local Governments section of the Show-Me Checkbook can be found at <https://treasurer.mo.gov/ShowMeCheckbook/localgovernment>.

In 2020, the Treasurer’s Office had a sunshine request response time of less than a day. Sunshine Week celebrates open government and access to public information. It runs from March 14-21.

## Special Enrollment Period open for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The Missouri Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) wants to make Missourians aware of a Special Enrollment Period in response to the public health emergency which will allow consumers to purchase new individual health coverage or change their Marketplace plan for 2021.

This Special Enrollment Period, which runs from February 15 through May 15, 2021 allows consumers to enroll for the coverage they need for 2021. Consumers may enroll for these benefits on the HealthCare.gov website. Some health insurers are also offering the opportunity to enroll for coverage for 2021 outside the federal Marketplace as well.

If you purchase through the federal Marketplace, your cost may be reduced if you are eligible for an advanced premium tax credit (APTC). The credits are only available if you buy insurance on the Marketplace. They are not available for policies purchased off the Marketplace or for policies purchased through your employer.

Insurance companies offering individual plans

in 2021 are Healthy Alliance Life Insurance Company (Anthem), Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City, Ambetter from Home State Health (Celtic/Centene), Cigna, Cox, Oscar, Medica, and SSM (Well First Health). Consumers can access the department’s coverage map for more information on companies in their county.

“When choosing a new health plan, it’s important to consider more than just premium cost. Compare all costs, including networks, providers and drug formularies,” warned Chlora Lindley-Myers, Director of the Department. Additionally, be wary of deceptive sales practices, online ads, and phone solicitations. We have received complaints from consumers who purchased plans they thought were comprehensive, but ended up providing very limited benefits.”

For more information and to utilize the department’s shopping tool, visit the department’s website at [www.insurance.mo.gov](http://www.insurance.mo.gov) or call the Insurance Consumer Hotline at 800-726-7390.

## Cassville clean-up event to be held April 12-16

The city of Cassville's annual spring clean-up will be held April 12 through April 16. Republic Services will accept additional household waste and large items on regular collection days.

The following items will be accepted at the curb: barbecue grills, patio furniture, sofas; dressers; love-seats; recliners; desks; televisions; bundled guttering; beds, including hide-a-beds, mattresses and box springs.

Wood pallets; materials must be cut into four-foot sections and stacked; sinks; toilets; cabinets; vanities; carpet that is cut into four-foot lengths and bundled; and bicycles.

Republic Services will not accept tires, yard waste, large quantities of ash, dead animals, raw sewage, waste oil, hazardous materials, wet paint containers, chemicals, flammable substances, lead or acid batteries or waste from large remodeling or construction projects.

One option will be to have Cassville residents set at their curb side large appliances for Republic Services to collect. There is a \$15 fee. Residents must pay the fee to Republic Services in order to schedule the pick-up of the appliance. The following large appliances will be accepted after the \$15 fee has been paid: dishwashers; washing machines; dryers; hot water heaters; and stoves.

Republic Services will also accept refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners that display a tag from a licensed technician proving that all freon has been removed from the item. To request and pay for pick-up of an appliance please contact Republic Services at 417-268-1261.

Yard waste will be accepted as normal at the Yard Waste facility behind the Cassville Aquatic Park. For more information of the city clean-up, call 847-4441

## PACE, Cassville United Methodist Church, Haven of the Ozarks receive grants

The Cassville United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Haven of the Ozarks and PACE - a Cassville-based 501c3 umbrella for civic groups and projects - have received grants totaling \$10,000.

The Cassville Community Foundation applied for the grant through the Coover Regional Recovery Grant Program. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks manages the Coover grant-making program and opened this year’s grant round to its 52 affiliate foundations for proposals to support community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

PACE received a grant of \$5,000 to offset cancelled fundraisers due to COVID-19. The agency also will use the funds to support community improvement and development projects.

Cassville United Methodist received \$2,500 for the Cassville Food Pantry, which provides food to Cassville residents in need.

“We greatly appreci-

ate the grant to help those struggling,” said Janet Mills, Cassville Food Pantry Director. “With the pandemic, resources are appreciated. We’re going to use the grant money to distribute groceries for those having a hard time, be it from unemployment or health related issues.”

Haven of the Ozarks will use its \$2,500 grant to fund programming support and for pandemic relief for the Cassville community.

“We’re really grateful for the grant,” said Sherah Farris, the director at the Haven of the Ozarks. “We’re currently working on reaching out to the community.

“We plan to use the money to neuter animals, since the typical cost can be \$160, which can be a lot for some families,” Farris explained.

A total of \$300,000 was awarded to 30 CFO affiliate foundations for a combination of specific requests for nonprofit projects and plans to accept future applications and re-grant the funding in their communities.

The grants are made possible by the CFO’s partnership with the Coover Charitable Foundation, managed by Commerce Trust Company. The Foundation was created by Julia Dorothy Coover, a longtime Commerce Bank employee, in honor of her late husband. Since its partnership with the CFO began in 2002, the Coover grant-making program has awarded more than \$7.1 million across the Ozarks.

“One of the primary goals of the Louis L. and Julia Dorothy Coover Charitable Grantmaking program is to be flexible to respond to high-priority needs in our region,” said Jill Reynolds, senior vice president at Commerce Trust Company. “The nonprofit community has worked tirelessly over the past year to help residents cope with the wide range of issues created by the pandemic. We are pleased to work with CFO Affiliate leaders who are well positioned to identify local needs and the organizations responding to them.”

*The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is a regional public charitable foundation established in 1973 that provides asset and resource development, grantmaking and public leadership through a network of donors, 52 affiliate foundations, including the Cassville Community Foundation, and more than 600 nonprofit partners across central and southern Missouri.*

## Vehicles totaled near Purdy

Adrienne Quiros-Zucca

Thomas E. Young (67) of Cassville, was northbound on Highway 37 when his 1990 Hyundai Tuscon struck the rear of a 2005 Accura TLS, driven by Leslie R. Mareth (49), of Purdy. Mareth’s vehicle was also northbound.

Young, who was not wearing a safety device, suffered minor injuries and was taken to Mercy Hospital in Cassville by emergency medical services.

Mareth was wearing a safety device. No injury to her was reported.

Both Young’s and Mareth’s vehicles were totaled.

Both drivers were insured.

Young’s car was towed by Brice’s Wrecker, of Cassville. Mareth’s was towed privately.

The investigation was conducted by CPL. K. L. Knight, with assistance from D.F. Hukill.

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# Purdy Honor Society Hosts Awards



The 2021 Purdy National English Honor Society Chapter is pictured, from left. \* Denotes New Member. Front row: \*Anna Hoffman, Macy Terry, \*Adriana Barrientos, \*Audrey Lowe, Makenna Orwig, \*Bosten Goetz, Clay Henderson, M'kena Propps, Areli Garcia and \*Katrina Lee. Middle row: \*Carlee Deditius, Lauren Schallert, Annabelle Bowman, \*Alli Hayes, Daniele Reed, Kinsley Mattingly, Zackary Brewer, Daniel Aldava and \*Jasmine Holloway. Back row: Advisor Michelle Hilburn, Zachary Henderson, Drew Graham, Andres Aldaba, \*Weston Ellison, Jake Brown, \*Joshua Brown, \*Matthew Cornelius and Adviser Kayla Branstetter. Members \*Mason Harkey, \*Destiny Clevenger, Aubrey Knatcal, Connie Lee, Elmer Rueda and \*Fernando Gaucin and were unable to attend the event. Photo taken by Purdy Yearbook Staff

The Purdy High School National Honor Society held its annual Evening of Excellence on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The program, hosted by National Honor Society Member Andres Aldaba, featured the presentation of awards to students that excelled in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Academic Team competitions. FBLA honorees included Andres Aldaba, Annabelle Bowman, Jake Brown, Jaclin Fenske, Areli Garcia, Bosten Goetz, Drew Graham, Alli Hayes, Clay Henderson, Zach Henderson, Eli Hutson, Esdras Juarez, Ruby Knight, Katrina Lee, Kinsley Mattingly, Jordan Muntz, Makenna Orwig, Destry Patton, M'kena Propps, Sydney Rea, Danielle Reed and Lauren Schallert. Academic Team members honored included Drew Graham, Matthew Cornelius, Anna Hoffman and Ruby Knight.

Purdy Secondary Principal Dr. Derek Banwart also

presented academic letters and pins to 36 students. To be eligible for an academic letter a student must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 for three consecutive semesters. Pins are presented each year to academic letter holders that maintain their 3.5 GPA. Academic letter and pin recipients included Daniel Aldava, Osiel Aldava, Monserat Alvarez, Adriana Barrientos, Joey Billingsley, Caitlin Brown, Josh Brown, Destiny Clevenger, Matthew Cornelius, Erik Cruz, Carlee Deditius, Weston Ellison, Jaclin Fenske, Ezequiel Garcia, Bosten Goetz, Drew Graham, Mason Harkey, Lesly Haros, Alli Hayes, Clay Henderson, Zach Henderson, Anna Hoffman, Bradley Hutson, Lisa Lee, Audrey Lowe, Kinsley Mattingly, Makayla Mazza, Katrina O'Donald, Makenna Orwig, Taryn Orwig, M'kena Propps, Anna Marie Schad, Lauren Schallert, Bentley Stephens, Adrien Tate and Macy Terry.

The Purdy chapter of the

National English Honor Society inducted 14 new members during the Evening of Excellence, including Adriana Barrientos, Jasmine Holloway, Katrina Lee, Weston Ellison, Mason Harkey, Alli Hayes, Carlee Deditius, Audrey Lowe, Matthew Cornelius, Bosten Goetz, Destiny Clevenger, Anna Hoffman, Fernando Gaucin and Josh Brown. Purdy's National English Honor Society operates under the direction of co-advisers Kayla Branstetter and Michelle Hilburn.

Purdy's Evening of Excellence concluded with the annual National Honor Society induction ceremony, which welcomed eight new members to its ranks. Zackary Brewer, Erik Cruz, Weston Ellison, Adriana Barrientos, Joshua Brown, Destiny Clevenger, Bosten Goetz and Alli Hayes gained admission to the District's elite society, whose cardinal principals include Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service. The Passing of the National Honor Society Candles of Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service is a moving part of the annual ceremony. New members receiving this



The 2021 Purdy National Honor Society Chapter is pictured in the above photo. \* Denotes New Member. Front row, from left to right, are: Bradley Hutson, Macy Terry, \*Adriana Barrientos, Audrey Lowe, Makenna Orwig, \*Bosten Goetz, Clay Henderson and M'kena Propps. Middle row: Lauren Schallert, Annabelle Bowman, \*Alli Hayes, Danielle Reed, Kinsley Mattingly, \*Zackary Brewer and Matthew Cornelius. Back row: Zachary Henderson, Drew Graham, Osiel Aldava, Andres Aldaba, \*Erik Cruz, \*Weston Ellison, Jake Brown and \*Joshua Brown. New member Destiny Clevenger was unable to attend the event. Photo taken by Purdy Yearbook Staff.

high honor included: Bosten Goetz, Character; Alli Hayes, Scholarship; Weston Ellison, Leadership, and Joshua Brown, Service.

National Honor Society adviser Jennifer Schallert Cornelius noted of this year's Evening of Excellence, "We held last year's event

four days before the Pandemic closed the doors of our school for the remainder of the year. This year we were met with many challenges as we returned to school, but together we overcame them all. This year's Evening of Excellence was a shining testimony to the resilience, deter-

mination and courage of our Purdy Eagles. Our motto is, 'Excellence is the Standard.' We upheld that standard through all of the COVID-related challenges we faced, and I couldn't be prouder of our students and staff.

## Smokey Bear visits Exeter students



On February 26th, 2021, Exeter FFA Members had help from guest Ron Brown and his handy companion, Smokey Bear, while teaching the kids about fire safety techniques. FFA Members taught pre-k through 5th graders about what to do during a fire and how to protect themselves in case of one. The kids were taught techniques such as how to stop-drop and roll, how to crawl and stay low in a fire, how to make contact with a firefighter, and how to feel their bedroom door to see how close the fire was. Our FFA chapter believes that the more knowledge that people in our community and school have about fire safety, the more people will come out of such a scary event alive. Our chapter held this event so as a school we could be confident that the younger generation knows what to do in a situation where there is a fire. Written by Exeter FFA Reporter Aubry Antle

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Berndt, Mebruer named Soccer Academic All State



Shown above, left to right: Dylan Berndt; Head Soccer Coach, Jake Forste; and Zane Mebruer.

Cassville High School senior student athletes Dylan Berndt and Zane Mebruer have been named Soccer Academic All State. This award is the highest academic honor for soccer players in the state of Missouri.

The Missouri Soccer Academic Team is a highly select group of seniors from all four classes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom during their high school careers. This year, 37

players made the team and had an academic score of 120 or higher which corresponds to an unweighted GPA of 4.0 and an ACT score of 30.

Cassville is one of two schools in the state (Bartow) with selections on the last five Academic All-state teams (2018 boys- Andrew Berndt, 2019 girls- Kamryn Jaques, 2019 boys- Eli Herrin, 2020 girls: Alexis Mann. 2020 boys: Dylan Berndt, Zane Mebruer).

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activities. The 1983 girls track team, and the 2008 and 2009 football teams also won state titles.

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grave. Moore and Coenen will always be remembered as Cassville Wildcat state champions.

Purdy Americorps idea gains national attention



Purdy Americorp reading coaches, shown above, left to right, are: Megan Aldridge, Jacquie Howell, Dyanna Yarbr, Sue Negre, Shanda Blackburn, Kindra Miller, Jessica Smith, Renae Neill, Kindria Brown, and Misty Hughes.

Purdy’s Americorps Reading Coaches sponsored a project in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, in January, which proved to be a hit, not only with local reading students, but with Americorps coaches across the nation.

Purdy Americorps director, Renae Neill, said students in grades kindergarten through fifth made greeting cards for residents of area nursing homes.

“In addition to our local project, we publicized the idea on the MLK Day of Service website and the Presidential Inauguration website. There, we invited people from all over the United States to join us by reaching out to senior citizens who are facing loneliness in this season of Covid shutdowns,” Neill said.

“We were thrilled to hear from over 100 people all over the country who were planning to join us in our project to reach out to nursing home

residents. Most of the other groups sent their cards to people in their own community,” Neill added. “However, some of them sent packages to us, here in Purdy. We received packages from people as far away as Arizona, California, Colorado, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Most of those people had ties to someone in Missouri. They wanted us to let people in our local nursing homes know that they have not been forgotten.”

The Americorps is dividing the cards students made and received between residents of Roaring River Health & Rehab in Cassville and Lacoba Homes in Monett.

The Purdy AmeriCorps Reading Coaches will hold a recruitment meeting March 23 at 9 a.m. in the Purdy School commons area. Americorps Reading Coaches provide one-on-one read-



Purdy Americorp Reading Coach, Renae Neill (right), presents Roaring River Health & Rehab activities director, Norma Kirkpatrick (left), with some of the cards made by Americorps students for distribution among residents.

ing instruction to elementary students. Part-time openings are currently available for the 2021-2022 school year for people who love children and have a heart to serve their

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# A Title to Take to Your Grave



Josie & Lee Stubblefield

Lee Stubblefield

Annie Moore and Zach Coenen’s state championship performances brought back a lot of memories of my own high school athletic career. Some bittersweet, memories of a tumultuous few weeks that challenged me to the core and helped define who and what I am. Telling this story is difficult, but it is a story that needs to be told.

Running on the Fayetteville High School cross country team was a stressful experience. As the consecutive state championship streak grew and the “dynasty” label stuck, no one wanted to be a part of the team that broke the streak.

When I entered my senior year at Fayetteville, we were in pursuit of a fifth straight

state title. In two previous seasons, I had finished 8th at the state meet twice as the purple Bulldogs won easily.

But there was a lot more than running on my mind.

My father, W.R. Stubblefield, was not well. Dad was 65, having retired the previous May. I was the youngest of his four sons, the second from his second marriage. Dad was 47 when I was born, my mother was 40.

As the season progressed, Dad’s health deteriorated. Two weeks before the state cross country meet, he was admitted into the old Fayetteville City Hospital. Cancer.

He slipped into a coma within a week. I was devastated and unsure of what to do. My mother, who was never a big sports person, sat me down and told me how it was going to be.

“You are going to run Saturday because your father would want you to,” she said. “If he dies while you are gone, it’s ok. He would understand.”

Privately, she and Dad’s sister Dorothy feared for my emotional state. They had already concluded that I was in no state to run, much less win. A nagging knee injury had kept me out of the final

regular season meet, and the added emotional burden seemed to them to be more than I could bear. But they didn’t want me haunted by regrets if I didn’t at least go and try.

It was cold on the golf course that morning in Searcy. There were only four boys races to be run. Girls cross country was still years away in the state of Arkansas. A hilly and challenging course awaited, as did a talented Conway team that was primed for the upset in Class 3A.

By design, I sprinted off the line into the lead, forcing the pace up the first big hill. Then after a half mile, I throttled down and let the pack catch up. I ran easily in third place for the next mile, and then moved back in front for the last hill.

I struggled near the crest, and teammate Clark Lewis crept past at the summit. We turned right onto the last straightaway with a quarter mile to go.

It was then that I heard my father’s voice as clearly as ever say, “Turn it loose.”

I shot into the lead and pulled away for the win. I sprinted through the finish chute and looked back to see a parade of Fayetteville runners trailing me. Lewis, second. Keith Striegler, fourth. Charlie Ferguson, fifth. Chuck Smith, seventh. Barry Bramlett, tenth. Our last runner, my good friend Les Ledbetter, placed 11th. He would have been no worse than second for any of the other schools. We scored 19 points in a dominating team performance.

It was late afternoon when we returned to Fayetteville. Les drove me to the hospital where I took a deep breath before heading down the corridor to Dad’s room. There were no cell phones, and I had no idea what awaited me.

Aunt Dorothy came out of Dad’s room just as i reached it. She looked at the trophy I held and exclaimed, “You did win!”

She ushered me into the room where Dad was awake for the first time in days after suffering a stroke. He held my trophy with his good hand and whispered, “It’s not much for all the work you put into it.”

He slipped back into a coma that evening and was never really awake after that. He passed away in the early hours of Wednesday, November 14. We buried him in the old cemetery east of the Methodist church in Elm Springs.

# Boating & Thunderstorms Don’t Mix

Springtime in Missouri means ever-changing weather. In the last month, Missourians have seen thunderstorms as well as clear days in the 70s. When it’s warm out, spring is a great time to enjoy Missouri’s many lakes and rivers. But, remember that thunderstorms develop quickly this time of year.

When a thunderstorm looms on the horizon, it’s time to get ashore. Lightning, torrential rain, and rough waters can turn a pleasurable outing into a life-threatening situation in moments. An unaware boater or fisherman can be taken by surprise, and not realize the danger a thunderstorm brings. Severe conditions can quickly overwhelm smaller craft, resulting in swamping, capsizing, collisions, falls overboard, and other dangerous occurrences. Some thunderstorms can create microbursts—intense downdrafts over an area a half-mile to 2.5 miles wide capable of producing wind gusts from 60 mph to more than 100 mph. Microbursts can capsize a small boat or blow a passenger overboard.

Before leaving the marina or launch ramp, boaters should check their local weather stations for storm warnings and other weather alerts. Understand that knowing there’s a “chance of a thunderstorm” won’t necessarily tell a boater when one is headed his or her way.

Weather fronts typically move in from the west/southwest, so scan the horizon in that direction periodically for lightning flashes and other signs. Recognizing that a “lowering ceiling”

— flat clouds getting lower and thicker — indicates an approaching storm front. To determine the distance of an approaching storm, count the number of seconds between the flash of lighting and the sound of thunder then divide the number of seconds by five. This will give you a rough idea of the distance in miles. If you notice signs of an approaching storm, immediately head for the nearest boat ramp or dock. These fast-developing thunderstorms are usually short in duration. Never try to outrun the storm in open water.

If you do get caught on the water during a thunderstorm, make sure everyone in the boat is wearing a properly secured life jacket. Have your passengers sit low and in the center of the boat. Then, head for bank of the river or shore of the lake. Make sure all doors, windows, and hatches are closed to reduce the risk of swamping and to keep the bilge free of water. If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. If you are in a small boat, which could easily capsize or swamp, or if the conditions get too bad, head to shore immediately, beach your boat, and seek shelter.

Weather can be both friend and foe to fishermen and recreational boaters. Staying alert to weather changes and taking appropriate action when necessary goes a long way toward safeguarding both lives and property.

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**NICHOLAS MARTIN DAVIS**

Nicholas Martin Davis, age 26, of Joplin, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at his home.

He was born March 22, 1994, in Joplin, the son of Scott McGill and Valerie Davis. Surviving are his father, Scott McGill, of Kentucky; one brother, Jaeger Hayden, of University Place, Washington; stepfather, Keith Hayden, of University Place, Washington; grandmother, Nadean Davis, of Cassville; one aunt, Kristie Preddy and her husband, Gary, and their three children, of Cassville; a great uncle and aunt, Earl and Pam Martin, of Olathe, Kansas; a great uncle and aunt, Wayne and Sammye Martin, of Garland, Texas; and a step-grandmother, Robin Davis, of Granby.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Valerie, and grandparents, Jerry McGill and Tommy Davis.

Nicholas was a graduate of Cassville High School and attended MSSU in Joplin. He worked in customer service at US Bank in Joplin. A favorite pastime was playing video games.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Cassville Branch Library at 301 West 17th Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625 or Fair Haven Children's Home at 3132 North Haven Loop, Strafford, Missouri 65757 in memory of Nicholas.

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**THOMAS LOUIS PATTERSON**

Thomas Louis Patterson, age 80, of Seligman, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at his home.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Visit [fohnfuneralhome.com](http://fohnfuneralhome.com) for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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OBITUARIES



**MARVIN EUGENE FARWELL**

Marvin Eugene Farwell, age 65, of Eagle Rock, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in Springfield after a long illness.

He was born on October 14, 1955, in Monett, the son of Walter and Martha Farwell. On December 6, 1980, he was united in marriage to Jewel Ann Farwell (Snyder). He is survived by Jewel; his one son, Brad Farwell and his wife, Courtney, of Monett; two brothers, Stona Farwell and his wife, Gaylene, of Cassville, and Marshall Farwell and his wife, Cherryl, of Eagle Rock.

was striped fishing on Beaver Lake, and he was a board member serving on the Northwest Arkansas Striper Association. Marvin was a founding member and volunteer of the Eagle Rock Fire Department. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Cassville.

There will be no funeral or graveside services due to COVID. Burial will be at Roach Cemetery in Eagle Rock.



**THOMAS IVON ELLIOTT JR.**

Thomas Ivon Elliott Jr., age 84, of Cassville, passed away March 6, 2021, from complications of a fall at his home. Tom, son of Thomas and Nadine (Newman) Elliott, was born on December 7, 1936, in Wichita, Kansas. He was united in marriage to DeVora (Palmquist) Elliott on August 6, 1976; she preceded him in death on July 30, 2017. Tom owned and operated V-Dub Unlimited in Wichita, Kansas. Tom was a Volkswagen guru and a dune buggy and bicycle enthusiast.

Tom also was a member of the Cassville Cruisers.

Survivors include two daughters, Lori Elliott-Bartle and her husband, John, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Tracey Elliott Organ and her husband, Patrick; two stedaughters, Dana Unruh, of Wichita, and Dawn Long, of Wichita; three grandchildren, Alex Bartle, Sarah Bartle, and Ryan Organ; and seven step-grandchildren, McKenna Unruh, Max Unruh, Grace Unruh, Beau Johnson, Steven Johnson, Shelby Johnson and Annabell Harvey.

Tom was also preceded in death by his parents and sister Jodine Elwick.

A private family gathering has occurred. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barry County Museum in Cassville, Missouri entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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**KEITH ALLEN BURWELL, SR.**

Keith Allen Burwell, Sr., was born on February 20, 1963. He joined his beloved mother in their heavenly home on March 9, 2021.

Keith was preceded in

death by his parents, Clarence Burwell and Lonnie and Eileen Hicks; one daughter, Sierra House; and three rain-bow grandbabies.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jeanne Henley Evans Burwell; two brothers, Dean (Misti) Burwell, of Joplin, and Eddie (Shelly) Burwell, of Exeter; five sisters, Sheila (Keith) Young, of Ridgley, Wendy (Terry) Testerman, of Cassville, Debbie Hicks, of Cassville, Misty (Ross) Hicks, of Ridgley, and Wendy Smith, of Fairview; seven children, Keith Burwell Easley, Jr. (Jessica), of Eagle Rock, Kevin Burwell, of Eagle Rock, Kristopher Burwell, of Joplin, Richard Burwell, of Cassville, Timothy (Konnie), of Quapaw, Okla., Stacey (Joshua) Bussey, of Joplin, and Elaina Burwell, of Exeter. He has 22 grandchildren, 24 nieces and nephews, and 31 great nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many.

Keith owned and operated H&B Tree Service in Exeter prior to relocating to Quapaw, Okla. He opened H&B Plumbing in 2011. He saw the devastation of the Joplin tornado and wanted to help the families and the community to rebuild. He closed the door to H&B Plumbing in 2017. When his health became greater, he moved back home to Seneca to be closer to his family. Keith loved the lake. He loved spending time with his family. There was no greater joy to Keith than his family.

The family will receive guests from 12 noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021, with service to follow at Resurrection Church, 19320 State Hwy. 112, Cassville. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Oasis Church of Joplin at 6863 E. Newman Rd. in Joplin.

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Officer involved shooting in Stone County

At approximately 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2021, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Stone County Sheriff's Office and the Kimberling City Police Department, responded to an address on Port Holiday Lane 2, in Kimberling City, after a call regarding a possible hostage situation.

After several hours of unsuccessful negotiations, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D SWAT team was requested by the Stone County Sheriff's Office. Upon arrival, members of the SWAT team made verbal and visual contact with a male subject who had a hostage in the apartment with him. While


negotiating with the male suspect, he fired random shots inside the apartment. One trooper discharged his Patrol issued firearm and the suspect sustained a single gunshot wound. The Stone County Coroner responded to the scene and pronounced the suspect deceased.

Members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control are investigating the incident and the officer involved shooting. Further details cannot be released at this time.

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"We provided access to wi-fi in the parking lot of the Cassville campus," she said, "but when students went home, many of them didn't have internet access. A lot of them had to drop classes for that reason."

Bob Dixon said he's heard many favorable comments about GoBEC's provision of fiber optic internet technology in Cassville and other areas in southern Barry County.

"GoBEC internet is the crown jewel of Cassville, from what I hear," he said.

Many satisfied customers of GoBEC, present at the meeting, agreed with him.

Dixon was able to take away feedback from GoBEC board members, most of which related to the prohibitive cost of providing the infrastructure for the fiber network - a gamble Barry Electric was willing to take on, beginning in 2001, when they began their initial investment in a fiber optic network in the Cassville area.

Local veterinarian Dr. David Cupps, a board member of Barry Technologies (doing business as GoBEC), ex-

plained that part of the problem with GoBEC serving a broader area is the unavailability of more federal grant funds to help the defray the costs.

"The FCC holds auctions which give competitors the opportunity to place bids for federal grants to be awarded to service providers," he said. "We had fiber optic infrastructure in place which ran north from Wheaton on Highway 86 and north from LeAnn along Highway 39. Our thought, which made perfect sense, was to run the network across northern Barry County from Highway 86 to Highway 39. However, we didn't receive the FCC grant we bid on, so we had to table the idea."

According to Cupps, a company out of Illinois called Whisper received the funding, but, based on the amount of their bid, he doesn't believe they will be able to provide the service that GoBEC could.

Bob Dixon says it's not always a fair playing field when it comes to FCC grants.

"It's usually the incumbent provider who wins the

grants," he said, referencing Windstream, a national company which serves parts of northern Barry County. "Sometimes companies don't follow through with the promises they make in order to receive those grants, so internet accessibility for customers does not improve."

Cupps believes the best way to decrease the digital divide across the nation is for rural electric co-ops to make the jump into fiber optic provision, as Barry Electric did. He realizes it's an expensive proposition, though.

"There's only so much we can do without more funding, since Barry Technologies operates as a for-profit business. If we can't make money

by expanding our network, then we can't do it," he said.

He makes clear that GoBEC's business has not affected rates for members of the Barry Electric Co-op, which uses a separate business model.

"Someday," he said, "I hope to see the internet considered a necessary utility, and its infrastructure subsidized by the government, just as electricity was in the 1930s and 40s, under FDR."

With information collected by Bob Dixon and other members of the national task force, that day may be on the horizon. Just how far away it may be, though, is anyone's guess.

  
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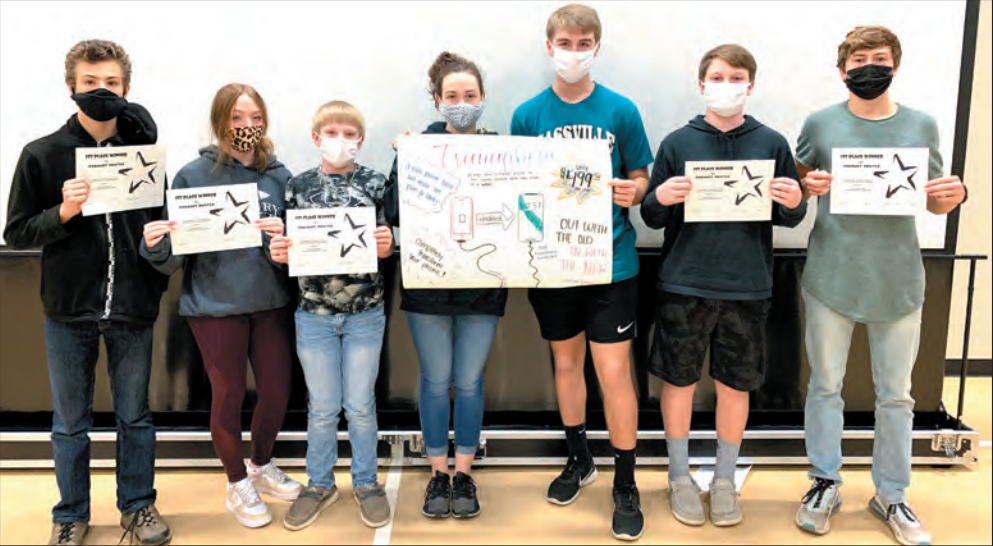

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# CHS FBLA hosts Entrepreneurship Day for 8th Grade



Shown above are poster winners, left to right: Johnathan Wood, Adelee Hendricks, Jared Crase, Macie Walker(table leader), Keaton Shellenberger(table leader), Austyn Meltabarger, and Bodee Rose



Commercial winners, left to right, are: Jordyn Stafford (table leader), Melody Stephens, Kinlee Holman, Zoe Arndt, Kinzey Mizer, and Jacob Duncan.



The Cassville High School FBLA chapter is shown above.

Adrienne Quiros-Zucca

On March 11, the Cassville High School FBLA hosted Entrepreneurship Day for eighth-graders at the Cassville Middle School Event Center.

150 eighth grade students split into table groups for each high school FBLA member to lead and assist for the poster and product commercial competition. The winners for each category were chosen by the CHS FBLA officers.

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# Barry County senior centers still serving meals



Above, administrator Kristina Atwood stands in front of a line of drivers waiting for the Cilantro Chicken & Rice meals served Friday at the Cassville Senior Center. Beginning in April, Atwood says the center will serve hot meals every other Wednesday, in addition to every Friday.



Above, Rowan Rawlings (left) and Brenda Lowe (right) log the recipients of and prepare the packaging of carry-out hot meals at Cassville Senior Center.



Above, SeniorAge supervisor, Craig Pollard, serves carry-out hot meals to Bob Mizer, of Cassville, at the Cassville Senior Center.

Sheila Harris

During pre-COVID days, Shell Knob's Central Crossing Senior Center - an affiliate of SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging - was a hub for social activity in the community. Not only were senior citizens able to enjoy the center's scheduled offerings, but residents at large participated in annual fundraising events

to benefit the Central Crossing center. That has changed. The center is currently open only to serve meals to drive-through residents and for monthly foot health clinics. Central Crossing serves frozen meals Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. - noon. They serve hot meals one day a week, on rotating days.



Shown above, left to right, are Central Crossing volunteers, Beth Pavelka, Nate, Krug and Cathy Lank, with administrator, Terri Johnson (center).

Administrator Terri Johnson says, with warmer weather approaching, the center is looking at ways to encourage social connection with outdoor activities - perhaps quarterly breakfast, cookouts and garage sales. This year, in lieu of on-location fundraisers, Central Crossing will participate in "Give Ozarks Day,"

a virtual fundraising event which will run from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24. The event will be hosted on the Cause Momentum website. A link for the event will be available at the Central Crossing Senior Center website at [www.shellknob-seniorsinc.org](http://www.shellknob-seniorsinc.org), as well as at [causmomentum.org](http://causmomentum.org).

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Gina McIlrath, Chief Publicity Officer for Central Crossings Senior Center, said the virtual fundraiser is a Community Foundation of the Ozarks event.

“It’s purpose is to help the senior center cover operating expenses and recover from the effects of being closed due to COVID,” she said.

“COVID had a devastating effect on us emotionally and physically, as well as financially,” she said. “Seniors enjoy being together with like-minded people, and, without that fellowship, it’s been terrible. People’s nutrition has even suffered.”

For more information

about meal schedules, spring activities, and a possible future re-opening date, for Central Crossing Senior Center, visit: [www.shellknobseniorsinc.org](http://www.shellknobseniorsinc.org).

The Cassville Senior Center, too, has faced challenges. Administrator Kristina Atwood says she’s looking at ways to increase social opportunities for area residents with spring in the air.

“We’re looking at the idea of serving lunches with outdoor, socially-distanced seating provided,” she said.

“And, beginning in April, we’re going to try serving hot meals on an additional day, every other week,” she added.

The Cassville Senior Center currently serves frozen meals to senior citizens Monday - Thursday, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A hot meal is served on Fridays, an event



Jeannie Sartin, above, prepares cilantro chicken meals for drive-through customers at the Cassville Senior Center.

eagerly anticipated, judging by the number of vehicles waiting in line to receive them.

“Beginning in April,” Atwood said, “we will serve hot meals every other Wednesday, in addition to every Friday. If it’s well-received, and we’re able to manage it successfully, in the future we’ll consider serving hot meals two days every week. Every other Wednesday in April will be sort of a trial run.”

The Cassville Senior Cen-

ter also offers monthly foot health clinics by Grace’s Health Service.

To correct what had been published previously in The Barry County Advertiser, both the Cassville and Central Crossing Senior Centers offer help with tax preparation, by appointment. However, there are no more appointments available for this tax season.

★ PUBLIC AUCTION ★

Saturday, April 3, 2021 • 10:00 AM

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\*\*\*See next week's paper for full listing\*\*\*

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## Arvest Bank Becomes ‘Official Sponsor of Family Fun’

Silver Dollar City and Arvest Bank announced today a 10-year, multi-tiered collaboration in which Arvest Bank becomes the “Official Sponsor of Family Fun” at Silver Dollar City Attractions, including the theme park, White Water water park, the Showboat Branson Belle and the Silver Dollar City Campground. Arvest Bank is also the presenting sponsor of Silver Dollar City’s Star-Spangled Summer and Echo Hollow amphitheater, with a season of concerts.

“We are very excited to begin this strategic collaboration with Arvest Bank,” said Brad Thomas, president of Silver Dollar City Attractions. “Arvest’s commitment to their communities, along with their reputation for delivering great customer service aligns well with our brand and our culture. Our guests are our top priority, and we know that Arvest’s customers are their top priority as well.”

“Silver Dollar City offers a unique atmosphere and experience that can’t be found at any other theme park in America,” said Jason Kincy, senior vice president and marketing director for Arvest Bank. “We are looking forward to working with this talented team and doing our part in making their guests’ visit fun and memorable. Additionally, we have worked with Silver Dollar City to obtain various savings on ticket purchases as an added benefit for our customers.”

Arvest Bank customers who use their Arvest debit or credit card when purchasing one-day tickets on-site to Silver Dollar City, White Water or the Showboat Branson Belle will enjoy \$7 savings off of each one-day regular admission ticket during the entire 2021 season, with a limit of six tickets per day.

As part of the Star-Spangled Summer, Arvest Bank customers who purchase a regular admission, one-day ticket at Silver Dollar City with their debit or credit card in June will enjoy savings of \$10 per ticket on up to six tickets per day. Savings for Arvest Bank customers will be announced prior to the season annually.

Silver Dollar City recently announced a full slate of new events and longtime favorites for the 2021 season, continu-

ing the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee of the famed Branson, Missouri theme park that opens March 17 for the 2021 season.

**About Silver Dollar City**  
The “City” is the reigning “America’s Best Amusement Park” as recognized by the readers of USA TODAY 10Best. Internationally awarded as a showcase of the spirit of adventure, Silver Dollar City steps back in time to 1880s America with more than 40 rides & attractions, world-class festivals, much heralded and ever-changing home-style food offerings, shows on stages throughout the park plus a demonstrating artisan colony 100 strong. Founded above a massive cave six decades ago, Silver Dollar City is the original property of Herschend Family Entertainment, the largest family-owned themed attractions company in the nation.

**About Arvest**

Arvest Bank operates more than 270 bank branches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas through a group of 14 locally managed banks, each with its own board and management team. These banks serve customers in more than 135 communities, with extended weekday banking hours at many locations. Arvest provides a wide range of banking services including loans, deposits, treasury management, credit cards, mortgage loans and mortgage servicing. Arvest also is one of a select few banks in the nation to have its mobile app – Arvest Go – certified by J.D. Power for providing an outstanding mobile banking experience. Arvest is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC.

## MDC invites public to learn about turkey hunting basics

Spring turkey hunting involves a variety of skills. Knowing how to locate a gobbler, call him into shotgun range, handling firearms in a safe fashion, and knowing what the regulations are all parts of a successful and safe hunt.

Hunters can learn more about the fundamentals of this popular spring pastime at “Learning to Hunt: Turkey Hunting,” a free Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) event on March 21 at MDC’s Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. The event will be from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and is for individuals at least 11 years old.

At this event, MDC Outdoor Education Specialist Keith Debow will discuss the basics of spring turkey hunting. Topics that will be covered include legal bird identification, turkey habits and habitat, hunt preparation, locating a hunting spot, calling, firearms safety, regulations, caring for a harvested bird, and how to improve your shooting skills. This will provide good preparation for those wishing to participate in Missouri’s youth-only turkey season, April 10-11, or the state’s regular spring turkey season, April 19-May 9.

This event is being offered simultaneously in-person and online. The in-person session is limited to 15

people and can be registered for at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/176389>. People who want to attend virtually can sign up at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/176391>

COVID-19 precautions will be in place for the in-person portion of this workshop. That means: only pre-registered students and MDC staff will be allowed in the Dalton Range classroom.

All MDC staff helping with this event will be required to wear a facemask and practice social distancing.

All students are encouraged to wear a facemask and must practice social distancing.

All students will be asked to use hand sanitizer when arriving and prior to handling firearms.

Everyone will be asked self-certification questions related to COVID-19. People who answer “yes” to any of the questions should not attend the workshop.

MDC’s Andy Dalton Range is located near Ash Grove at 4897 N. Greene County Farm Road 61. To get more information on this program or other range events, call the Andy Dalton Range at 417-742-4361 or e-mail [daltonrange@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:daltonrange@mdc.mo.gov).

## Farm Road 2140 to close west of Highway 37, beginning March 23

### Where:

Barry County Farm Road 2140, west of Missouri Route 37, south of Butterfield.

### When:

8 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, for up to two weeks.

### What:

Both lanes of Farm Road 2140 will be closed for up to two weeks west of Route 37 to allow contractor crews to widen Route 37 and add center turn lane. The work is part of a larger project to make roadway improvements along Missouri Route 37 between Monett and the Missouri/Arkansas state line. When this work is completed, the contractor will move to Farm Road 2140 on the east side of Route 37 to do similar work.

### Traffic Impacts:

Both lanes of Farm Road 2140 will be closed west of Route 37.

Drivers will have access to driveways and field entrances on Farm Road 2140 but will have no access to Route 37 from the west.

### No signed detour:

Signs and message boards will alert drivers to the work zone.

Drivers should find alternate routes.

Weather and/or scheduling conflicts could alter the work schedule.

For more information, call MoDOT in Springfield at 417-895-7600 or visit [www.modot.org/southwest](http://www.modot.org/southwest).

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# MU Extension guide lists first, last frost dates

Spring and fall can be anxious times for gardeners. At the beginning of the growing season, you want to start the garden as early as possible, and at the end you hope for a few extra harvest days.

An online resource from University of Missouri Extension makes it easier to predict first and last frost dates for your specific region. The Missouri Frost/Freeze Probabilities Guide is available at [ipm.missouri.edu/frostfreezeguide](http://ipm.missouri.edu/frostfreezeguide).

“These data can be used for making an informed decision when it comes to planting and assessing climatological risk associated with light, moderate and hard freezes in your region during the spring and fall,” said Pat Guinan, climatologist for MU Extension.

The website provides frost/freeze probabilities, tables, maps and dates using data from the National Center for Environmental Information, based on information collected from 1981 through 2010.

Features of the site include median date point maps, which provide the last spring and first fall median frost/freeze dates for various temperature thresholds, Guinan said. There are median date contour maps and extreme date point maps. These maps are also available as printable high-resolution PDFs. The site also has county-level frost/freeze probability tables based on weather station data.

The guide provides a general representation of frost/freeze probabilities in your region, Guinan says, but users also need to consider local factors that may affect

temperature, such as terrain, elevation and urbanization. “Local anomalies due to microclimates are definitely something to consider when using the guide.”

There’s about 300 miles between the northern and southern boundaries of Missouri, and the state’s growing season can typically run from April to October. Having a guide that separates data by county and regions can help you make informed decisions about when to plant and harvest plants that are sensitive to the cold, Guinan said.

The frost/freeze guide is also available as a printable PDF at [extension.missouri.edu/ipm1033](http://extension.missouri.edu/ipm1033).

Pat Guinan’s list of weather resources is at [agebb.missouri.edu/weather/wealinks.htm](http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/wealinks.htm).

Water leaks in your home cost you money. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day. The EPA reminds everyone to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems each year in March during Fix-a-Leak Week.

According to the EPA, household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water a year nationwide. For example, a leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That’s the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers. A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons a year; that’s the amount of water it takes to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.

The EPA states the average household’s leaks can account for nearly 11,000 gallons of water wasted every

# Save water, save money

year and 10 percent of the homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more of water a day. Common types of leaks found in the home include: worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and other leaking valves. According to the EPA, fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bill.

To help consumers find and repair easy-to-fix leaks and to promote conservation, the Missouri Public Service Commission is supporting the EPA’s Fix-a-Leak Week, March 15-21, 2021.

“Water is a valuable resource that we need to use wisely,” said Public Service Commission Chairman Ryan Silvey. “There are several things that you can do to conserve water which not only helps you save money on your water bill but also helps protect the value of your biggest investment, your home.”

Here are some tips to save water:

- Check for leaks. Silent toilet leaks can be found by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don’t forget to check irrigation systems and spigots, too.
- Twist and tighten pipe connections.
- Replace the fixture if necessary.
- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Install a water saving showerhead; they use one-third the amount of water that a regular showerhead uses.
- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.

For more information, please visit the Missouri Public Service Commission website at [www.psc.mo.gov](http://www.psc.mo.gov) or the EPA at [www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week).

# MDC to hold virtual archery program

An increasing number of people are becoming interested in archery. The first step of getting involved in archery is to get equipment that’s best suited for you.

People who are interested in learning more about archery should sign up for the Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC) virtual program “Learning Archery: Bow Care and Cleaning.” This online program, which will be from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on March 22, is being put on by the staff at MDC’s Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. At this event, Assistant Outdoor Education Center Manager Steve Govero will discuss what people need to know when purchasing a bow as well as information on maintenance and proper storage. People can register for this program at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/176285>.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate using the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program

link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at [mdc.mo.gov/regions](http://mdc.mo.gov/regions).

MDC’s Andy Dalton Range is located at 4897 N. Greene County Farm Road 61. For more information about events at the range, call 417-742-4361.

# New Missouri National Guard Hall of Fame Solicits Nominations

The new Missouri National Guard Hall of Fame (MONGHOF) was formed by a group of Missouri Veterans in 2020. The new Hall of Fame will be physically located in Kirksville and will announce its inaugural class on October 1, 2021.

MONGHOF Chairman John J. Sastry, Esq., CFP® announces that the MONGHOF is actively soliciting nominations for its inaugural class. Sastry states, “The Hall of Fame looks forward to a robust, diverse and outstanding class of inductees. We are looking for nominations of members of the Missouri State Militia dating from 1862, the Missouri National Guard or the Missouri Air National Guard,” commented Sastry. “We look forward to individual submissions and encourage Veteran’s organizations to survey their membership, to identify worthy nominees.”

Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2021. Nominations may be submitted electronically on the Hall’s website, [www.monghof.org](http://www.monghof.org), under the Nominations tab.

# Haven of The Ozarks: Pet of The Week



Meet Miss Kitty, the Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week! Miss Kitty was admitted to the Haven after her human mom passed away. She had originally come to the home as a stray and had been living happily there. Miss Kitty is about a year and a half old, has a calm and loving personality, and enjoys catching mice. She would be very happy to help you out with any pest problems in your home and would even enjoy spending some time outdoors in a safe place once she has acclimated to her new surroundings. Miss Kitty is litterbox trained and good with other cats. She would be very grateful to be back in a real home, so come meet her soon!

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Dear Editor,

I read in the March 10, 2021, edition of your publication about an upcoming Cassville clean-up event. That is wonderful for residents of Cassville, but what can be done for the outlying areas?

The county roads are a catch-all for all types of trash, and it is getting worse all the time. Littering has really gotten out-of-hand, and nothing is being done to improve the situation. Some of us are fighting it by going along a stretch of road in front of our properties and picking up the litter, but more must be done and soon! Just take a ride down almost any county road and look at the road-

sides.

We moved to Missouri two years ago and purchased a home in the Mineral Springs area. It was not perfect then, but what it has become is just a crying shame! We've lived in two other states and have not witnessed the littering problem to this degree.

Besides trash everywhere, there is dumping galore, and there does not seem to be a solution to it presently. After speaking to a representative of the Dept. of Natural Resources, I understand that a property owner has the right to remove items from their home and place them outside on their property if they choose. (Though why they would want to look at a bunch of junk - old cars, appliances, wood pallets, etc. in their yard, I can't understand) However, bringing items onto your property from elsewhere and dumping is illegal. And, of course, dumping on other people's property is illegal. Regardless of the legality, both of these activities occur regularly in the county.

If the littering and dumping continues at the current rate, we will drown in a big pile of trash! Missouri has

too many beautiful assets and sceneries to allow this to continue.

All of this has a negative impact on the lives of the residents who care about their property not to mention the depreciating value of homes in the affected areas.

Per the Conserve Energy Future articles, here are some serious problems with littering and dumping:

1. Litter can contain objects that can harm or cause physical injury to people or animals.
2. Littering can encourage the spread of pest species and diseases. The trash can provide the breeding ground for diseases and pass it through animals that eat them. If the trash collects water, it may also harbor mosquitoes that are known to spread dangerous diseases such as West Nile Virus and Zika.
3. Litter adversely affects the environment. Be it littering along the road, on the streets or by the litter bins, toxic materials or chemicals in the litter can be blown or washed into rivers, forest lands, oceans, lakes and creeks and eventually pollutes the waterway, forest areas, soils, or aquatic environments.
4. Litter can also block drain-

age systems and cause flooding, which requires money for intervention and restoration.

5. Plastic litter has often been mistaken for food by both land and marine animals. When consumed by the animals, they reduce stomach capacity since they can't be digested. In the long-term, it affects the animals' eating habits, eventually killing the animal.

6. Littered places just look gross and depreciate the aesthetic value of the surrounding environments. Similarly, it affects local tourism as it makes areas and roadsides look disgusting. The public and tourists also tend to avoid areas that are littered because of health issues and unattractiveness. It also causes visual pollution and affects people's quality of life.

I suggest, as one resolution, for individuals or organizations to "Adopt a Highway" or "Adopt a Neighborhood" to help with litter control. That's been very effective in my previous home.

I'm also willing to head any community group project.

Pat Cortesi  
Cassville

American Pickers to film in Missouri

The American Pickers are excited to return to Missouri! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in May 2021.

We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times. We at American Pickers are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by the state and CDC. While we plan to be in Missouri this May, we will continue to reschedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking!

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them. As they hit the back

roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items.

They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: american-pickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. facebook: @GotAPick.

Barry County Sheriff's Office Calls to Service: March 8 - March 14, 2021

The Barry County Sheriff's Office responded to 240 calls for service from March 8 - March 14, 2021.

The following reports were filed during that week:

- Date / Offense / Address**
- March 8: Traffic / Fail to Register / Unlawful Possession, Cassville.
  - March 8: Traffic / Fail to Stop / Endanger Welfare of a Child, Cassville.
  - March 8: Property Damage, Shell Knob.
  - March 8: Harassment - 1st Degree, Exeter.

- March 8: Disturbance, Cassville.
- March 8: Domestic Assault - 4th / Runaway Juvenile, Wheaton.
- March 8: TrafficStop / Possession of Controlled Substance, Shell Knob.
- March 9: Theft, Cassville.
- March 9: Death Investigation, Seligman.
- March 9: Abuse/Neglect of Child, Aurora.
- March 10: Traffic Stop, Cassville.
- March 10: Theft, Cassville.
- March 10: Destroy/Deface

- Cemetery Property / Stealing, Monett.
- March 11: Other Agency Assist, Cassville.
  - March 11: Stealing, Washburn.
  - March 11: Civil Matter, Eagle Rock.
  - March 11: Domestic Assault - 4th, Eagle Rock.
  - March 11: Stealing, Crane.
  - March 12: Domestic Assault - 4th / Resist Arrest, Shell Knob.
  - March 12: Traffic Stop, Butterfield.
  - March 12: Theft, Exeter.

- March 12: Burglary, Exeter.
- March 12: DWI / Resist Arrest, Eagle Rock.
- March 13: Possession of Controlled Substance, Washburn.
- March 13: Domestic Assault - 2nd, Aurora.
- March 13: Fraud, Golden.
- March 14: Domestic, Eagle Rock.
- March 14: Domestic, Verona.
- March 14: Stealing of Motor Vehicle, Cassville.
- March 14: Traffic Stop, Eagle Rock.

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New “Essential Workers” Scholarship offered by WGU

WGU Missouri has announced a new scholarship specifically designed for essential workers. Valued at up to \$3,000 each, the Essential Workers Scholarship was launched to show appreciation for first responders, grocery store employees, postal workers, sanitation workers, delivery drivers, transit employees and countless other essential workers who have shown unwavering perseverance and commitment in serving area communities throughout the pandemic.

The Essential Workers Scholarship is open to new students whose jobs have been considered to be essential throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and are interested in pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in any of the more than 60 degree programs offered at WGU Missouri – in the areas of business, IT, education and health professions, including nursing. Each \$3,000 scholarship will be applied to WGU’s already-low, flat-rate

tuition and will be credited at the rate of \$750 per six-month term, renewable for up to four terms. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2021, and the application can be found at [wgu.edu/essential](http://wgu.edu/essential).

“During these unprecedented times, our essential workers have been working tirelessly to help meet our needs and bring a sense of normalcy to our lives that we all craved,” said Dr. Angie Besendorfer, Chancellor of WGU Missouri. “Through this scholarship offering, we aim to demonstrate our appreciation for everything they have done and continue to do, while providing an affordable and accessible path to those essential workers who are interested in furthering their education and advancing their careers.”

The Essential Workers Scholarship is one of many offered by WGU to help create an affordable and accessible pathway to higher education for busy adults. Through the generosity of numerous corporations and foundations, plus special federal government appropriations, WGU maintains a robust program of scholarships made available to qualified students. For more information about WGU, the Essential Workers Scholarship or other available scholarships, visit [wgu.edu](http://wgu.edu).

**About WGU Missouri**

WGU Missouri is a competency-based, online university created to expand access to higher education for Missouri residents. The university offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the fields of business, K-12 teacher education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing. WGU Missouri faculty members serve as mentors, working one-on-one with students, offering guidance, support, and individualized instruction.

Established in 2013 through a partnership with nationally recognized Western Governors University, WGU Missouri is open to all qualified

Missouri residents. The university is nonprofit and self-sustaining on flat-rate tuition of about \$7,000 per year for most programs.

Degrees are granted under the accreditation of Western Governors University, which is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Nursing College programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE\*), and the Health Informatics program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

More information is available at [missouri.wgu.edu](http://missouri.wgu.edu) or by calling 855.948.8493.

\*Western Governors University offers nursing programs that are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 5380, Washington DC 20036, 202-877-6791).

Rural hospitals eligible for CARES funds

Rural hospitals that suffered from business interruption due to COVID-19 are now eligible to receive reimbursement funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security (CARES) Act. \$10 million has been allocated for this assistance.

The 62 rural hospitals that provide services to rural and underserved populations are eligible to receive these funds if they can attest that business interruptions resulted in lost revenue between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021. Funds reimbursed under this agreement are capped at \$161,290 per hospital.

Rural hospitals impacted by COVID-19 will submit requests for reimbursement which must be approved by the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care within the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Hospitals will receive instructions from DHSS on how to apply for these funds. Applications must be submitted for reimbursement by May 31, 2021.

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