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## A Republican tradition continues

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Monday night, November 2, the Barry County Republican Club, in conjunction with the Republican Central Committee, will host its preelection night rally, an event which has become a tradition since at least 1960, according to former presiding commissioner, Cherry Warren.

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"I know it was going on when I graduated from college that year," he said. "We've hosted one in Barry County ever since."

According to Warren, there's a bit of superstition connected with the event, as far as the candidates up for

election are concerned.

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"Years ago," he said, "as the story was told to me, there was a state candidate who skipped the Barry County pre-election night ("New Year's Eve") event, and he lost in the election the following day. Since then, we've drawn a crowd of state candidates every election cycle, for fear the same thing will happen to

"They may not admit it to you," he chuckled, "but I suspect a lot of them are superstitious about being here."

Expected to put in an appearance at this year's event,

according to Republican Club Chairman Glen Cope, is a powerful line-up of Missouri's top office-holders, including Governor Mike Parson, Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick and Congressman Billy Long.

Senator Roy Blunt also confirmed, according to Cope.

The event is open to anyone interested. Tickets are not required.

"A free meal catered by

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Pictured above, left to right, Missouri Treasurer, Scott Fitzpatrick, Governor Mike Parson, Lt. Governor, Mike Kehoe and Secretary of State, Jay Ashcroft, campaign for re-election.





## 'Isn't she beautiful?"

The story of breast cancer's impact on two families united by marriage

by Susan Funkhouser



In a 1985 photo, Linda Funkhouser, above, posed with her son Brandon. Five years later, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, to which she succumbed ten years later.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Purdy R-II Schools Public Relations Coordinator, Susan Funkhouser, shares the following story of how breast cancer affected the lives of her mother, mother-in-law, and their combined families. Susan's husband, Brandon Funkhouser, is a sixth grade science and social studies teacher for the Purdy School District. The couple lives in Monett.

"Isn't she beautiful?" I barely caught his emotionchoked whisper as I descended the basement stairs of my father-in-law's house. Jack stood inches from an old, manual control television and VCR. The radiant face with the delicate cheekbones, piercing eyes and show-stopping smile, so full of life on the screen,

beckoned him ever closer. The look on his face defined true and eternal love. It was neither the first nor the last moment I found myself filled with regret that I would never enjoy a relationship with my mother-in-law, Linda Funkhouser, but it was, perhaps, the most profound.

Linda was diagnosed with breast cancer when my husband, Brandon, was only six years old. She died when he was 16. In the decade between her diagnosis and death, Linda fought valiantly, enduring surgeries, chemotherapy and experimental treatments. She also lived a beautiful, although far too brief, life. She planned birthday parties, cooked dinners, sewed and stuffed Christmas stockings and created all the

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Above, Susan Funkhouser (right) posed with her mother, Sue Henderson, on the day of her marriage to Brandon Funkhouser in 1990. Four months later, Henderson was diagnosed with breast cancer, which is now in remission.

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## Red Ribbon Week essay winners chosen









Caiden Edie

Red Ribbon Week at Cassville Intermediate School looked a little different this year because of COVID-19. Because students were forced to forego an assembly, other activities were planned by creative teachers, including the publication of the winners' essays in this week's edition of The Barry County Advertiser. According to Red Ribbon Week event coordinator, Amy Cole, winning essays were selected by a panel of personnel, one from each of the following teacher groups: Woodard-Harvey, Nickle-Varner, and Rhea-Wilson. See the winning essays on page 15A.

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## Four more COVID-19 deaths reported, Roaring River Health & Rehab cases at 107

Sheila Harris

Monday, the Barry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management announced four more COVID-19-related deaths in Barry County, bringing the total number of deaths to 13.

Sixty-eight-year-old Debbie Periman, a resident at Roaring River Health & Rehab in Cassville since 2017, was one of the victims. She died Friday, October 23, two days after her photo was featured on the front cover of the October 21 issue of The Barry County Advertiser.

Saturday, October 17, was the last day Rosie Roberts, of Cassville, saw her mother alive. Then, she only able to wave at her through the glass door of the residential care facility.

"I didn't get to hug her and kiss her one last time," Roberts said. "She died alone."

According to Roberts, Periman had underlying health conditions, including diabetes, congestive heart failure and hypertension.

"She kind of gave up on life when my dad died in 2013,"

Roberts said. "She quit taking her medications and her health deteriorated to the point that no one was able to take care of her, because my brother and sister and I all have to work full-time."

Periman became a resident of Roaring River Health & Rehab in 2017.

Roberts, who has not been able to be physically near her mother since March of this year, said she was told on Friday, October 16, that her mother had tested positive for COVID-19. On October 17, she was told by nurses at Roaring River Health & Rehab, that Periman had become unresponsive and an ambulance had been called to transfer her to a hospital. However, after their arrival, ambulance personnel were turned away after being told that Periman had become responsive again.

She died six days later.

"My mother was an amazing grandmother to twelve grandchildren," Roberts said. "We all loved her and she is going to be greatly missed."

In addition to the loss of

Periman, the health department reported the death of another female, 81, and a male, 85. Both were residents of a congregate care facility and had underlying health conditions.

The death of a 78-year-old female, who lived independently, was also reported by the health department. She, too, had underlying health conditions.

According to David Compton, director of the Barry County Office of Emergency Management, Roaring River Health & Rehab reports a total of 107 cases of COVID-19 among residents and staff in the October 28 situational update.

The same report shows a total of 1,064 cases of CO-VID-19 in Barry County, according to Compton; of those, 201 are active cases, with patients in isolation; eight people are hospitalized; 600-plus people are in quarantine after being exposed to a positive case; and 13 people have died. Eight hundred, fifteen people have recovered.

## Missouri House candidates talk

Sheila Harris

Scott Cupps, of Shell Knob, and Brenda McKinney, of Seligman, have two things in common. They are both candidates for the Missouri House seat for the 158th District. They are also both very passionate in their desire to create better living conditions for residents of Barry County.

Cupps, the incumbent, was voted in during a special election held November 5, 2019, after the seat was vacated by Scott Fitzpatrick, who was appointed to the State Treasurer position in January of the same year.

McKinney, a native of St. Louis, prospectively brings to the office experience in the corporate retail world.

"I have a lot of experience with budgets," she said, "with reading them and creating

"Good governance," she said, "starts at home. I want to make a difference right here in southwest Missouri where I live."

McKinney's three priorities for the office are jobs for area residents, education and healthcare.

'Voters voted for Medicaid expansion in the last election," she said. "Now we need to get it implemented.

"We also need to see wages in Barry County that people can support a family on," she said.

"Education is key," she continued. "Unfortunately, every time we see a budget cut, it's cut for higher education. Those from southwest Missouri who do receive a college education, too often, leave southwest Missouri for areas which pay better wages, so the cycle continues."

Scott Cupps agrees that people often do leave the area after they receive a college education, but he also believes it's unjustified.

"I know of several people one person, in particular," he said, "who leave, then get trapped in a work-cycle in some urban area and end up hating it, but are too proud to come back home.

"Life's not meant to be lived that way," he said. "As far as jobs go, we have all kinds of opportunities for employment right here in Barry County for people who are willing to work.

"In fact, we've created those job opportunities here by being welcoming to businesses," he said. "We don't over-regulate, nor over-tax, like some larger urban areas do, and we've seen those looser restrictions pay off

in the form of multiple new business start-ups over the years.

"One large city I was in had a sign up that said 'No Trucks,' while the city officials complained because they couldn't attract businesses to the area," he continued. "You can't have it both ways. If you want jobs in your area, you can't make rules that make it an undesirable location for businesses.

"As legislators," he said, "our job is to create the environment for employment. It's up to individuals to take responsibility for what they do with those opportunities."

Cupps has reservations about the implementation of Medicaid expansion.

"I do believe there are people in need of it," he said, "but I also know there are people who will abuse it. We need to create a system of checks and balances so that those who truly need the medical care do not fall through the cracks if the healthcare facilities become overwhelmed by those who are taking advantage of

Cupps agrees with McKinney, though, that the expansion needs to be implemented quickly, since the voters approved it.

#### REPUBLICANS from FRONT

John Sullivan will be served," Cope said.

Republican Club member and former county collection, Janice Varner, suspects that Missouri Senator and Barry County native, Emory Melton, started what she calls the "good, good tradition" of the pre-election night Republican event.

"It's a great chance to get out and get motivated to support the candidates on the Republican ticket," she said.

Varner, who has been involved with the event since she was elected to the collector's office in 2002, tells the story of the superstition connected with it in a slightly different manner.

"There was a candidate, once, who just about didn't show up for the rally," she said, "but then changed his mind and did, then won the election."

> Varner said the gathering usually sees attendance upward of 300 people, although she's not certain of how many to expect this year, due to

concerns about COVID-19. "We're planning for about 350," she said, "but we'll just

wait and see what happens." Glen Cope believes this election is generating more excitement among Republi-

"One thing we really have to be proud of here in Barry County," he said, "is that we

cans than in years past.

have Barry County native, Scott Fitzpatrick, on the statewide ballot. It's a first for us."

Cope also appreciates the fact that Missouri's top two officials, Governor Mike Parson and Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, are both cattlemen.

"Barry County is primar-

ily an agricultural county," he said, "so when our top two state officials can relate to our viewpoints, they really appeal to us."

The Monday night Republican Rally will begin at 6 p.m. in the Cassville High School gym.





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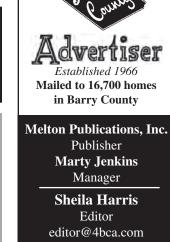
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### **Notice:**

Cassville School is putting together a video presentation to honor Veterans. Any person who wants to honor a veteran or themself, please submit a photo with information to Melanie Grossman at Cassville High School. Email to mgrossman@cassville.k12.mo.us or drop off information at Cassville High School.

Barry County Clerk's Office will remain open until 5 P.M. October 26, 2020, to October 30, 2020, and Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. for absentee vot-

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Barry County Courthouse Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 3, 2020, to allow for physical distancing for voters and poll workers. The following offices will be closed Tuesday, November 3rd: Assessor, Recorder, Collector, Treasurer, Extension Office & License Office. The Courthouse will be open for Cassville Rural and Mineral voters.

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

Barry County Farm Road 1135 over Flat Creek will be closed until the end of October for bridge replacement.

## Uct. 28th

Trunk or Treat is being hosted at Corinth Baptist, 11453 State Hwy. AA, Cassville from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

## Oct. 30th

A Carry Out Chicken Dinner Fundraiser will benefit Toys for Christmas. The chicken dinners can be picked up at Body of Christ Ministries, Wheaton, from 5:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. All proceeds from donations will go toward toys for kids for

A Drive Through Hot Meal of roasted pork loin, baked mac & cheese, California veggies, and cheese cake bars will be served Cassville Senior Center from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

#### Oct. 31st

Trunk or Treat is being held at Calvary Baptist Church, Front Street, Exeter, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Trunk or Treat at Washburn First Baptist Church, 618 2nd Street, Washburn, will be from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Trunk or Treat at Lakeside Christian Church, 22321 Oak Ridge Drive, Shell Knob, will be from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Trunk or Treat at Wheaton Methodist Church, 101 E. Santee Street, Wheaton, will be from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

A Drive Through Trick or Treat is being hosted at the

Cassville fire station, 393 Sale Barn Road, from 6 P.M. to 8

First Christian Church Cassville will be hosting their annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival beginning at 3:30 P.M. in the Faith Center. Candy and non-candy treats will be available for children ages 12 and under. Social distancing will be required. Check Facebook for more event details.

Corinth Cemetery, Highway AA, Cassville, is hosting a work day starting at 9 A.M.

#### Nov. 1st

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

#### School Menus: Nov. 2 - Nov. 6

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, graham crackers, peaches or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, apple. L: nacho supreme or burrito, refried beans, corn, chocolate chip cookie, applesauce or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, pears or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: pork patty sandwich or pizza, Sun Chips, green beans, juice or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: general chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, pineapple or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, yogurt cup, tropical fruit. L: chicken crispito or pizza, corn, salad, sugar cookie, juice or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage patty, applesauce or cereal, Pop-Tart, applesauce. L: pizza wedge or cheeseburger, sour cream chips, vegetable mix, apple crisp or salad meal.

Cassville PR-IN-Middle: Mon: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, sausage patty, pears or cereal, granola bar, applesauce. L: chicken sandwich or turkey sandwich, nachos, carrots, juice. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, mandarin oranges or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: burrito or nacho supreme, pinto beans, graham crackers, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, graham crackers, pineapple or cereal, toast, pears. L: pepperoni pizza or chicken crispito, corn, salad, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: cheeseburger or country steak, BBQ chips, baked beans, pears. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, pears or cereal, graham crackers, applesauce. L: chili or little smokies, cheese sticks, saltine crackers, broccoli, Sidekicks.

Purdy: Mon: B: oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit. L: sweet & sour chicken, brown rice, egg rolls, fruit, fortune cookie. Tues: B: wg biscuti, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: southwest spaghetti, vegetables, bosco stick, fruit. Wed: B: waffles, syrup, fruit. L: chicken fried steak, wg roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast burrito, salsa, fruit. L: Taco salad, beans, corn, fruit. Fri: B: blueberry muffin, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, Sun Chips, California blend, fruit.

**Southwest:** Mon: B: mini pancakes, apple slices, juice. L: general chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges. Tues: B: chocolate donuts, grapes, juice. L: popcorn chicken, ketchup, green beans, snickerdoodle, cookie, peaches. Wed: B: biscuit, jelly, apple slices, juice. L: BBQ rib sandwich, cole slaw, chips, rosy applesauce. Thurs: B: breakfast burrito, bananas, juice. L: frito pie, lettuce, cheese, salsa, peaches. Fri: B: breakfast sausage pizza, grapes, juice. L: cheeseburger, ketchup, mustard, mayo, leaf lettuce, dill pickle spear, chips, apple slices.



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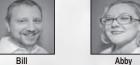
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## Cassville Wildcats clinch top district seed with win over Mac County



Peter Littlefield was a busy man in his varsity debut Friday night. With Drake Reese sidelined, Littlefield kicked off seven times, and attempted one PAT in Cassville's 44-21 victory over McDonald County. Photo by Caden Swearingen.

Lee Stubblefield

On the last night of the regular season, the Cassville Wildcats made a statement with their 44-21 victory over the McDonald County Mustangs, and Jericho Farris may have clinched an all state po-

The Mustangs with their high-flying offense met their match in a Cassville team intent on securing a top district seed. Cassville jumped out to a 14-0 lead before the two teams combined for 28 points in the final 7:47 of the second quarter. The Wildcats outscored the visitors 16-7 in the third quarter, then ran the clock out in a scoreless fourth quarter to claim the victory.

In between the opening kickoff and the final whistle, Jericho Farris turned in an incredible performance. After Zach Coenen opened the scoring with a 49-yard run on Cassville's first possession, Farris scored the last five touchdowns for the Wildcats, pushing his season total

#### THE LAST FIVE TOUCH-DOWNS.

Three rushing touchdowns. A 40-yard TD reception. A 77-yard kickoff return for a score.

Farris did everything except throw for a touchdown, and he almost did that on Cassville's second play of the game. If he hadn't overthrown a wide open receiver with his halfback pass attempt, Farris would have made national headlines.

**MUSTANG MANIA** 

The Mustangs didn't come to town just to be a centerpiece on Cassville's table. The high-risk, pass-heavy Mac offense sparkled at times, and the Mustangs were not shy about rolling the dice on fourth down. Quarterback Cole Martin showed off a big-time arm, challenging the Cassville secondary time and time again. The Class 4 Mustangs had a chance to clinch the Big 8 West with a win, after defeating Lamar 42-41 back in week 3.

But Cassville, intent on clinching a first round bye and home field advantage throughout district play, was up to the challenge.

#### **FAST START**

In the absence of Drake Reese, Peter Littlefield took over Cassville's placekicking duties. Trent Alik ran his opening kickoff back to the Cassville 35-yard line before the Wildcats could drag him down. But that long return went for naught, as the Wildcats held on four plays and gained possession.

Hayden Sink kept the Cassville drive alive, blasting for 5 yards on 4th-and-1 to the Mac 49-yard line. Then Zach Coenen gashed the line, cut hard right to the Cassville sideline, and raced to the end-zone for the game's

initial score with 7:10 on

the first quarter clock. Sink

tossed to a wide open Killian

Barbee for a 2-point play and

an 8-0 lead.

A long drive into Cassville territory ate up most of the remaining quarter, but Martin's 4th-down pass fell incomplete and the Wildcats took over at their own 28yard line.

the half. A Wildcat turnover led to the first Mac score of the game. A Mustang defender

ripped the ball away from Coenen at the Cassville 33yard line. Seven plays later, Martin drilled a slant to Alik

The Cassville offense then

drove down the field in 9

plays. On a 3rd-and-9 play

from his own 41-yard line,

Sink lofted a deep throw to

Spencer Moeller on the side-

line for a 39-yard gain. Four

plays later, Farris bucked the

line for 5 yards and his first

score of the night and a 14-0

Cassville lead with 7:47 left in

#### for a 9-yard touchdown. **BOOM**

Farris and Brent Cooper dropped deep to accept Jared Mora's kickoff. Farris scooped the one-hopper off the grass at the Cassville 23yard line and shot through the McDonald County cover team for a 77-yard score. Although the PAT failed, the Wildcats had negated the Mac score and opened a 20-7 lead with 2:50 on the clock.

#### PONY EXPRESS DELIV-**ERS**

Alik returned Littlefield's kick out near midfield. On 2nd-and-7, Martin took a deep drop and fired a long pass to Levi Malone down to the Cassville 7-yard line.

Zion Guttierez plowed off left tackle to score and cut the Cassville lead to 20-14 with

less than a minute left in the

#### **RIDE** THE **FARRIS** WHEEL

Cooper returned Mora's kickoff out to the 31-yard line as the clock ticked down to 44 seconds.

Instead of taking a knee and running out the clock, the Wildcats attacked.

Coenen ripped through the line, dragging tacklers along on a 19-yard gain. Then Coenen creased the line again, this time for 10 yards to the McDonald County 40-yard line as the Cassville linemen joined the fray and moved the pile an extra 5 yards.

With the clock running out, Sink took the shotgun snap, rolled right, and then threw back across the field. Farris had delayed, then leaked out to the left sideline on a wheel route. Sink hit Farris in stride at the 25-yard line, and he scurried into the end zone with just 4 seconds to spare.

That Clay Weldy wizardry gave Cassville a 28-14 halftime lead.

#### **GAME OVER**

Cassville put this game on ice with a 57-yard drive to open the third quarter. Farris bounced off right tackle for a 6-yard score as the Wildcats opened a 36-14 lead after taking four minutes off the

Martin led the Mustangs to an answering score on a strange drive where Barbee snared an interception but coughed up the ball on his return. Bailey Lewis found the end zone from 6 yards out to trim the lead to 36-21, but the clock had already bled down to 2:04 in the quarter. That's not much time to make up a two-touchdown deficit.

Farris made that a moot point when he bounced outside, then used a crushing block by Coenen to run away from the d-backs for a 46yard score. Coenen plowed in for the extra 2 points to give Cassville a 44-21 lead with just seconds left in the quarter.

There would be no more scoring, and the Wildcats improved to 7-2 while running their win streak to 4 games.

Cassville dominated statistically. The Wildcats rushed for 350 yards, and added 79 more through the air.

Farris finished his monster

See FOOTBALL 7A











## Capitol Perspectives: The Better Angels of our Nature

Phill Brooks

Before proceeding with this column, I want you to think about what you've read, seen or heard from the candidates running for state office during this campaign

How often have you heard detailed proposals to deal with the major issues facing our state like COVID-19 including steps to reduce infection, addressing complications of reopening schools or dealing with a budget crisis of historic proportions?

Other issues include bridging the partisan divide to deal with rising homicide rates in major cities, the continuing problem of inadequate funding for our highways and expanding Medicaid health-care coverage.

Instead, we've been bombarded with ideological simplicities and near-mindless "feel-good" TV advertisements about how great is a candidate.

Then, there are the attack ads that level vague, and sometimes misleading, charges against opponents.

Some of these attack-ads are from "independent" orto disclose their contributors, leaving voters in the dark as to the special interests in-

Those ads allow a candidate benefiting from a "darkmoney" funded attack to deny responsibility.

I miss the era when candidates issued detailed policy proposals and then held extended news conferences to explain their plans.

I fondly remember decades ago when the TV studio in my former Capitol newsroom was used by candidates to provide reporters with detailed written proposals followed by lengthy ques-

That issue-focused approach had several major advantages.

It obviously provided Missourians with a more solid foundation to make voting decisions. But it also helped Missouri citizens, as well as reporters, to better understand the complexities of policy issues facing govern-

Further, a winning candidate who stressed a significant policy issue was handed

ganizations that do not have a mandate by the voters to overcome governmental in-

> Two governors stand out as perfect examples.

> In 1972, Kit Bond campaigned on a plan to restrict special interest influence in government.

> His victory empowered him to lead the successful, bipartisan legislative effort for campaign and lobbyist disclosure requirements, as well as the state's "Sunshine Law" requiring public access to government meetings and

> Cleaning up government was an easy and safe campaign theme so soon after Watergate.

> Two decades later, Mel Carnahan campaigned for governor on what appeared to be a sure election killer -a tax increase for education.

> Although Carnahan conditioned his proposal on voter approval, his election victory made it easier for the legislature to adopt an education tax increase without voter approval.

> Carnahan and Bond demonstrated that a campaign based on substantive issues

can leave a lasting legacy.

But not every candidate has won by making a potentially unpopular public policy proposal a campaign

In 2000, Republican Jim Talent narrowly was defeated by Democrat Bob Holden, who attacked Talent's idea for a highway-improvement bond issue.

As governor, Holden's alternative plan, worked out with Republicans, was overwhelmingly defeated by Missouri voters.

To be honest, I'm not optimistic we ever will return to an era when the campaign season was a time for a meaningful public policy discussion on detailed pro-

The growing focus on purist ideology has been a factor. So too has been the growing pressure for partisan loyalty by candidates.

Social media plays a role with the meaningless, sometimes snarky, posts that often dominate public attention.

Compounding the problem are the secretly funded special interests with so much money that they can

dominate discussion with ads designed to further their financial interests, rather than educate the public.

It all contributes to an environment that I suspect leads many candidates to focus their campaigns on simply getting elected rather than using their campaigns to champion ideas to improve government.

This current political environment is so different from Abraham Lincoln's plea in his 1861 inaugural address that his country be "touched ... by the better angels of our nature."

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Dear Editor & Voters of Barry County,

After reading Kathy Casey's response regarding the attempt by the governor and the legislature to circumvent the will of the voters, I am compelled to respond.

Ms. Casey indicates that she is much more comfortable with 10 politicians laying out the state demographics, than she would be with the idea of hiring an independent, professional demographer. But I can assure you, it will only guarantee further gerrymandering if amendment 3 passes. The independent demographer risks the reputation of its business and his future livelihood in fulfilling the job. Politicians risk nothing.

To further clarify, let me remind you of a perfect example of how these issues are commonly decided.

Back in the summer of '81, Reagan was trying to shove one of his tax cut bills through congress, but he was having trouble getting the required number of senators on his side. As it turned out, he needed to come up with 5 democrat senators who would support his bill. Reagan, who was proposing cuts in farm subsidies at the time, contacted democrat Georgia Senator Sam Nunn, and asked for his assistance in passing the tax cut bill. At this time, Nunn was promised that if he would support the tax cut bill, Reagan would increase the federal price support on peanuts, which was Georgia's main crop.

Nunn agreed to this deal, Reagan increased the peanut price surt tp a higher level, and they all lived happily ever after. But you paid for this little stunt forever, every time you purchased anything which contained peanuts.

Governor Parson is planning on doing something just like this. He will appoint five gop legislators that he knows he can depend on, and then he will appoint five democrats. Among those five, there will be one or two that the governor knows are easily manipulated. When this issue is put to a vote, Parson only needs to get one of these five democrats to side with the GOP in order to carry the proposal. In order to do this, all Parson would have to do is promise that legislator much needed funding for his district. Getting such funding would make the legislator more popular in the eyes of his constituents, making his re-election more likely.

It is simply a fact that 99% of the politicians do what's best for themselves, regardless of how it affects others.

The voters made their opinions known in 2018 when they voted to take the mapping of voting districts out of the hands of politicians. Now, these wishes should be carried out. VOTE "NO" ON AMENDMENT 3. Gail Purves Cassville



The Advertiser's

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**Bat Hunt Contest** 

#### **LETTERS from 6A**

Dear Editor,

I read a letter to you about the political signs being taken down on peoples' property. I have had two signs stolen from my property. I will be buying and putting up more this week. I would like everyone to know that this is against the law. I do not approve of people that think they are above the law as you see with our national and local administrations. There needs to be more respect and consideration for others in our state as well as the present administration. We all have a right to have our own opinion about the world around us, but to infringe on others is totally unacceptable! Mark DeShazer Exeter, MO

## Southwest Runners ClaimSWCL Title

Lee Stubblefield

The Southwest Trojans won the varsity boys division of the SWCL Conference cross country championships at Blue Eye on Saturday morning. It was the first conference title since 2014 for the Trojans when they captured the Ozark 7 crown,, and their first ever SWCL win.

It was another step forward for the Southwest program under Coach Rusty Roe. Last year, the Trojans ended a long drought by qualifying for the state meet and finishing 8th in Class 2.

Spokane's Sam Shuman is widely considered to be the favorite to win the Class 2 state meet in

two weeks. He was the individual champion on Saturday, winning on a difficult Hollister on Saturday for the course in 16:05.

Southwest's Travis Sickles dogged Shuman's heels, placing second in 16:31.

Spokane placed three runners in the top eight spots and Blue Eye had three in the top eleven, but Southwest's depth made the difference.

Southwest finishers

- 2. Travis Sickles, 16:31 5. Christian Long, 18:03
- 7. Caden Uthe, 18:37 9. Otis Rainer, 18:50
- 13. Roper Varner, 19:08 15. Lucas Lakey, 19:37
- 29. Jacob Freeman, 21:50 Purdy finishers
- 19. Bryce Osbun, 19:46 20. Adrian Tate, 20:01 30. Westin Ellison, 21:51

35. Alan Rodriguez, 22:49 The Trojans will travel to

Class 2 District 6 meet. The top two teams at district and the top 15 individuals qualify for the state meet in Colum-

#### Varsity girls

Only two schools entered complete teams in the varsity girls division. The Blue Eye Lady Bulldogs won with a score of 23, and Sparta was second with 36. Blue Eye's Riley Arnold won easily, posting a time of 19:01.

Southwest finishers 6. Cally Bowyer, 23:21 8. Allison Corwin, 24:40 13. Alexis Raucstadt, 25:42 Purdy finishers 23. Jessi Hoppes, 31:15 24. Adrianna Barrientos,

Inside this week's paper, there are 13 bats hidden in pictures, ads and content. If you find all 13, submit your entries with the page number and the location of the bat on the page to The Advertiser by Monday, November 2, by 5 p.m., to be entered into a drawing for a fall goody basket.

The contest is open to all ages, with parental permission. Please include your name and phone number with your entry. The winner's name and photo will run in a future issue of The Advertiser.

Happy hunting!

All bats will look like the one pictured here, but the size and orientation may be different. (Nope, this one doesn't count!) Email submissions to:

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#### **FOOTBALL from 5A**

night with 134 yards rushing and three touchdowns, 40 yards receiving and a touchdown, and a kickoff return for a score. Coenen actually had more rushing yards, totalling 142 on the night with a score. Sink was 2 for 6 passing, including the touchdown connection with Farris.

Martin led McDonald County with a valiant effort, completing 19 of his 32 throws for 253 yards and a touchdown.

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Lance Parnell's Wildcats, with their top seed in Class 3 District 6, earn a first-round bye, as does Mt. Vernon, the second seed. Cassville also enjoys home field advantage throughout district play.

Cassville's season-ending win streak contrasts starkly with Mt. Vernon's graveyard spiral. The Mountaineers opened the season with a 21-13 win over the Wildcats, then reeled off three more victories to reach 4-0. But five straight stunning losses

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**J-Class** 

to finish the regular season send Mt. Vernon limping into the playoffs with zero momentum. The 4-5 Mountaineers leapfrogged 6-3 Aurora in district seeding on the strength of their headto-head 19-6 victory over the 'Dawgs back in week 4.

In fact, Cassville was the only Class 3 District 6 team to post a victory on the final night of the regular season.

So the Wildcats await the winner of the Reeds Spring-Hollister contest. Mt. Vernon will play the winner of the Aurora-Seneca game.













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**BEAUTIFUL from FRONT** 



Above, Linda Funkhouser shares a happy moment with her son, Brandon, on his fourth birthday in 1988.

Mom Magic for my husband and his two younger brothers. She recorded herself reading her boys' favorite storybooks so they could watch and listen to her when she was away from them, seeking treatment. She posed with her sons for both serious and silly photos, even as cancer treatments took her hair and left their mark on her body.

As Brandon grew older

and Linda's time grew shorter, she cocooned herself in layers of clothing and blankets and sat in the stands as he performed with his high school marching band. To the very end she refused to allow breast cancer to rob her of the joys of motherhood, of sweet life itself.

Although she lost her battle with the disease, Linda Funkhouser did not lose her life to breast cancer. She lived it to the full, and her sons carry on her legacy. Like Linda, who was both a mother and a teacher, all three Funkhouser guys dedicate their lives to children in various fashions. Brandon teaches sixth grade students with the same passion, commitment and love his mom offered to her preschool students.

Brandon's middle brother, Collin, molds and shapes two children of his own with Linda-like grace and love. He also spent several years teaching undergraduate classes with his mom's patience, wisdom and wit.

Aaron, the youngest, is a social worker. Every day he fights for the kids that do not know the fierce love and care of a parent like Linda, at least not until they meet Aaron.

"Isn't she beautiful?" I agreed wholeheartedly with my father-in-law in the basement that day, and I agree with him still. I see Linda's beauty every day in my husband's gentle eyes. I feel her warmth in his smile, and when Brandon's booming laughter fills the air, I hear Linda's, as well. Through him I know her.

I experienced Linda's legendary compassion when my own mom was diagnosed with breast cancer a few short months after Brandon and I got married and he refrained from reciting empty platitudes or offering trite spiritual fixes, opting instead



In October 2014, my mom joined other Purdy Eagle breast cancer survivors to encourage and support a beautiful local woman that had just begun her fight. Pictured from left: Jane Bland, Barbara Warnick, Donna Patterson, Kate Borushaski, Amy Graham, Linda Patton, Sue Henderson (My Momma!) and Sue Hood.

to hold my hand in silence as I cried. He also brought Linda's strength, determination and sense of humor to my mom's post-surgical experience, lifting her spirits, pulling out her scrappy side and inspiring her to fight.

My mom won her battle with breast cancer. Because of Brandon and the time he lost with Linda, I better understand what a gift to me that victory is. As she finishes up the final days of her 83rd trip around the sun, ten spent as a breast cancer survivor, I try my best to seize and appreci-

ate each golden hour with my mom. We laugh, love, reflect, and celebrate together. We take pictures, knowing that how we look matters far less than how we live.

Like most people, I sometimes struggle to stay present in each of those blessed moments, to avoid the pitfall of fretting over a future that may or may not come my way, but the sweetness of now is worth every effort. I learned that priceless lesson from the mother-in-law that I never met, yet love with all my heart.

Isn't she beautiful?













Jeff & Christy Holenda







Above, Susan and Brandon Funkhouser wear pink for their mothers, both victims of breast cancer.







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## Pregnancy and Breast Cancer



While some women may be at greater risk of breast cancer than others, no woman is immune, and that includes expecting mothers.

Breast cancer affects millions of women across the globe every year. While some women may be at greater risk of breast cancer than others, no woman is immune, and that includes expecting mothers.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.® notes that pregnant women can be diagnosed with breast cancer, though such diagnoses are rare. In fact, Breastcancer.org notes that instances of women developing breast cancer during pregnancy are so rare that only small studies have thus far been conducted in regard to treating pregnant women with the disease. However, there are various treatment options for expecting mothers diagnosed with breast cancer.

Each woman is different,

and treating breast cancer in pregnant women will depend on a host of factors. The NBCF notes that the size of the tumor, its location and the term the pregnancy is in will help to determine the safest, most effective treatment plan.

According to Breastcancer. org, a mastectomy with axillary lymph node dissection will likely be recommended to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer during the first trimester of their pregnancies. That recommendation will be based on guidelines established by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Surgery will be recommended because radiation therapy is not safe during pregnancy. Once women have undergone successful surgery, the NCCN

guidelines suggest waiting until the second trimester to begin chemotherapy.

Doctors treating women diagnosed with breast cancer during the second trimester of their pregnancies may recommend either mastectomy or lumpectomy, a surgical procedure in which a lump is removed from the breast. Such recommendations align with NCCN guidelines. In addition, women who receive a lumpectomy would wait until after their children are born to receive any necessary radiation therapy or hormonal therapy. That's because radiation is not safe during pregnancy and the NBCF notes that the effects of hormone therapy on unborn children are not entirely understood.

The NCCN guidelines advise that women diagnosed with breast cancer during the third trimester of their pregnancies undergo a mastectomy or lumpectomy with axillary lymph node dissection. Chemotherapy is safe during the third trimester, but radiation and hormone therapies will be delayed until after the child is born.

Pregnant women are only rarely diagnosed with breast cancer. But as scary as such a diagnosis can be, women should rest assured that treatment is safe, even if it entails a combination of therapies.

## Using diet and exercise to prevent breast cancer

When it comes to breast cancer risk, some things are beyond a person's control. Women might not be able to do much in regard to their genetic makeup and family history, each of which can elevate their risk for breast cancer, but many risk factors are within women's control.

A healthy diet and routine

exercise may help women reduce their risk of developing breast cancer, while poor lifestyle choices can increase that risk. For example, being overweight is a strong risk factor for breast cancer for women who are 18 and older, advises Stanford Health Care. Even 10 percent weight gain (or 15 pounds on a 150-pound woman) increases breast cancer risk as well as the risk of recurrence. Diet and exercise can play a pivotal role in reducing breast cancer risk, and it's important for women to understand just how much good healthy diets and routine exercise can do for them in regard to fighting breast cancer. • Stanford Health Care says some studies suggest limiting dietary fats in the diet, particularly those that come from animals, to reduce breast cancer risk. These in-

clude butter, full-fat dairy,

poultry skin, and fatty meats.

Reducing intake of dietary

may protect against diseases sensitive to hormones, like breast cancer.

- Data from the Women's Healthy Eating and Living study suggests that soy consumption from whole foods and soy milk for any breast cancer type is probably safe, despite public perceptions. Avoid soy supplements and concentrated soy that comes in many soy protein powders until more about their effects is known
- The American Cancer society links alcohol consumption to a higher risk of various cancers, including breast cancer. The more alcohol a person drinks, the higher his or her cancer risk. The ACS recommends no more than one drink per day for women and two for men. A fiveounce glass of wine is considered one drink.
- Susan G. Komen® says a high body mass index has been associated with increased risk for postmenopausal breast cancer. Exercise may help reduce risk by altering metabolism, hormones and breast density.
- Inflammation is an immune system response to injury or

illness. However, when inflammation is chronic, it can damage DNA and lead to cancer, advises the National Cancer Institute. Deep marine fish; dark, leafy green vegetables; bright, multi-colored vegetables; black teas; and spices like turmeric can help fight or prevent inflam-

- The ACS recommends adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity each week (or a combination), preferably spread throughout the week to keep body weight in check.
- Stanford Health Care says consumption of high amounts of sugar can increase insulin levels and result in weight gain, each of which can lead to breast cancer. Limit intake of sugary snacks and refined carbohydrates, opting for healthy alternatives such as fruit, vegetables, beans, whole grains, dairy, and soy milk.

Diet and exercise is vital to overall health and can help women reduce their risk for breast cancer.

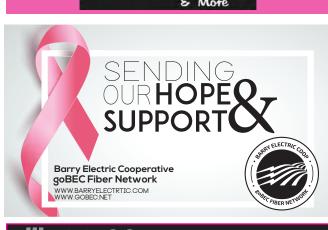






















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#### **STEPHEN TERRY ISRAEL**

Stephen Terry Israel, age 69, of Cassville, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2020, at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale, Arkansas. Mr. Israel, son of Hurley and Noveta (Smith) Israel, was born on December 19, 1950, in Henderson, Kentucky. On July 31, 2014, he was united in marriage to Deanna Gatewood in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Stephen loved the outdoors and riding his motorcycle. He was a jack-of-all-trades and always had a good story to tell. Stephen was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Deanna Israel, of Cassville; two sons, Eric Pearson and his wife, Stephanie, of Seattle, Washington, and Jason Israel and his wife, Nikki, of Guilford, Connecticut; one stepson, Dillon Dover and his wife, Elizabeth, of Bella Vista, Arkansas; one stepdaughter, Hillary Johnson and her husband, Marshall, of Rocky Comfort; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Toni Hoehn, of Wichita, Kansas; one niece, Gina Hoehn, of Wichita, Kansas; and his best friend, Steve Herman, of Cassville.

In addition to his parents, Stephen was preceded in death by one son, Zeb Israel.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

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#### **DOVIE JUNE (CORN) MATHIS**

Dovie June (Corn) Mathis, age 89, of Butterfield, went to be with her Savior on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family. Mrs. Mathis was born on June 30, 1931, in Morris, Oklahoma, the daughter of

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Jess and Lillie (Horn) Corn. On May 3, 1948, she was united in marriage to Francis "Hank" Mathis in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Dovie spent her childhood in Oklahoma, and then moved to Seligman, where she received her education and graduated in 1947. After she and Hank married, they moved to Kansas City, Kansas. She had been employed as a bank teller and worked for Sunshine Bakery. Dovie spent most of her life as a homemaker and a caregiver to her children and grandchildren. In 1980, Dovie and her family moved back to Barry County to retire. She enjoyed gardening, going to flea markets and garage sales, and spending time with her family. She was of the Baptist

Survivors include her loving husband, Hank Mathis, of Butterfield; two sons, Charles Mathis and Darrell Mathis and his wife, Missy, all of Butterfield; two daughters, Tomi Roberts, of Butterfield, and Lisa Parsons and her husband, Jeff, of Monett; five grandchildren; nine three great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Johnny Corn and his wife, JoAnn, of Seligman; and three sisters, Vella Jean Hall, of Washburn, Doris Eggleston, of Seligman, and Elsie Hignite and her husband, Frank, of Rogers, Arkansas.

In addition to her parents, Dovie was preceded in death by one daughter, Frances Rumford; four brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, in Cassville, with Pastor Jack Betts officiating. Burial followed at the Seligman City Cemetery.

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

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#### **CAROL A. FLEMING**

Carol A. Fleming, age 80, of Cassville, passed away Monday, October 26, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville

She was born July 7, 1940, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Catherine (Elaschat) Smith. She was united in marriage to James Wassell, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents and two sons, William Miller and Daniel Fleming.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Miller and his wife, Marie, of Eagle Rock, and David Wassell and his wife, Lisa, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; one daughter, Cathy Wassell Mock, of Rogers, Arkansas; one brother, William Smith, of Pennsylvania; three sisters, JoAnn Troxell, of New Jersey, Frances Sciortino, of Florida, and Mary

Elaine Hill, of Pennsylvania; fifteen grandchildren including Marc Miller, Matthew Miller, Michael Miller, Jr. all of Eagle Rock; fourteen great-grandchildren including Zayden Miller and Marissa Miller, both of Eagle Rock; and many nieces and nephews.

Carol grew up and receive her education in Pennsylvania where she raised her family. In 2003, she moved to Missouri to be near her son and family. She loved cooking and was a great baker. Some of her favorite pastimes were playing bingo and going to yard sales. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Burial will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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#### **GEORGIA "MARION" STUBBLEFIELD**

Georgia "Marion" Stubblefield, age 81, of Cassville, went to meet the Lord on October 21, 2020.

She was born May 25, 1939, in Butler Hollow in Barry County, the daughter of Curtis and Ellen (Patterson) Ellis, who preceded her in death.

On November 22, 1959, she was united in marriage to Allen Stubblefield and to this union were born two boys, Jeffrey and Joe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Allen; two brothers, Charles Ellis and Gary Ellis, along with four brothers-inlaw, Wendy Hilburn, Levi Barnes, Jim Cole and Blaine Brock.

Surviving are her two sons, Jeff Stubblefield, of Cassville, and Joe Stubblefield and his wife, Rhonda, of Verona; one brother, Dale Ellis and his wife, Barbra, of Neosho; three sisters, Freda Cooper and her husband, Charles, Wanda Cole and Wilma Hilburn, all of Cassville; two sisters-in-law, Diane Ellis, of Cassville, and Allene Brock, of Cassville; one brother-in-law, Gilbert Stubblefield and his wife, Betty, of Cassville; six grandchildren, Laci, Lane, Kaytie Jo, Edie, Iessica and Brandon; nine great-grandchildren, Chael, Ridge, Bryar, Erica, Logan, Jaden, Levi and Adi; and several nieces and neph-

Marion graduated from Cassville High School in 1957. She worked for Barry-Lawrence Library for fifty years. She was "Marion the Librarian" and taught story hour for many years, which was her most cherished position. Marion loved the Lord and her family. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and most recently attended Community Faith Chapel. Before Alzheimer's, she loved scrapbooking, doing crossword puzzles and traveling with her life-long friend, Ivy (Brant) Cunningham.

Services were held Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Danny Heupel conducted the services. Burial was at Corinth Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Marion.

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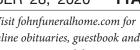
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#### PAUL ARTHER **YARNALL**

Paul Arther Yarnall, age 85, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

He was born May 8, 1935, on the family farm in Cassville, the son of Erskine and Jessie (House) Yarnall. On October 10, 1954, he was united in marriage to Jane Thomas, who preceded him in death on January 8, 2020. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Mary Lou Duckworth; two brothers, Charles and Jimmie Yarnall; one son-in-law, Mike Ramser; one brother-in-law, Robert (Bob) Duckworth; one sister-in-law, Willabee Yarnall; and Frances Leonard, who lived with Paul and Jane for five years and was like a daughter to them.

Paul graduated from Cassville High School in 1953 and Central Baptist College in 1960. He went on to receive his Masters Degree in Education from both Drury University and Missouri University. For thirty-five years he taught school, was a school counselor and principal in various area schools in Barry County. While he enjoyed education, his passion was his ministry. Paul accepted Christ at the tender age of eight and he surrendered to the ministry at the age of 18. Paul retired from the ministry at Roaring River Baptist Church after pastoring there for twenty of his sixty-seven years in the ministry. During those sixty-seven years, he pastored nine different churches. Paul and Jane gave their lives to serve Christ and their church. He spent several years serving as a chaplain at the local hospital and nursing homes. He loved to read his Bible, pray for and with others, spend time with his family, laughing and always wearing a smile on his face. In his final years, he was a member of Exeter First Baptist Church. Throughout his life, Paul farmed, raised chickens and was a member of Missouri Farm Bureau, being an honorary board member since 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry Yarnall and his wife, Debbie, of Cassville, and Jeff Yarnall and his wife, Michelle, of Joplin; one daughter, Deborah Ramser, of South Jordan, Utah; one brother, Lonnie Yarnall, of Cassville; one sister, Patty Buchanan and her husband, Carl, of Cassville; eight grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

He made a great impact

on many lives and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Throughout his life, Paul always looked forward to the time when his Lord would say to him, "Well done my good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23

Services were held Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at First Baptist Church in Exeter. Pastor Aaron Weibel and Pastor Jerry Francisco conducted the services. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

Contributions in memory of Paul may be made to Missouri Baptist Children's Home, 400 E. High, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch, 296 Boys Ranch Road, Lampe, MO 65681 or may be left at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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#### LAVERN MADISON

Lavern Madison, age 86, of Exeter, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020, at Freeman Hospital in Joplin.

He was born July 26, 1934, in Cato, the son of George Earl and Elizabeth (Sturgell) Madison. On February 23, 2002, he was united in marriage to Diane Westenhaver, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, Scott Madison

## **BITUARIES**

and his wife, Susan, of Cassville, Ken Madison and his wife, Lori, of Monett, Kerry Madison and his wife, Lisa, of Cassville, and Terry Madison and his wife, Angie, of Monett; two daughters, Shelley Madison, of Monett, and Carissa McCracken and her husband, Jack, of Shell Knob; two stepsons, David Thrash and his wife, Joan, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Aaron Mc-Cullough, of Wichita, Kansas; one stepdaughter, Lora Smoker, of Warsaw, Indiana; one brother, Bud Madison, of Cassville; one sister, Reba Crane, of Nixa; nineteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren, with three on the way; and five great-great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Kevin Lee Madison; and one brother, Gene Madison.

Lavern grew up in Barry County. He attended Hailey School seven years, Oak Ridge School two years and Cassville High School, graduating in 1951. From 1960 until 1990, Lavern was employed with Missouri State Highway Department. In 1960, he also started shoeing horses, which he was still doing. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Exeter, Jenkins Saddle Club, Barry County Sheriff's Posse and was previously president of Easy Riders. Some of his favorite pastimes were enjoying rodeos and he loved to trail ride with friends and family. He took second place in the USA National Cattle Penning.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Randy

Comer will conduct the services. Burial will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Lavern Madison Scholarship Fund for Horseshoeing in memory of La-

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## LILIAN PATRICIA

**STEPHENS** Lilian Patricia Stephens, known by all as Pat, came into this world on January 17, 1946, in Banbury, England. She met her future husband, Wesley, on a U.S. military base near her home town, and she soon started an adventure that would lead her to the USA. And though she remained British, her accent grew fainter with each passing year Stateside. Pat and Wes began their journey in Banbury where daughter Joanne was born. The Air Force took them to Utah where daughter Tammy was born, and then to North Dakota where daughter Erica was born. They continued their military journey living in Germany, then several

states from Massachusetts to sunny Florida, where they retired, until the hurricanes ran them back to the 100+ vear old family homestead in Washburn, where they both worked tirelessly to build their cozy log cabin. Pat's adventurous spirit led her to embrace her adoptive country by exploring it from coast to coast with Wes, on a motorcycle with a tent and sleeping bags strapped to the

She left this world on October 22, 2020, surrounded by her family in Washburn after a lifetime of travel and friendships. She is remembered for her spirit, her thoughtfulness, and her deep love of hummingbirds. She is survived by her husband of 55+ years, Wesley Stephens; three daughters, Joanne Brown, Tammy Stephens, and Erica Poole; four grandchildren, Bailey, Taylor, Dalton, and Rileigh; and two great-grandchildren, Sailor and Micah.

A celebration of life in honor of Pat will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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#### LEO LUPINI

Leo Lupini, age 88, of Eagle Rock, passed away Monday, October 26, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

Memorial services will be announced by Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

A complete obituary will be in next week's paper.

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#### MARY R. (HOLMES) **RODGERS**

Mary R. (Holmes) Rodgers, 73, of Monett, passed from this life on Friday morning, October 23, 2020.

Services were held Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



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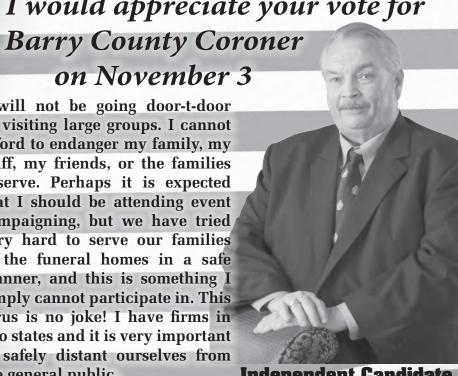
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#### ROBIN LYNN MATTINGLY

Robin Lynn Mattingly, age 50, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

She was born July 28, 1970 in Monett, the daughter of James Paul Mattingly and Marcella Joy (Brust) Packwood. She was proceeded in death by her father, Paul Mattingly; maternal grandparents, Carroll and Fern Brust; paternal grandparents, Winfred (Slim) and Hattie Mattingly; as well as, her aunt and uncle, Gene and Betty Brust.

Robin grew up and resided in Cassville. Robin was baptized as an early teen into

the Church of Christ. She was a 1988 graduate of Cassville High. For thirty years, she was loyal and dedicated to her work as an officer and branch manager at Commerce Bank in Cassville. Robin was devoted to all her colleagues and treated them all as a friend.

Some of her favorite pastimes were vacationing to the beach with friends and family, attending country music concerts and especially Lo-

Surviving are her mother, Iov Packwood and her husband, Harold Lee, of Exeter; one son, Andrew Justus, of Cassville; two brothers, Jim Mattingly and his wife, Rhonda, of Purdy, their children, Kelton and Kinslev Mattingly, Rodney Mattingly and his wife, Kerry, of Exeter, their children, Jolie Mattingly, Logan and her husband Colton Derington. She is also survived by her chosen familv and soul sister, Kathy Wagner of Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 29, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Lynn

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Brust will conduct the services. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Robin.

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RICHARD D. DAVIS

Richard D. Davis, age 52, of Cassville, passed away

Sunday, October 25, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.

He was born July 7, 1968, in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, the son of James Wayne "Jim" and Emelia (Rodriguez) Da-

Surviving are his mother, Emelia Davis; one son, Tucker Johnson, of Minnesota; one daughter, Lexi Davis, of Corpus Christie, Texas; two brothers, James F. Davis and Tina Rubio, of Butterfield, and Raymond Edward Davis and his wife, Cyndee, of Monett; and one sister, Shannon Ida Dunn and her husband, Ralph, of St. Joseph.

Richard grew up in California and moved to Butterfield in 1985 at the age of seventeen. Most of his life was spent as a self-employed construction worker. Some of his favorite pastimes were boxing, hanging out at the lake, being a bouncer at Hip-Hop Club in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and was an avid Razorback Football fan. Most of all he enjoyed barbecues

with his family and spending quality time with them. He loved his mother and his kids.

Preceding him in death was his father.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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#### KENNETH "KENNY" O. BRATTIN

Kenneth "Kenny" O. Brattin was born April 12, 1934, in Exeter, the son of Olen and Gladys (Slagle) Brattin. He departed this life on Friday, October 23, 2020, at Carnegie Village Senior Living Community, Belton, at the age of 86 years, six months, and 11 days.

Kenny was a dry wall finisher for Brattin Dry Wall in Lee's Summit. He loved his dog, Abbey, enjoyed fishing, being with his family and going to family reunions and

was proud of his full head of hair. Kenny was an avid Kansas City Royals fan. He was a pleasant person but was also known as a jokester and quick witted.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald and Howard Brattin; and two sisters, Vineta Smith and Debbie Phelps.

Kenny is survived by two sons, Steven Brattin and his wife, Sandy, of Lillian, Alabama, and Roger Brattin and his wife, Susan, of Raymore; two daughters, Kennetha "Kaye" Brattin, and Kara Kerby and her husband, Marc, of Pleasant Hill; seven grandchildren; three brothers, Lester Brattin, of Greenwood, Gary Brattin and Mark Brattin, both of Exeter; two sisters, Olena Harvey, of Arkansas, and Christine Parks, of Exeter; and multiple family members he dearly loved and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020, at Ridgley Baptist Church in Ridgley.



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Providers licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), six or fewer child care subsidy providers serviced by the Department of Social Services (DSS), and other Missouri child care providers with a Department Ven-

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Providers may seek reimbursement for costs associated with necessary COVID-19 expenditures such as personal protective equipment, additional staffing, overtime and hazard pay, or for loss of revenue associated with business interruption. These funds will

help cover losses during the period of March 1 to December 30, 2020.

Providers impacted by CO-VID-19 will submit requests for reimbursement which must be approved by the Division of Regulation and Licensure within DHSS. Qualified providers will receive instructions from DHSS on how to apply for these

funds. Applications must be submitted for reimbursement by November 15, 2020.

To learn more about this reimbursement process, providers should visit the DHSS Section for Child Care Regulation COVID-19 webpage for child care providers.

## **Public Gives MSHP 93.9% Approval Rating**

According to the recent public opinion survey the Missouri State Highway Patrol is fulfilling its mission of service and protection. Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, is pleased to announce the results of the 2020 Public Opinion Survey. Although the response rate increased with the use of a webbased survey compared to the mail-in survey, limitations must be considered when interpreting such results. Because the web link was available to all people with access to a computer, there

was no control over respondents, thus producing a nonrandom sample. A total of 2,476 people responded to the survey from August 1 to 31, 2020.

The responses were analyzed and produced the following findings: 93.9% of the respondents gave the Patrol a good or excellent overall rating; 94.3% indicated appearance, attitude, and demeanor good or excellent; 94.1% of the respondents reported the overall competence of MSHP employees to be good or excellent; 51.3% of the respondents reported having had

direct contact with the Patrol; 89.8% of those respondents who had direct contact with the Patrol reported a good or excellent experience; 80.1% of respondents indicated enforcing criminal law was the most important duty performed by the MSHP. Detecting/deterring the flow of illegal drugs (73.3%) and traffic crash investigation (70.7%) followed as being very important duties of the MSHP; 73.5% of respondents indicated MSHP officers are doing an effective to very effective job at deterring alcohol-related boating crashes; 88.3% approve of DWI saturation patrols and 84.6% approve of sobriety checkpoints being used to detect and remove intoxicated drivers from Missouri roadways.

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## And the winners are...



Whitley's Pharmacy, of Cassville, took top honors in both the chili and salsa categories for "People's Choice" at Saturday's Chili & Salsa Cook-Off, sponsored by the Cassville Chamber of Commerce.

Pictcured above, left to right, are: Julie Newman, Cindy Ray, Bonnie Resz, Debbie Meltabarger, Tonya Phinney, Michaela Cotton, and Kacy Whitley.



Arning Companies, of Cassville, was chosen "Best Decorated" and "Most Spirited" in the People's Choice category Saturday at Cassville's annual Chili & Salsa Cook-Off, sponsored by the Cassville Chamber of Commerce. They also won second place for their salsa, as chosen by the judges.

Pictured above is the crew from Arning.





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The Barry County Treatment Court were judged Number One in both the chili and salsa categories at Saturday's annual Cassville Chili & Salsa Cook-Off, sponsored by the Cassville Chamber of Commerce.

Shown above, left to right, are: Sharra Westlin, Ashton Scott, Trevor Brown, Mike Avers, Joe Robinson, and Bryan Davis.

Sheila Harris

Cassville's annual fall Chili & Salsa Cook-Off brought out sizable crowds in spite of the unseasonably cold weather and the threats of COVID-19.

Sponsored by the Cassville Chamber of Commerce, the event is one of the chamber's most popular of the year.

"It's actually more of a fun fall festival, than a contest of battling chili-cookers," said chamber director, Rachael Selby.

Some 70 craft and other vendors were in attendance,

including the Kona ice truck. Owner David Compton reported that business for his product was a bit slow given the chilly weather.

In the "People's Choice" category, Whitley's Pharmacy, in Cassville, home the coveted top prize for both their chili and salsa.

A panel of judges deemed The Barry County Treatment Court's chili and salsa their favorites.

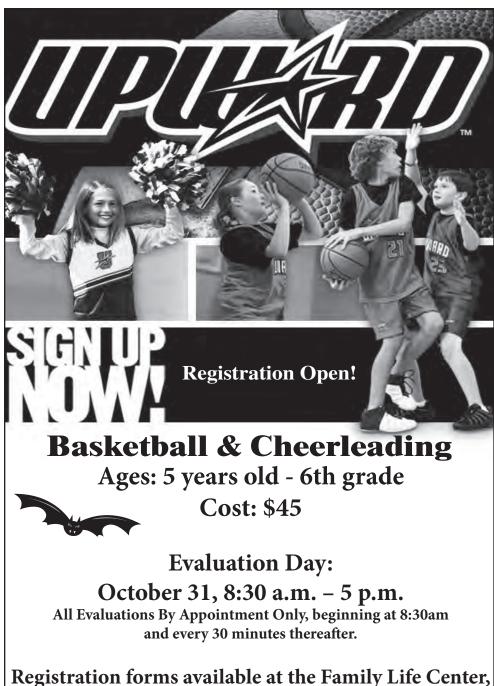
Runner-up in the People's Choice category was Arning Companies, of Cassville, who were chosen as "Best Decorated" and "Most Spirited."

The judge's panel gave the second place award to Lumpy's Truck n' Chili, from Pea Ridge, for their chili.

The third place chili prize went to Whitley's Pharmacy.

In the salsa category, the judges awarded second place to Arning Companies and third place to the Barry County Democrats.





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## The Winning Essays: Red Ribbon Week, Cassville Intermediate School

Life or drugs? Lillian Graef-Miller Woodard

Drugs are like a foul in a game sports or a sour note in a music recital. I say this because you can picture your life as the game of sports or the recital and drugs as the sour note or foul, these can affect how either one will end. If you keep making the same mistakes you can end up losing the game. This is like losing privileges in life.

Consequences of drugs include your body shutting down or failing, if you have kids later in life, they may not be healthy, going broke, having family taken away from you, going to rehab, and of course becoming addicted. If

you are caught growing, selling or doing drugs an FBI or police official will come and search your home. If you have kids, they will check them for signs of abuse such as bruises or scars.

Drugs can also affect the chances of having kids later in life, and them being healthy. This is the case because the drugs can be transferred to the baby through the placenta, causing birth defects such as Down syndrome or even missing parts of the brain. Drugs can also be transferred to the baby by breastfeeding because the drugs can become infused in the milk, which can be very unhealthy for the baby.

Drugs can also have an

extremely negative effect on the brain and body. All will mess up your brain, but some have even more side effects. Weed kills brain cells witch makes you brain dead, nicotine makes your lungs black and charred and you might have to be hospitalized, and there's this new drug that eats your skin from the inside out, that drug is called krokodil because it makes you skin green and scaly, like that of a crocodile (hence the name:. Drugs will make your brain slow and you will not be able to process the important stuff like reading and writing.

Drugs will also have a major effect on finances. If you become addicted, you can end up wasting billions of dollars on them which is no good. If you have a family, how will you be able to provide for them if you are financially incapable? Also you never know how much they will cost because you can't just go to aisle 9 and see that cocaine is an sale for \$0.99, you have to buy them from a dealer, which can be very dangerous because you never know what will happen if they get caught.

But the good news is there are plenty of ways to stay away from drugs! If a doctor prescribes you something to make you feel better, use it responsibly. If you see someone doing or selling drugs and they pressure you into trying some say NO and tell a

trusted adult like a parent or teacher. I know it may seem cool to do drugs because famous people do them, but the truth is lots of them have died because of it. Elvis died because he had a heart attack due to an overdose and Michael Jackson died due to overdose on benzodiazepine and propofol. So, it is NOT cool.

Our world would be so much better without drugs. People would be happier and healthier, less people would be in jail, more kids would be living with their families, so there are plenty of reasons not to do drugs. Health, happiness, family, finance, and many more. So please remember, your body is precious, so do not trash it, and remember, just be happy and stay drug free.

Staying Drug Free, No **Drugs For Me** Mrs. Wilson Caiden Edie

A life involved with drugs would be a terrible life. You would not be able to go on vacation, play with your kids, take them to school or got to school events. You would be a bad influence to young people. Drugs make people selfish and don't think about anyone or anything else.

I do not want drugs in my life because I want to get a fun job, a cool car, have fun friends and be healthy! I will want to take my kids on vacation on cruises and to beaches. I could go to fun events like country music concert. I want to be a good influence to my brother, my cousins and my friends.

A lot of people who care about me tell me to stay drug free. People like teachers, friends, and parents. These are people I trust and will listen to them.

To stay drug free I will stay away from people that are on drugs and stay away from places with drugs. I want to have a drug fee life and a happy life.

#### If I Did Drugs By: Kailyn Speer

If I did drugs, I wouldn't be me, and all those places I wouldn't get to see.

Drugs make you high, drugs make you lie.

Drugs are not good for your heart, that's why I will never start.

If I did drugs, I would be dying inside, crying inside, wondering why I am not fine.

Drugs will make you die. That's why I will never do drugs, I would miss out on all those hugs.

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## Trump supporters coordinated parade



According to Mandy Clevenger, of Cassville, more than six miles of cars and 2,500 people turned out to show support for the re-election of President Trump in a parade of vehicles from

A corresponding parade left from Monett, headed toward Cassville.

Clevenger, who organized the parade, said she'd been wanting to coordinate such an event since

"I started a group on Facebook," she said, "and, within three hours, 400 people had responded. I couldn't believe it. Within 24 hours, we had 900 and, in a day in a half, we had well over 1000. "Several people are wanting to parade again this weekend," she said. "You can find us on Facebook at Barry County Trump Parade."

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## A Paid Education: Thoughts from The Editor



Sheila Harris

This job, as I knew it would, is providing me with a paid education. Among many things, I'm learning more about the workings of county government, an area, I confess, in which I've been

somewhat ignorant.

With the position of coroner up for vote on next week's ballot, I was faced with the task of coming up with some questions for the candidates. It's then I realized that I wasn't really sure of what the coroner's job entailed. Yes, I knew they went to accident scenes and pronounced the victims deceased, but beyond that, I was a bit foggy.

Enter Google. My research has proven to be rather eyeopening. The coroner's position, I've discovered, carries with it the latent power of the sheriff, should it ever become necessary for someone to fill his shoes. It's a situation we hope never to see enacted,

since the sheriff would have to be incapacitated, deceased, or have a personal interest in the outcome of a criminal investigation for that need to arise. However, according to Missouri law, the coroner is next in line to investigate criminal activity or perform any other responsibilities of the sheriff, in a worst-case scenario, which makes the coroner's job weightier than I knew. It sounds thankless enough as it is, since pronouncing deaths at accident scenes and at bedsides isn't your run-of-the-mill kind of

While at Cassville's Chili & Salsa Cook-Off Saturday, I also had a chance to learn

a bit more about the county commission's role in government. Incumbent, threeterm southern commissioner, Wayne Hendrix (D) was happy to make a few comments about his job.

"A lot of people think the county commission takes care of the roads in Barry County," said Hendrix, "but that's not the case. Barry County has 25 special road districts and one common road district. The special road districts have jurisdiction over their area's roads.

"We county commissioners are responsible for the maintenance of the one common road district - Liberty Road District - which contains about seven miles of road down in Star Hollow, west of Washburn. The 25 other special road districts consist of three commissioners, with one of them up for re-election every election

"It's the main job of the County Commission," he continued, "to take care of the overall budget for Barry County, including the oversight of funds that come into the county, and their dispersal for various county projects, including, for example, the upcoming jail renova-

"The county commission, which includes the presiding commissioner, and a northern and southern commissioner, is also responsible for the maintenance of 30 bridges in Barry County," he said.

"One thing the commission is thankful for," said Hendrix, "is that the county now has an emergency fund

**See THOUGHTS 3B** 





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- · Life-long resident of Barry County
- · Owner/Operator Sportsman's Corner for past 26 years
- · Married to Jackie for 41 years, proud father and grandfather
- · Active member of First Baptist Church
- · Served on Cassville School Board, Cassville Golf Assn. Board and SW MO Solid Waste Commission
- · 12 years experience in county government

"I want Barry County to be the best it can be now and for future generations. I will work hard and serve in a conscientious and conservative manner."

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## **November 3 Ballot Certification and Sample Ballot**

CERTIFICATION STATE OF MISSOURI) ss. COUNTY OF BARRY)

I, Jill H. LeCompte, Barry County Clerk, within and for the County of Barry, State of Missouri, hereby certify that the attached form of Official Ballot is in compliance with requirement of Section 116.230 of 1984 Cumulative Supplement of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE-OF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office. Done at the Barry County Courthouse this 7th day of October 2020. Jill H. LeCompte Barry County Clerk

NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACCESS-ABILITY, FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that no less than one-half of the sites provided for voter registration shall be accessible to handicapped persons (RSMo 115.140). In addition, a dis-

abled or elderly citizen may register to vote by alternative means, including registration by mail and curbside registration.

FOR MORE INFORMA-TION ON REGISTRATION AND VOTING: Persons may contact their election authority by telephone at: 417-8472561 or by mail at 700 Main, Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625.

The Missouri Secretary of State's Office provides a toll free number for persons with hearing impairments who have access to a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) TDD users may call 800-669-8683 to obtain in-

formation on voter registration, polling place location, and accessibility, absentee balloting, and other electionrelated services available in their local jurisdictions and from the State of Missouri.

SAMPLE BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020
BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the General Election will be held in the County of Barry on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 as certified to this office by the participating entities of Barry County. The ballot for the Election shall be in substantially the following form.

following form.		
A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for their Electors.	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE  Vote for ONE	FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 29
FOR PRESIDENT AND	JOHN R. (JAY) ASHCROFT	Vote for ONE
VICE PRESIDENT	YINKA FALETI	MIKE MOON REP
Vote for ONE PAIR	CARL HERMAN FREESE	
DONALD J. TRUMP	PAUL LEHMANN GRI	Write-in
MICHAEL R. PENCE	PAUL VENABLE CS	FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
JOSEPH R. BIDEN		DISTRICT 158
KAMALA D. HARRIS	Write-in	Vote for ONE
JO JORGENSEN	FOR STATE TREASURER	SCOTT CUPPS REP
JEREMY (SPIKE) COHEN	Vote for ONE	BRENDA McKINNEY
HOWIE HAWKINS	SCOTT FITZPATRICK	
ANGELA NICOLE WALKER	VICKI LORENZ ENGLUND	Write-in
DON BLANKENSHIP	NICHOLAS (NICK) KASOFF	FOR NORTHERN COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM MOHR	JOSEPH CIVETTINI GRI	Vote for ONE
		GARY SCHAD REP
Write-in	Write-in	
FOR GOVERNOR	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL	Write-in
Vote for ONE	Vote for ONE	FOR SOUTHERN COMMISSIONER
MIKE PARSON REP	ERIC SCHMITT	Vote for ONE
NICOLE GALLOWAY	RICH FINNERAN	GENE ROBBINS REP
RIK COMBS	KEVIN C BABCOCK	WAYNE HENDRIX DEM
JEROME HOWARD BAUER GRN		
	Write-in	Write-in
Write-in	FOR UNITED STATES	FOR SHERIFF
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	REPRESENTATIVE	Vote for ONE
Vote for ONE	DISTRICT 7	DANNY BOYD REP
MIKE KEHOE	Vote for ONE	
ALISSIA CANADY	BILLY LONG REI	Write-in
BILL SLANTZ	TERESA MONTSENY	FOR ASSESSOR
KELLEY DRAGOO GRN	KEVIN CRAIG	Vote for ONE
		SHERRY SMITH REP
Write-in	Write-in	
		Write-in

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SAMPLE B
FOR CORONER
Vote for ONE
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RUSTY DILBECK
SKIP WHITE
West, in
Write-in
FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
Vote for ONE  SAM MADSEN  REF
OAN MADOLIN
Write-in
OFFICIAL JUDICIAL BALLOT Submitting to the voters whether the Judges named below whose terms expire December 31, 2020, shall be retained in office for new terms.
VOTE ON EACH JUDGE
MISSOURI SUPREME COURT JUDGE
Shall Judge PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?  YES
NO
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT
Shall Judge GARY W. LYNCH of the Southern District Court of Appeals be retained in office?
YES
NO
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1
Proposed by the 100th General Assembly (First Regular Session) (SS SCS SJR 14 & 9)
Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to extend the two term restriction that currently applies to the Governor and Treasurer to the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor and the Attorney General?
State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings from this proposal.
YES
NO

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3

Proposed by the 100th General Assembly (Second Regular Session) (SS 3 SJR 38)

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Ban gifts from paid lobbyists to legislators and their employees;
- Reduce legislative campaign contribution limits;
- Change the redistricting process voters approved in 2018 by: (i) transferring responsibility for drawing state legislative districts from the Nonpartisan State Demographer to Governor-appointed bipartisan commissions; (ii) modifying and reordering the redistricting criteria.

State governmental entities expect no cost or savings. Individual local governmental entities expect significant decreased revenues of a total unknown amount.

YES
NO

#### CITY OF PURDY

#### QUESTION

Shall the City of Purdy Missouri, be authorized to forgo annual elections if the number of candidates who have filed for a particular office is equal to the number of positions in the office to be filled by the election.

YES

NO

## Clerk's office open Saturday for absentee voting

- Barry County Clerk's Office will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., October 31, 2020, for absentee voting for the November 3, 2020, General Election.
- Absentee voting in person continues through Monday, November 2, 2020, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- You must present one form of identification to vote. For example: Driver's License or Voter Registration Card.
- If you have moved and have an address change, you need
- to contact our office or come into our office and have your information updated, before Election Day. If you wait till Election Day, you will hold up the line.
- Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on Election
- For additional information, call Barry County Clerk, Jill LeCompte at 417-847-2561 or email, jhlecompte@barrycountyclerk.com.

## Polling places for **November 3 election**

- Butterfield/McDonald: Butterfield Fire Station
- Cassville City: Family Life Center
- Cassville Rural/Mineral: Courthouse
- Exeter: Exeter Fire Station
- Golden: Golden Communitty Building
- Jenkins: Jenkins Fire Department
- Kings Prairie/Pleasant Ridge: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
- Monett City: Monett City Park Casino
- Monett Rural/Capps Creek: New Site Baptist Church
- Ozark/Crane Creek: Madry Christian Union Building
- Purdy//McDowell: Purdy

City Hall (new location)

- Roaring River: Eagle Rock
- Community Building · Seligman: Seligman Community Center
- Shell Knob: Shell Knob/ Viola Community Building
- Washburn/Ash: Washburn First Baptist Activity Center
- Wheaton: Wheaton Community Building

The polling places for said election will open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m., during which time any person properly registered to vote in Barry County will be given the opportunity to cast his or her

## Polling place change for **Kings Prairie / Pleasant** Ridge

ballot.

For those who vote at Kings Prairie / Pleasant Ridge, your Polling Place has changed!

For the November 3, 2020, General Election, and all future elections unless stated otherwise, Kings Prairie and Pleasant Ridge voters will vote at the Pleasant Ridge

Baptist Church, located at the corner of Z Highway and VV Highway.

For more information call: the Barry County Clerk's Office at 417-847-2561 or email jhlecompte@barrycountyclerk.com

#### **THOUGHTS from 1B**

built up, something that we didn't have in years past."

Hendrix is up for re-election on November 3. His opponent, Gene Robbins, running on the Republican ticket, was also present at the cook-off. Robbins, a Barry County resident and business owner for over 30 years, views the southern commissioner position as an opportunity to repay the residents of Barry County for what they have done for him and

"Barry County has been good to us," he said, "and I look forward to being able to serve them in return."

County government, I'm also learning, is every bit as partisan (at least, in name) as government on a broader scale. However, in Barry County - where we all know each other - mutual respect for each other as individuals seems to blur and soften those party lines. I *like* that.



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## Gary Swearingen, Republican



Gary Swearingen (R)

#### **1. Why are you running for** hold the position of Barry this position?

I feel it is my Christian duty to help other people; all my life I have tried to put myself in positions where I can help others In any situation needed. When I was offered the opportunity, almost 13 years ago to assist the late Jim Fohn who was coroner I saw another way to be available to help people in need. I was recently appointed by Governor Mike Parson to

County Coroner and I want to continue serving the Great People of Barry County in this position.

#### 2. What type of experience do you have that qualifies you for the most common responsibilities of coroner?

My experience goes back almost 13 years when the late Jim Fohn offered me the opportunity of working with him in the coroners position where he later appointed

me to be the Barry County Deputy Coroner. By working along the side of Jim for these years I feel that I received the most professional training that is offered anywhere. Jim had an over abundance of knowledge in the coroners field and he always shared that knowledge with me to help me become experienced as a deputy coroner and now as the Barry County Coroner. Since state training is not offered to anyone that does not hold the title of coroner I officially have not attended state training but after elected I will attend the state training as it is offered.

#### 3. In the event of discovering a death by violence, what would you do?

In most of these situations when a death is due to violence the law enforcement is on the scene before the coroner arrives, but if the law is not present I instantly make sure they get notified so they can begin their legal investigation and I professionally do my coroners duty by compassionately treating the deceased as if they are my own family until their own family is able to be present to speak for them, no matter what period of time that might be. I go back to my Christian upbringing of "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and I believe this is a God given rule in life or death.

#### 4. What do you believe makes you the most qualified candidate to perform the responsibilities of sher-

iff, should the need arise?

Questions answered

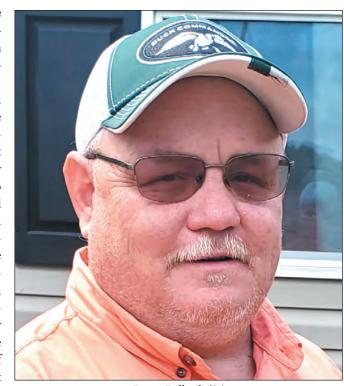
God forbid this situation should ever arise but I realize that could happen at any given time. I would not say that I am more qualified than my opponent's are to step into the role as a sheriff but I feel that I am JUST as qualified. This is one of the many topics that Jim Fohn made me aware of and he gave me professional and sound advice in this matter. With the expertise training that our county deputies show I would have an abundance amount of good help if I would be put in this position. I work very close with the sheriffs office now and have the upmost respect for each employee in that office.

#### 5. Given an option, do you believe the position of coroner should be politically affiliated. If not, why?

The position of coroner I feel should be filled as any other public held office and that being, chosen by the people that they represent and work for and that is the voters of that particular entity. America was built on a free democracy and allows each of us to help in choosing the leadership of our county and country no matter what

See SWEARINGEN 8B

## Rusty Dilbeck, Democrat



Rusty Dilbeck (D)

#### 1. Why are you running for this position?

I believe I can make a change. I want to restore the office of Coroner I am a very caring and compassionate person. Death is something every family in the community has experienced or will experience and being the person I am I want to come and assist you in that time, I want to be the person someone can find comfort within in such a devastating time.

#### 2. What type of experience do you have that qualifies you for the most common responsibilities of coroner?

I believe I have more than enough experience. I have worked underneath both the late Jim Fohn and my competitor Skip White. Both men have taught me so much. They have instilled the values of kindness and compassion and how valuable your actions can be. I have work with budgets.

#### 3. In the event of discovering a death by violence, what would you do?

I would immediately call for an investigation. In a calm and meaningful manner, I would handle the situation to the best of my abilities. I would start by showing care and compassion for the families involved of the loved

See DILBECK 5B



#### LIVING ESTATE AUCTION SATURDAY, OCT. 31, 2020 • 9:00 A.M.

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## by candidates for coroner

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filiated? If not, why?

their time in need.

Yes, I do. The people of the

community should have a

say in who will be arriving at

6. Do you believe there is a

potential conflict of interest

for a coroner to be affiliated

with a funeral home? If not,

why? If yes, how will you re-

solve that potential conflict?

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you will persuade the fam-

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family does not have a plan

in action, and you as a coro-

ner work for either funeral

home you will persuade the

family to take the body for

the business you work for.

This causes a conflict of in-

terest and a disadvantage to

competing funeral homes in

Barry County. I am not af-

filiated with a funeral home

I have and will continue to

help them in the time of need

if asked, I want to be a person

that gives you a choice and

work for you as a citizen of

Barry County!

Yes, I do. I believe it cre-

one,5I would work hand and hand with the local law enforcement agencies since it was death by violence to assist in any way possible to help with any investigation.

4. What do you believe makes you the most qualified candidate to perform the responsibilities of sheriff, should the need arise?

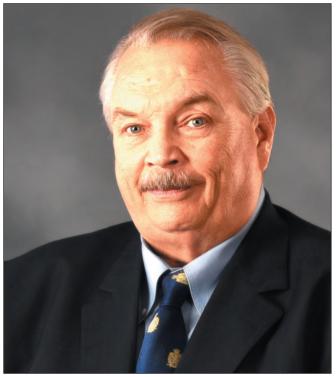
I believe I am the qualified for the coroner position because I am knowledgeable Knowing what to do and how to react is especially important. If the need for sheriff should have to happen I would handle to duties as given to me at time of the situation, I have a lot of experience working with the local agencies, I have been a Firefighter and currently serving as Assistant Chief for Butterfield Fire Protection District, and I am currently an Emergency Telecommunicator for Barry County E911, I can handle the stressful situations.

5. Given an option, do you believe the position of coroner should be politically af-

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people."

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

#### Skip White, Independent



Skip White (I)

1. Why are you running for this position?

Barry County deserves the most professional and educated person for this position. I feel I fulfill those needs and have the most education of the campaign candidates.

2. What type of experience do you have that qualifies you for the most common responsibilities of coroner?

I am a licensed funeral director in the four-state area; a high school graduate; a graduate of the St. Louis University School of Death Investigation; a graduate of Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago, Illinois; a graduate of Missouri Southern State University Policy Academy; and I have attended annual continuing education classes for Coroner and Medical Examiners.

3. In the event of discov-

3. In the event of discovering a death by violence, what would you do?

The first thing to be done is to clear the scene of all persons with the exception of members of law enforcement. The most important thing to remember is that law enforcement is present at death scenes for the purpose of representing the law. Crime scene investigations are the duty of the County Coroner with the help of law enforcement members; the Coroner represents the body. The County Coroner takes direction from no one; he/ she is in charge of all crime scene investigations, and the County Coroner makes the decision as to the need of an autopsy, following consultation with family members and law enforcement. When I was Coroner, I worked very hard to make families comfortable in their funeral home choice decision.

4. What do you believe makes you the most qualified candidate to perform the responsibilities of sheriff, should the need arise?

As stated above, I am a graduate of Missouri Southern State University Police Academy, and I was post certified in the State of Missouri for many years. Through my life I have witnessed every type of death from commercial airline crashes to sudden heart attacks. During my many years I have worked closely with coroners, medi-

cal examiners, area prosecutors, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

5. Given an option, do you believe the position of coroner should be politically affiliated? If not, why?

Absolutely not! When the decedent's family needs representation, the Coroner should not be interested in whether he/she is a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or a member of the Green Party. My whole philosophy as to the position of Coroner is that it should be non-political and families should be given a choice as to the funeral home in their area to be used. That is why I am a candidate for this office. 6. Do you believe there is a potential conflict of interest for a coroner to be affiliated with a funeral home? If not, why? If yes, how will you resolve that potential con-

Yes, I do feel there could be a conflict of interest if the Coroner only uses his/her office to obtain funerals. In the State of Missouri today, most counties use the coroner/ funeral home system which keeps the individual county from paying large sums of

See WHITE 8B

# **VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 3**

## Missouri Needs Real Representation

By Eric Bohl

This November, Missourians have the opportunity to clean up politics by voting yes on Amendment 3. This measure will fix the redistricting mess that out-of-state activists brought to Missouri in 2018. It will also reduce campaign contribution limits and outlaw gifts from paid lobbyists to legislators. These are real reforms that we need in Jefferson City.

in 2018, out-of-state political activists funded an effort to change Missouri's redistricting process. They sold their plan by claiming it would make elections fairer and remove politics from the process. In fact, it did exactly the opposite. This deceitful plan, which pass on the ballot as Amendment 1, literally elevated partisanship to be the primary issue in redistricting.

These out-of-state activists looked at the state legislature and decided we had too many members of one political party and not enough of the other. They claimed this was due to unfair, rigged district boundaries

In reality, Missouri's legislative district lines don't jump around a lot. They're mostly squared off and keep most counties and communities intact. People living in these communities tend to see the world similarly and thus vote for people like them.

Politically, this goes both ways. For example, in 2016, the 1st Congressional District in urban St. Louis voted for Hillary Clinton by a 77-19 margin. Should we be shocked to learn that every State Representative and Senator in the 1st District is a Democrat? The same election, Southeast Missouri's 8th Congressional District went for Donald Trump by a similar 75-21 margin. Is is any wonder every state legislator there is Republican?

The billionaires behind the 2018 effort did not think these results were acceptable. They decided that mixing up the boundaries through political redistricting might give their preferred candidates a chance at more seats. Their plan said partisan voting history in prior elections must be the main consideration when drawing new district lines. It put the focus on creating politically "competitive" districts for the next election - not trying to keep counties, towns and neighborhoods intact.

Making toss-up districts out of heavily Democratic or heavily Republican areas requires them to be mixed together using intense gerrymandering. There's simply no way around it. If you take a sliver of St. Louis and draw a snaking spaghetti-noodle of a district southeast toward the Bootheel, you might eventually pick up enough Democrats and enough Republicans to approach a 50-50 district.

But who does that district represent? Such a district might slice a dozen communities in half to achieve its partisan goals. Boundaries would be incomprehensible. Next-door neighbors would have different representatives, each of whom live a few counties away.

These billionaire activists want to engineer particular election results in our state. This should not be the goal of redistricting. Real representation should. We need to focus on keeping local voices for local communities.

Amendment 3 will stop the gerrymandering and keep communities whole. Missourians should vote yes on Amendment 3 to protect their voices in state government.

Two years ago, the voters hand re-districting decisions over to a state demographer. If voters really wanted to give that awesome power to a single individual, it is incumbent on those voters to know who our state demographer is. So the rule ought to be, if you can name the state demographer, you should vote against Amendment 3. It you can't, you should vote yes.

Of course, this is a trick question. We don't have a state demographer, because the State Auditor, responsible for appointing a person to fill the position, and the state senate, who have the responsibility of confirming the demographer, have failed to make the appointment. Two years into a re-districting scheme that is the only one of its kind in the nation, and we have no idea who will be deciding our future. We often hear about faceless bureaucrats wielding tremendous power. This one doesn't even have a name.

## **TOP 13 DONORS TO NO ON 3**

Name	Location	Amount	Туре
North Fund	Washington, DC	\$ 1,154,500	Dark \$\$\$
Action Now Initiative	Texas	\$ 712,500	Dark \$\$\$
National Education Association	Washington, DC	\$ 500,000	Union
National Redistricting Action Fund	Washington, DC	\$ 300,000	Dark \$\$\$
CHIPP Political Account	Missouri	\$ 250,000	Union
Missouri and Kansas Laborers' PAC	Missouri	\$ 250,000	Union
Schustermann Family Foundation	Oklahoma	\$ 200,000	Dark \$\$\$
Unite. Inspire. Lead.	Missouri	\$ 200,000	Union
Missouri WIN	Missouri	\$ 51,400	Dark \$\$\$
Missouri Wins	Missouri	\$ 25,000	Dark \$\$\$
Brianne Garcia Ziff	New York City	\$ 25,000	Individual
David Roberts and Sue Fischlowitz	Missouri	\$ 25,000	Individual
Int'l Union of Operating Engineers Local 513	Missouri	\$ 25,000	Union
TOTAL		\$ 3,718,400	

There are the top 13 donors that have put money into the Vote No on Amendment 3. The question we have to ask ourselves is why are special interest groups outside of the State of Missouri willing to donate millions of dollars to defeat Amendment 3?

We as Barry County Farm Bureau Board urge you to vote YES on Amendment 3.



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Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Applications are available 8am to 4pm at the Barry County Sheriff's Office Administration building at 505 East Street Cassville, Mo 65625 or you can call 417-847-6556 to request an application be sent to you. Return all applications to Sheriff Gary Davis.

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## **Governor Parson Highlights** Missouri COVID-19 Data

During a weekly briefing at the State Capitol, Governor Mike Parson provided additional background to help explain Missouri's COVID-19 data and calculations used in comparison to other sources.

"With so many different methods and calculations, providing real-time data at this quantity and level of detail comes with its own set of challenges," Governor Parson said. "However, we have continually worked to be transparent, address these challenges, and provide Missourians with the most accurate and up-to-date information as possible, and we remain committed to helping citizens understand the impact of COVID-19 on our state."

Since early COVID-19 reporting in March, Governor Parson's administration and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) have worked to share context surrounding the numbers that are reported and added each day to the public health dashboard. Acknowledgments have consistently been provided to explain drastic shifts in the numbers when they exist.

For example, on some occasions, DHSS ingests a "dump" of a high number of test records from a laboratory or provider that has accumulated over a period of time, either due to lack of understanding of reporting requirements or technical malfunctions. This can sometimes result in a spike of positive cases that did not all occur within a 24-hour time frame but rather over a period of several days.

Similarly, DHSS has also consistently seen a decrease in the number of tests, and therefore cases, reported on weekends compared to weekdays. This cycle causes non-representative dips and spikes in the numbers each day on the dashboard as those samples are tested and reported by labs.

Similar situations also occur with reported COVID-19 deaths. For instance, approximately once per week, DHSS analyzes incoming death certificates and links COVID-19 associated deaths with the appropriate cases in the state's disease surveillance system. Those that had not already been reported to the state by another entity are then captured and reported publicly through the dashboard. This activity typically causes a sharp increase in the deaths added to Missouri's total the following day, which is most often on Saturdays.

For these reasons, Governor Parson and DHSS encourage individuals to follow the past 7-day trends for all data sets and how these trends have changed over time to get a better sense of COVID-19's impact in the state.

Nationally and locally, there has also been much focus on positivity rates. Positivity rates are an important metric used by public health experts to understand the spread of COVID-19 despite the "ups and downs" of total testing numbers from week to week.

However, multiple methods are used to calculate positivity rate, so rates often vary depending on the source and how. Many states calculate the rate differently which means comparing the rates reported out by each individual state is often misleading. Some states do not report positivity rates at all.

To date, DHSS has used a conservative method to calculate positivity rate. DHSS "de-duplicates" testing data, meaning that only a person's first positive or negative test is counted. This method can cause recent positivity rate measures to appear higher than they would if other methods were used.

For example, the 7-day positivity rate as of today excludes individuals who tested negative in the past week if they have already tested negative at any point since the start of the pandemic. Over 900,000 Missourians have been tested more than once since March, so many negative test results are not counted in more recent 7-day positivity rates.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) uses a different methodology. This method simply takes the total number of positive tests divided by the total number of tests. The rate is lower using this method because it does not "de-duplicate" individuals who have been tested multiple times since March.

Both methods can help public health authorities understand the spread of COVID-19 in their communities. Beginning today, DHSS will report both positivity rates on the public health dashboard.

The CDC provides more information on the different ways to calculate positivity rate on its website.



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