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Spotlight

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The Barry County Advertiser will be closed Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas. Our deadlines will be noon on Friday, December 20, and Friday, December 27, at 4 p.m.

Courthouse & Judicial Center Closed

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will both be closed Wednesday, December 25, for Christmas. The Assessor's office will close at noon on Christmas Eve.

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The Cassville Christmas parade will be Friday, December 20, at 6 p.m.

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Annual Tinsel Tea serves to benefit food pantry

Charlea Mills

The women of the Cassville United Methodist Church held their 11th annual Tinsel Tea on Saturday, December 14, to benefit the church's food pantry. Each year, the Tinsel Tea has women from the church and community decorate a table for the event.

For someone who has never seen the beautiful tablescapes at the church, it is quite a sight. Different women decorate their tables in different ways, some opting for traditional Christmas themes, others with antique or peacock themes. Each table reflected the personality of the lady or pair who decorated it.

This year, the women served 175 people at the tea which is comparable to most other years. The guests dined at 20 different tables decorated individually by women of the community. Stacy Runnels, event coordinator, stated, “The weather did not affect our attendance at all.”

Each person dining at the tea pays \$15, but many people donate more than that amount. George's, Inc. also donates all of the chicken for their chicken salad that they serve. This year, after expenses,



The ladies of the annual Tinsel Tea are pictured left to right. Front row: Sylvia Phillips, Carolyn Stacy, Leslie Smith, Stacy Runnels, Kayla Ragsdale, Jo Anne Ellis, Barbara White and Mindi Artherton. Second row: Jill LeCompte, Michelle Kent, Sylvia Phillips, Brenda Fletcher, Margaret Beeson, Marolyn Wood, Patty Door, Carmella Buckner and Emily Wood. Third row: Janet Mills, Christy Hermansen, Bobbie Tucker, Sandy Cullers, Linda Phipps, Judie Starchman, Lee Assing, Tiffany Miner, Janet Watley, Kelsey Vollenweider and Cari Vollenweider. Back row: Jan Houser, Sarah Dalton, Melanie Stringer and Stephanie Marple.

es, they raised \$2,488 for the food pantry, similar to most other years.

Runnels also organized the tea last year after assisting Jo Anne Ellis for five years before that. When asked why she chose to volunteer her time to the event, she stated,

“I really enjoy planning and organizing the event. I feel like it is so important to raise the money for our food pantry at the United Methodist Church, especially this time of year. I also love the Christmas season and decorating for the tea and preparing the

music and food is all part of the holidays.”

Runnels continued, “I am truly grateful for everyone who assists with the tea, especially the table hostesses and the cooks. I'm also thankful for everyone in attendance.”

The Tinsel Tea also included Christmas musical performances and a program for those in attendance.

“It just doesn't feel like Christmas until we have the Tinsel Tea,” said Runnels.

For more pictures from the Tinsel Tea, see page 2A.

Shop with a Cop grants Christmas wishes



Seligman Police Chief Garry Thornton takes youngster Jonathan Long shopping for Christmas gifts where they got a special visit from Santa.

Charlea Mills

Thanks to community nominations, 12 lucky kids from the Seligman area got to Shop with a Cop, a program sponsored by the Selig-

man Police Department.

The Seligman Police Department spent two and a half months selling raffle tickets for three different prizes to raise money for the

program. When they drew for raffle, they had enough money to sponsor 12 children's shopping spree at the Cassville Walmart.

Each child was given \$135 by the Seligman Police Department. Walmart gave each of the children a tin of popcorn, a Santa hat and a shopping card, while Subway discounted food for the kids so that the police could treat them to lunch, as well.

The funds raised by the department came from tickets sold for a 32" LCD flat screen TV won by Matt Hudgins, a Henry .22 lever action rifle won by Ray Edward and a bird house/feeder won by Charles Allgood. Initially, the drawing was to be held at the Seligman Christmas parade, but when the event was called off due to inclement weather, they opted to draw on Friday, December 13, instead.

The contest was also supported by donations made by Freedom Bank and Peoples Bank, both of Seligman. Members of the community nominated families for the program, then the police de-

BC Wastewater Ordinance public hearing set for Jan. 9

Charlea Mills

Changes might be coming to Barry County residents when their property changes hands in the future. The Barry County Health Department is holding a public hearing to discuss the current Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance on Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m. at the FEMA shelter in Cassville.

The main concern dealt with in the proposed ordinance is the health and safety of the citizens of Barry County. As it stands, there are no inspections done on wastewater system or septic tanks in the county. This leads to concerns over whether those systems are safe and not draining into waterways or getting into drinking water.

Roger Brock, administrator of the Health Department, stated, “The number one priority is trying to improve the water quality in the county.”

The way the new ordinance would work is when a house sells, the septic system would be inspected as part of the housing inspection. Some

lenders already required a wastewater system inspection, but this would make it unilateral for all home sales in the county.

Brock assured that this would not affect property sales, “This will not stop property from selling. There are many options for someone that wants to buy the house if the system has issues. The buyer will just have to sign a written agreement that they will make the repairs to make the system functional.”

Brock went on to state, “This will also help with the whole ‘buyer beware’ issue. People will know what they are getting when they buy the property.”

The county would not be responsible for any of the inspections done on the system. The only fee going to the Barry County Health Department would be \$25 for property transfer paperwork that shows the system is in working order.

When asked what types of issues they will be looking for in the inspections, Brock

See COPS on 12A

See WASTEWATER on 3A

Local stores offer last-minute shopping ideas and deals

Charlea Mills

Last-minute shoppers, don't fear, downtown Cassville has a little bit of everything for those people on your Christmas list this year. Each of the businesses in the downtown area offers something unique for even the hardest to buy for.

Forever Yours Embroidery

Forever Yours Embroidery, owned by Valerie Speer, offers much more than embroidery. Speer stated, "Some people think, 'Oh, it's just embroidery' and don't stop in, but we have a lot more." She isn't kidding. From coffee mugs to frameless pictures, the items in the shop are each customizable to anyone's needs.

One of the most unique items in Speer's shop is the number of surfaces she can print on. She can offer high-quality printing on mugs, t-shirts, slate, cutting boards and more. The extra bonus is that no matter how many times an item is washed or cleaned, the ink never fades

as long as it isn't left in direct-sunlight for an extended period of time.

Even with Christmas approaching, Speer can have custom orders completed with 24-hours notice. However, certain items are in high demand, such as the chevron pattern infinity scarves she sells. Speer stated, "We've sold out of them three times already. They are really popular." The bonus? Nothing in Speer's shop is priced over \$50, making shopping on a budget a breeze.

Most popular holiday item: Market totes (\$16.95-\$26.95, add \$7.50 for embroidery)

Under \$10 gift: key fobs made in the shop in a variety of colors and prints, \$8.99 customized with a name

\$25 and up: photo printed on slate (\$20.99-\$45.99)

Tomblin's Jewelry and Gifts

Tomblin's offers a variety of fine gifts and jewelry in a variety of price ranges. If you're looking for a more extravagant gift, they are a

perfect choice with lots of fine jewelry, including firefly diamond pendants that have a diamond that moves and twinkles.

Tomblin's offers gourmet foods, jewelry, home decor and much more with gifts for men and women alike. One popular choice this year are Silver Forest earrings. Chloe Epperly, of Tomblin's, stated, "I've had a lot of people buy these but then lose half of a pair. The company will replace them, free of charge. One woman told me she called them and they sent her a whole new pair, not just the half she lost."

- Most popular holiday item: Silver Forest earrings. (\$16-21 plus an additional \$2 off per pair through Christmas)
- Under \$10 gift: Gourmet food items like salsa packets and jellies (\$3.49 and up).

Whitley's Pharmacy

Whitley's Pharmacy has large selection of gifts. Cindy Ray, of Whitley's, stated, "The best part about shop-

ping locally is the customer service and free gift wrapping. People are able to come in and pick things out specifically for someone and we can wrap them up into a nice gift basket."

Whitley's offers a wide variety of foods, clothing items, toys, gourmet nuts and much more. Men, women and children will all find gifts in any price range at the shop for the people on their list.

Most popular gift: Whitley's Nuts, variety of types, such as chocolate covered peanut brittle (\$8.99-\$29.99)

Under \$10 gift: The Resident Chef soup and dip mixes (\$3.99-\$6.50).

Towneley Furnishing

Towneley's is a shop filled mostly with home decor, but they also have great gift ideas for people on Christmas lists. Chuck Pilant, with Towneley, stated, "This week we are running a really great deal. We have 20 percent off of everything in the store."

Most popular holiday item: English chocolates



Tomblin's can make up gift packages of any items you choose from their store, including some of the gourmet foods shown above.

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To add to the great selection of items available when shopping locally, Chamber members are also adding a special incentive to shop locally. Anyone who makes a purchase with a local shop can get 10 percent off their purchase at another local shop if they show them their receipt. Businesses par-

ticipating are: Forever Yours Embroidery, Whitley's Pharmacy, Designs by Debbie, Smith's Clothing, Tomblin's, Towneley Furnishing and Carey's Cassville Florist.

Correction:
In the article last week regarding the arrest of Robert Campbell, the article stated that the names of the murdered couple from Willard were Rusty and Becky Newman. Their names are actually Rusty and Becky Porter.

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Tinsel Tea volunteers serve up goods



Janet Mills, of the Cassville Community Food Pantry, poses with her table with a peacock theme.



Pictured above are the kitchen staff that fixed all of the food for the Tinsel Tea at the United Methodist Church. Pictured left to right are: Becky Henningson, Annette Henderson, Susie Jacobs, Lindy Gibson, Carolyn Stacy, Rita Rogers and Jo Anne Ellis.

WASTEWATER from front

stated, "We are just looking for systems that aren't functioning as they were intended. I've seen fifty foot lines draining into a gravel pit, and unless someone complains, we have no idea. That could be affecting the water supply."

The county would not ac-

tually have to do any inspections, so there will not be additional cost to the Health Department to implement the ordinance other than to file the paperwork about the systems when property changes hands.

If a property has an onsite

permit for a recently installed system, they would not have to have an inspection. However, any systems older than ten years would not have a certificate and would need an inspection. For more information about the hearing, see the notice on page 4B.

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Friday, December 20th

- The Stella Senior Center will have a Christmas dinner and dance starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 20.

Saturday, December 21st

- Bingo will be held at the American Legion Building on Saturday, December 21. Early bird will begin at 5:15 p.m. and regular session will begin at 5:45 p.m. Wear your old Christmas sweaters.
- Seligman Christmas Polar Express train ride will be on Saturday, December 21, at 2 p.m. at the Seligman City Community Building. For more information, call (417)-662-3612.
- God's Closet in Eagle Rock will have a free clothes giveaway on Saturday, December 21, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Seligman Area Senior Center will hold Bingo and a Christmas party with gift exchange on Saturday, December 21.

Monday, December 23rd

- Corinth Baptist Church will hold their bread ministry on Monday, December 23, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24th

- First Christian Church in Cassville will hold a candlelight service on Tuesday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.



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Many people prepare for the arrival of Christmas months in advance. The first traces of wrapping paper and decorations arrive in stores as early as September, transforming the holiday into a much more secular celebration than its modest Christian beginnings.

Despite Christmas being an important date in the lives of today's Christians, the holiday failed to gain prominent status until relatively recently. Research indicates that as late as the 19th century, Christmas was not even a legal holiday requiring a day off from work. That's why 19th century readers of the classic Christmas tale, "A Christmas Carol," were not shocked at Bob Cratchit having to work on Christmas Day. The United States Congress used to meet on Christmas Day because it was not a national holiday. In 1836, Alabama became the first state to officially recognize Christmas, but it didn't become a legal holiday across the country until June 26, 1970.

Today's Christmas celebrations include traditions from around the world. Some ascertain that it was the Church's doing to schedule

The Many Faces of Christmas

Christmas at a similar time to the pagan festivals, such as Saturnalia, that took place during the winter months. But many biblical scholars argue that this was not the case. Some pagan influences, such as holly and mistletoe as well as the burning of a yule log, have long been a part of Christmas traditions.

Santa Claus is one of the more recognizable symbols of Christmas. He is based on St. Nikolas of Myrna, an area that is part of modern-day Turkey. St. Nikolas is the world's most popular non-Biblical saint and is one of the saints most portrayed by artists. Early depictions of St. Nikolas show him as a stern man who delivered his share of discipline. Eventually, those depictions changed to show a figure more associated with generosity. Throughout history there have been characters from around the globe, such as the Viking deity Odin, who were precursors to Santa Claus. Myth states that Odin rode his eight-legged flying horse in the winter.



Odin gave out gifts to well-behaved children and punishments to those who misbehaved. Children would fill boots or stockings with treats for the flying horse.

Regardless of the origins of Christmas, today it is hard to deny that Christmas is a commercialized success. It is a national holiday not only in the United States but also in other areas of the world, and it is best known for the tradition of giving presents to others. In fact, many people head to the stores well in advance of the Christmas holiday to purchase all of the presents on their shopping lists. The shopping season tradition may be traced back to the time of World War II, when it was necessary to mail gifts early to the troops serving in Europe so that they would be able to open them in time. Merchants realized that this concept could be used when gifting troops as well as private citizens, reminding shoppers to make their holiday purchases early so they could mail them to relatives near or far. As a result, the advanced shopping season was born.

Although many people feel Christmas begins when the first bag of tinsel appears on a store shelf and ends when the last present is opened on December 25th, the true religious holiday does not coincide with merchant schedules. While most people are bustling to and from department stores and malls, Christians are participating in Advent, which was traditionally a solemn season of reflection and fasting. Christians are supposed to spend Advent preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy that ensues during the weeks leading up to December 25.

Similarly, the joyous time of Christ's birth is a day of celebration that does not end on December 26 but continues for 12 days until the Epiphany, also known as Little Christmas, when Magi were reported to have visited the infant Christ and give him gifts. Although the more traditional day for gift-giving would seem to be on the Epiphany, by the time that day arrives many people have already taken down their Christmas decorations.

Christmas is a holiday steeped in many different traditions, and many people have their own ways of celebrating all through the month of December.

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E911 board meeting highlights

Samantha Barberio

On December 17, the Barry County E-911 Center held a meeting beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting began with a financial report from Jon Horner discussing the total income versus the expenses. The income total is \$708,051.09, while the expenses total was \$512,173.32. The net income for the E-911 Center is \$195,877.77 while the total bank balances were \$774,547.87. The report was approved by all, and no changes were discussed.

Mike Phillips then presented the Emergency Services director's report. The parking lot to the 911 center has now been completely resurfaced and striped by Cassville Sealing and Striping. "I was really impressed with them, and they did a great job for us," stated Phillips.

In the previous meeting, the board approved a slight modification of the budget to accommodate the CAD upgrade. The only changes were increasing line item 8016 from \$24,000 to \$50,000 and 8010 from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Training was also discussed as one of the supervisors was sent to the State

Highway Patrol in Jefferson City for supervisor training. She attended classes on creating policies, enforcing them, teaching and leadership. The office manager was sent to administrative assistants training hosted by the Missouri Sheriffs' Association. She attended classes regarding records attention and confidentiality, as well as record requests and open records.

Phillips and the operations manager attended the annual Directors and Managers Workshop. The workshop went over mental health in the dispatch center, as well as current plans for legislation in 911. Phillips also spoke with the lobbyist about future bills and the E911 Center's position.

The City of Washburn is currently working with the center in order to update the center's maps with their city addressing. Once this is finished, the center will then work on Exeter and Purdy as all other cities are completed.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has asked the E911 Center to assist them with tracking and recording deer accidents. This requires the center to fill out a form and then mail it to the caller. This system is to be used when someone hits a deer and would like to keep it for harvest. The center will keep a copy of the form and send it to MDC. "This helps the agents in the field from some paperwork and was not much of an increase in workload," stated Phillips.

During the meeting, a new member of the district board was inducted. Rusty Rikard was recommended by the board to finish Steve Gash's term. Rikard was appointed as the Southern district board member and will now finish out the term in the next two years.

Rikard is the Fire Chief at Central Crossing in Shell Knob. He is also president of the Barry County Fire Chief association, as well as a board member for the Shell Knob



Mike Phillips, director, shakes hands with new southern district board member Rusty Rikard.

school district. Rikard owns Rusty's Auto Parts Store in Shell Knob.

"Mike approached me about the opportunity to be on the board. I thought it would be a good idea since I have experience, and it's a good opportunity to help

out," stated Rikard, "I think I slid in here at a good time. Glad to see the TIF is all wrapped up." Rikard will have the opportunity to run for the board again once the term is over with the selection from voters.

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Anniversaries



30th anniversary

Gary and Carolyn McKee, of Golden, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Dec. 22, 2013.



60th Anniversary

On December 19, 1953, Louis Ray Burleson and Marilyn Louise Hancock were married in Kansas City. This week, they will reach a very special milestone and celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They met in Cassville in August of 1953 at the John Hancock Diner where Marilyn was working for her uncle as a waitress and Ray delivered milk products for the local dairy. After spending a few years in Kansas City, they moved to southwest Missouri. They lived in Verona for 17 years, moved to Billings for 14 years and have lived in Shell Knob for the last 22 years.

They have three children who all live within the area. Janie, their eldest daughter, lives in Joplin; Randy and his wife, Teresa, live outside of Neosho; and Terri and husband, John, just recently moved from Republic to Marshfield. They are also the very proud grandparents of Kenny, Clay, Cierra and Race and the great-grandparents of Aleesa, Lyla, Nicholas and Owen.

A private family celebration will be held but cards would be very welcome and enjoyed at their home: 23621 Welch Point Circle, Shell Knob, MO 65747.



Diabetes support group meeting scheduled

Charlea Mills

The quarterly Cassville diabetes support group will hold their meeting on Thursday, December 19, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mercy Hospital in Cassville. Each meeting is led by Judy Carver, a licensed dietician and certified diabetes educator.

This month, the meeting's topic will be "Happy and Healthy Holiday Celebration". Each person attending is encouraged to bring their favorite holiday treat and a recipe to share. The event is free for anyone who wishes to attend.

In the United States, 18.8 million people have been diagnosed with diabetes and seven million are believed to be living undiagnosed. On top of that, 79 million are estimated to have blood glucose levels in the range of prediabetes of categories of increased risk for diabetes, according to the November 2012 report by Diabetes Care.

This month's meeting is in conference room C at Mercy Hospital in Cassville. For more information, contact Judy Carver at (417) 678-7980.

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THE MANE STATION

Marsha Callie

5 p.m. before the parade starts at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Claus will be reading *Santa is Coming to Missouri* by Steve Smallman to kids at the shop just off of the square in downtown Cassville. The story tells of some of

the mishaps that happened to Santa one year when he flew his sleigh into Missouri to deliver gifts to all of the good boys and girls across the state.

All children attending either of the story times on Friday will also receive a special Christmas gift thanks to Forever Yours and Jeremy Huse Photography of Cassville. Huse will be set up to take photos of each of the

kids with Mrs. Claus and give them a free 4" x 6" photo. Photos will be available to pick up at Forever Yours Embroidery after Christmas. If parents would like to order extra photos, there will be packages available to choose from. For more information about the event, contact Forever Yours Embroidery at (417) 847-8014 or Jeremy Huse Photography at (417) 489-2236.

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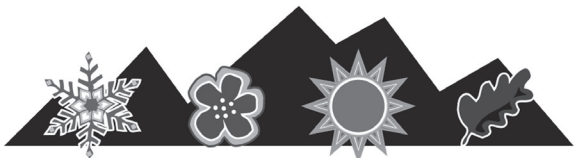
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**BILL J. GUNNELS**

Bill J. Gunnels, age 84, of Cassville, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the Red Rose Inn in Cassville.

Mr. Gunnels, son of James Monroe and Cleo Mae (Murry) Gunnels, was born on February 20, 1929, in Seligman. He grew up in Seligman and attended Seligman grade school and high school. He was a 1946 graduate of Seligman High School, with the distinction of having perfect attendance from the first grade through the 12th grade. Bill hauled milk from the time he was 16 years old and started his own milk route in 1951, and later his son joined him; they hauled milk for Pet, Kraft, Mid-Am and later Dairy Farmers of America. They continued to operate two trucks until Bill's health declined and he retired. Bill owned a two-seater airplane for several years and that was his recreation, in addition to his love of bowling. He was a member of several bowling teams at Cassville Bowl. He also served two terms on the Cassville City Council. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cassville.

He married Norma Jean Edie on January 21, 1950, and she survives.

Additional survivors include one son, Joe Gunnels and his wife, Sue, of Cassville; one daughter, Linda Cline and her husband, Steve, of West Plains; three grandchildren, Scott Cline, of West Plains, Jo Lynn Robinson and her husband, Josh, of Springfield, and Becky Trammell and her husband, Dakota, of Nixa; three great-grandchildren, Zoe Robinson, of Springfield, and Bentley and Jordyn Trammell, both of Nixa; one sister, Gwen, Hilburn, of Seligman; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Lorina Gunnels.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, December

18, 2013, at the White Funeral Home & Crematory in Cassville, with Pastor James Weaver officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church entrusted to the White Funeral Home & Crematory, Cassville, Missouri.

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**HELEN "LUARANA" SHRUM**

Helen "Luarana" Shrum, age 73, of Washburn, Missouri, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2013, at her home.

She was born April 8, 1940, in McDonald County, near Powell, Missouri, the daughter of Charles and Jewell (Dalton) Poe. On December 22, 1956, she was united in marriage to Roy Lou Shrum, who preceded her in death on May 1, 2003. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Bob Poe and Bill Poe; one granddaughter, Jessica Pettengill; and one great-granddaughter, Jayci Shrum.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Shrum and his wife, Debbie, and Lynn Shrum and his wife, Joyce, all of Washburn, Missouri; one daughter, Helen Pettengill and her husband, Dwayne, of Wheaton, Missouri; two brothers, LeRoy Poe of La Grande, Oregon, and Jack Poe of Noel, Missouri; five sisters, Marie of Texas, Mary Bell Banks of Jane, Missouri, Ruth Horton of Simco, Missouri, Charlene Bennett

Obituaries

of Monett, Missouri, and Delores Forrester of Rocky Comfort, Missouri; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four step great-great-grandchildren.

Laurana attended school in McDonald County and later worked for Fasco Industries for twenty-two years. She attended Mission Baptist Church in Washburn. Being outside in the garden surrounded by her flowers was one of her favorite pastimes.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2013, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville, Missouri. Burial will be in King Cemetery, Washburn, Missouri. Visitation will be 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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**BILLY BLAINE "BILL" GOWEN**

Billy Blaine "Bill" Gowen, age 89, of Wichita, Kansas, formerly of Washburn, Missouri, passed away Friday, December 13, 2013, in Wesley Hospital, Wichita, Kansas, with his wife of sixty years by his side.

He was born June 14, 1924, in Washburn, the son of William D. and Mable (Webb) Gowen. On June 21, 1953, in Cassville, Missouri,

he was united in marriage to Norma Jean Baker, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Janet Bates and her husband, Bill, of Wichita, Kansas, and Kay Gowen of Wichita, Kansas; one sister, Adella Horner and her husband, Bill, of Cassville, Missouri; and two grandchildren, Andrew Pray of Seattle, Washington, and April Pray of Wichita, Kansas.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Wayne Gowen.

Billy grew up and received his education at Washburn where he graduated from high school. After high school, he joined the United States Army during World War II, serving from September 23, 1944, until August 25, 1946. He then attended the University of Arkansas before being called back to the Army during the Korean War and served from October 23, 1950, until September 22, 1951. Upon returning home, he finished his studies at the University of Arkansas and received his bachelor's degree. He had been employed with the Extension Service in Arkansas for a while and then moved to Wichita, where he was an Industrial Engineer for Boeing Aircraft for thirty-two years. After his retirement in 1985, he and Norma Jean did a lot of traveling. He loved to garden and enjoyed yard work. Researching the stock market was a major part of his retirement, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Over the years, his love for animals was evident in the fact that he rescued at least twelve dogs and found their owners.

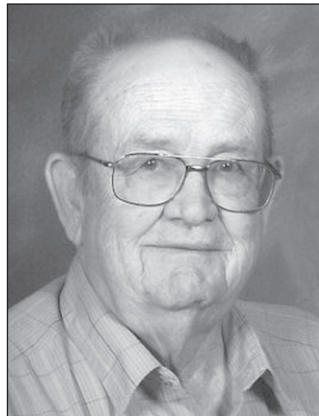
Graveside services with military honors were held today, Wednesday, December 18, 2013, in Washburn Prairie Cemetery, under

direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Andy Lambel conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to Lifeline Animal Placement and Protection, Inc., 310 North 45th Street West, Wichita, Kansas 67204, in memory of Billy.

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**MAX A. MCNABB**

Max A. McNabb, age 72, of Washburn, Missouri, passed away Monday, December 9, 2013, in Mercy Hospital, Rogers, Arkansas.

He was born December 3, 1941, in Cassville, Missouri, the son of Aubry and Marie (Weathers) McNabb. On April 6, 1963, he was united in marriage to Joyce L. "Sue" Dye, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Rick McNabb of Washburn, Missouri; one daughter, Kelly Wiltgen of Seligman, Missouri; two sisters, Linda Dye and her husband, John, of Seligman, Missouri, and Marilyn Baker and her husband, Gary, of Eagle Rock, Missouri; five grandchildren, Heath, Rená, Alan, Ricky and McKenzie; and two great grandchildren, Raeli and Ky.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Max received his education at Washburn and graduated from Southwest High School. For twelve years he was

employed for Georges. Most of his life he was a logger and he worked for Ash Road District several years. He was a member of Washburn First Baptist Church. Some of his favorite pastimes were coon hunting and fishing.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 14, 2013, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Reverend Glenn Erwin and Reverend Jim Erwin conducted the services. Burial was in Antioch Cemetery, Cassville.

Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society in memory of Max.

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CHARLES SEWARD DE LAY

Charles Seward De Lay, age 67, of Shell Knob, passed away Monday, December 16, 2013, in Cox Medical Center South, Springfield.

Arrangements will be announced by Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob.

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DENISE ANN FOSTER

Denise Ann Foster, age 50, of Arkansas, passed away in her home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in His Way Fellowship Church, Gateway, Arkansas. Pastor John Ledenham will conduct the services.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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2012 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED Certified • Leather #C16013 \$20,487	2012 FORD F-150 XLT Certified • Super Crew #E20907 \$28,697
2013 FORD EDGE LIMITED Leather • Loaded #B87601 \$27,935	2013 FORD EDGE SEL AWD #C07408 \$24,319
2013 FORD ESCAPE SEL 2.0 Ecco • Leather #B65034 \$22,652	2013 FORD EXPEDITION XLT Certified • Leather #F22053 \$33,467
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2011 CHEV CRUZE LTZ • Leather • Loaded #139609 \$15,919	2011 FORD MUSTANG COUPE • Loaded • Premium #110633 \$18,993
2012 CHEV CAMARO LT • Auto • Local Trade #157932 \$23,914	2013 DODGE AVENGER SE #564236 \$14,964
2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4X4 • Limited #148574 \$12,991	2005 DODGE RAM 2500 • 4X4 • Quad Cab #610438 \$16,957
2008 FORD EDGE LIMITED • FWD • Local Trade #A46033 \$14,560	2008 FORD F-150 LARIAT • Super Crew • 4X4 #A44167 \$18,434
2008 FORD F-350 KING RANCH • 4X4 • Crew Cab • Diesel #D34504 \$33,986	2008 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT • 4X4 #227565 \$9,899
2009 FORD F-150 XLT • Super Cab • 4X4 #C78607 \$17,502	2010 FORD F-150 PLATINUM • 4X4 • Loaded • Super Crew #A78697 \$32,937
2010 GMC SIERRA SLT • 4X4 • Leather • Crew #265940 \$23,994	2010 GMC YUKON XL • Loaded • Leather • 4X4 #262243 \$25,610

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2001 MERCURY GMQ LS Local Trade #644420 \$4,000	2003 CADILLAC CTS Leather • Loaded #133748 \$8,871
2003 LINCOLN TOWN CAR Sig • Loaded #624951 \$8,147	2003 MERCURY GMQ LS Local Trade #691720 \$6,578
2005 MERCURY GMQ LS Leather #665359 \$5,993	2007 MERCURY GMQ LS Loaded • Leather #621940 \$9,000
2001 FORD WINDSTAR SE Local Trade #B62486 \$6,864	2002 NISSAN PATHFINDER SE 4X4 #718347 \$6,258
2003 FORD RANGER XLT Flareside • 4X4 • Super Cab #B32600 \$10,151	2004 CHEV TRAILBLAZER LS 4X4 #402924 \$8,793
2004 FORD F-150 XL Only 54K Miles • Reg Cab #B97914 \$10,139	2005 FORD F-150 XL Reg Cab • Long Bed #F13969 \$7,993
2008 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT • Dual Power Sliders #132587 \$9,994	2006 FORD MUSTANG GT Loaded • Leather #208992 \$11,716
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Easley retires after 23 years with BC

Crowder adds Criminal Justice degree



Left to right: Laura Blansit, Debby Miller, Vicky Easley, Johnnie Cox, Alisha McManus, Chris Willyard and Pat Sullivan celebrate with their long time co-worker and friend.

Samantha Barberio

Vicky (England) Easley retired after 23 years at the Barry County Judicial Center in Cassville. Easley has one daughter with her late husband, Gaylen,

Shannon Linder married to Doug Linder. She also has two grandchildren, Tasha Younger and Charlie Holder. Easley is originally from Wheaton and has lived there ever since, graduating from Wheaton High School in

1966.

Easley started her career at the old courthouse in bad check administration. Over the years, she's worked in the Collector's office, and most

See EASLEY on 12A

Samantha Barberio

Crowder College in Cassville is developing many new associate programs for its current and future students in order to help them plan a career path before transferring.

Currently, a Criminal Justice program is in developing stages and will be offered at the Cassville campus starting in the spring 2014 semester.

An Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice will be offered and will transfer to a university for a bachelors degree and/or police academy. It is becoming a popular choice with many students declaring it as their major.

The program will transfer directly into criminal justice and is a starting point for many degrees in various areas, including: child services, law enforcement, probation and parole, juvenile offices, social services and even

some medical facilities needing personnel with experience in law, as well as social services. It's also effective for those seeking a career with the FBI, CIA and State Highway Patrol.

The degree is transferable to universities such as Drury or Missouri State University. Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) is the most popular transfer destination for Cassville students. MSSU offers most of the Bachelors in Criminal Justice online, making it convenient and accessible to students.

The degree has only ever been available at the Neosho campus but is now aligned for the classes offered through Crowder to transfer more efficiently to MSSU and other area university criminal justice programs.

The Cassville campus will now have a variety of degree-specific classes in the spring. To complete the degree, it requires 18 credit hours in criminal justice. The campus will offer several classes each semester so students have a variety of courses to choose from.

Two new adjunct teachers will join the campus this spring to aid in teaching the criminal justice classes. Steven Dunker will be teaching two of the courses. He joins the campus with experience from the Joplin Police Department as a Patrol Officer, Training Officer, Street Supervisor and Police Detec-

tive. Dunker has also taught criminal justice courses at the graduate level and is currently working as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Aurora.

The second teacher joining the campus is Eric Deatherage, who has six years of experience with the military police and is a police academy graduate. Deatherage also works full time at the Neosho campus and will travel to Cassville twice a week to teach courses.

"I appreciate that the administration is whole heartedly supporting the start of this new program. Often, we start a new program by offering a class or two to see if there is interest," stated Angela Seymour, director of the Cassville Crowder campus.

Seymour continued, "This time, we have full approval to offer a great selection of classes each semester. This allows students to take a large number of criminal justice classes each semester and complete their degree in a timely fashion. We are beginning the program with evening classes as that is when the faculty are available, but as the program grows and more faculty become available, we would like to offer some courses during the day as well."

The Criminal Justice program joins many other associates degrees and full degrees available on the-Cassville campus, such as: Business Administration, General Studies, Nursing, Psychology and Teaching. Crowder also offers CNA, EMT and a variety of other courses. A Bachelor degree is offered with MSU available at the Cassville Campus in Elementary Education with Middle School Certification, as well as General Business.

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ROMANS 10:17-- So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

ROMANS 10:14-- How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

LUKE 17:5-- And the apostles said unto the Lord, increase our faith.

ROMANS 12:3-- For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to very man the measure of faith.

JAMES 2:26-- for as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

HEBREWS 4:2-- For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

LUKE 18:8-- I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

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Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas candidates



Pictured above are Cassville's Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas candidates. Candidates are paired by grade. From left to right: sophomore Hunter Madison, son of Bud and Shonda Madison of Cassville; sophomore Madison Horner, daughter of Jon and Darla Horner of Cassville; freshman Riley Fletcher, son of Jeff and Kara Fletcher of Eagle Rock; freshman Ashley Ray, daughter of Lee and Cindy Ray of Cassville; senior Chase Horner, son of Jon and Darla of Cassville; senior Brit-tany Garland, daughter of Joe and Melissa Garland of Cassville; junior Cameron Koehler, son of Artie Koehler and Kandi Yockey, of Cassville; and junior Deidre Westpheling, daughter of Larry and Kathy Westpheling of Cassville.

Charlea Mills

Each year, six Cassville High School students are selected by the student council at the Mister and Miss Merry as Christmas candidates. Unlike Tip-Off, Homecoming or Prom, these candidates are chosen not by popularity, but by their character and merits.

Student council nominates the candidates each year based on their responsibility, charisma and motivation for fundraising within the Cassville community. The winner is chosen based

on the students who raise the most money.

Those nominated are raising money for the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC). The organization has a variety of community-service based projects that help the needy in the area.


The competition has gone on every December for the last 24 years. Last year's candidates raised \$8,343.00 through various fundraising efforts, including collection cans that are placed at area businesses. This year's Mis-

ter and Miss Merry Christmas will be crowned at an assembly at the school on Friday, December 20.

Carey's Florist hosts First Friday Coffee




Carey's Cassville Florist hosted December's First Friday Coffee event for the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce. The networking coffee gathering normally takes place the first Friday of the month but was postponed due to weather conditions last week. Even with slick conditions continuing on December 13, around 20 filed in and out of the shop. Carey's gave away a \$75 gift certificate during the door prize drawing.




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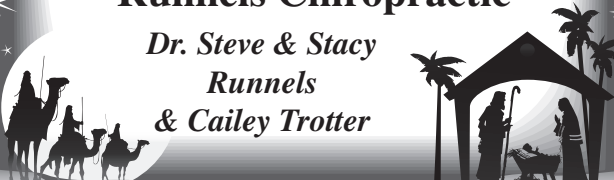


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DEC. 25: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

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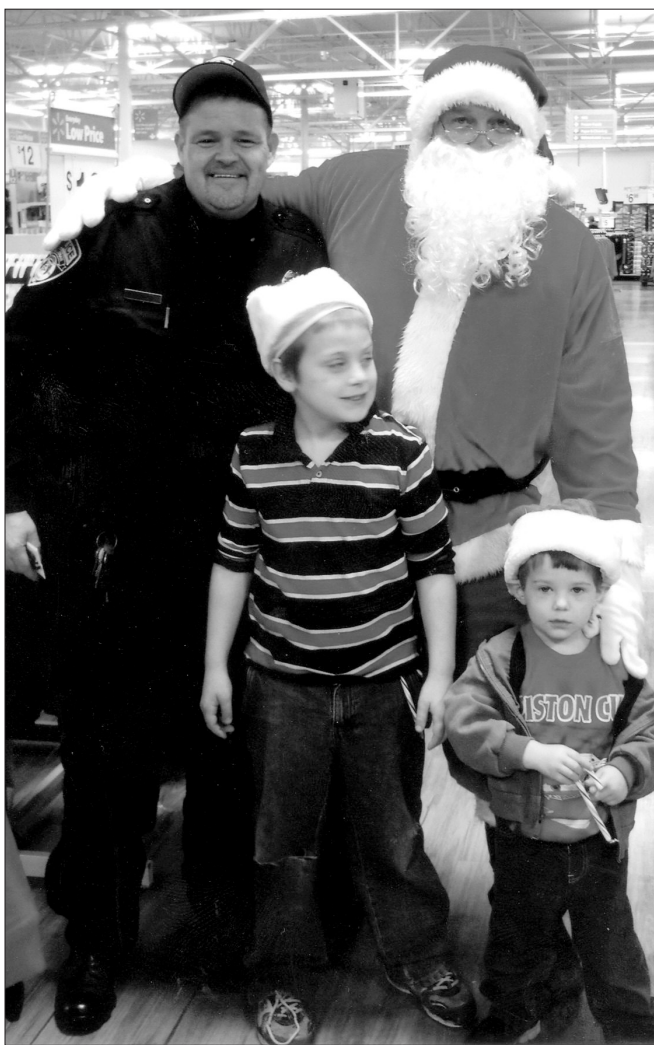
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COPS from front page

partment chose from within those candidates. Seligman Chief of Police Garry Thornton stated, "We were really lucky that we could take almost every family nominated."

For the officers with the police department, the program is about giving back to the community that they serve and making sure that children have a Christmas to remember. Through Shop with a Cop, children who might not otherwise have a very memorable Christmas get the joy of a special Christmas event, but also spending time with a respected member of the Seligman community.

The officers who shopped with kid on Sunday, December 15, were Chief Garry Thornton, Ray Earnest and Tony Downs. This is the fourth year that the police department has sponsored the program.



Officer Downs is pictured with Santa and Arron and Andrew Cotton.

EASLEY from 10A

recently, the prosecuting attorney's office.

"This is the fourth prosecutor I've worked for," stated Easley. "John Lewright, David Cole, Steve Hemphill and Johnnie Cox have all worked here during my time," she continued. Over this time, Easley reflected on all the changes she and the courthouse have been through.

"Certain laws have changed; there's very little paperwork now, it's all on computers. There's more security. The people used to just be right there in the office with us," stated Easley, "We used to be right there in the middle of everything."

She also has fond memories of the people she's worked with, and the relationships she's developed because of it. "There's lots of memories. The people I've worked with are probably the fondest. Chris Willyard and I have worked together the whole time. Deb Miller has been there throughout most of it, as well," stated Easley,

"The best thing is knowing everyone. They've all been there for me when my husband Gaylen died and my son, all the hard stuff."

Easley decided to retire this year after contemplating it for a long time at the request of her husband. "I've talked about it for ten years. He [Gaylen] made me promise I would retire after he passed away and not continue to work," stated Easley.

Easley's advice for people entering the workforce today is, "You can't take everything personal. You need to listen, but also who you're dealing with needs to listen to you also. You have to really like your job to work at a place for such a long time," stated Easley.

She considers all the people she's worked with as family, including people such as Casey Ball, who started working with Easley at the prosecutor's office in 1999, her senior year of high school. "Vicky was like my mother hen at work. She's

taught me a lot," stated Ball. "She's always looked out for me, and she's still doing that, even with my daughter," Ball reminisced.

Judge Victor Head also shared stories about Easley and their time working together, such as the time when Easley slid all the way down the hallway after it was waxed or saved children from a domestic argument outside of the courthouse. "We have some great memories, especially from the old courthouse. I've enjoyed working with her over the years, and she's always done a very great job," stated Head.

Easley's retirement plans include her new store, Mum's the Word. She turned her garage into a small shop selling hand made quilts, scarfs and caps. "It's an odds and ends gift shop, we even sell material and antiques," stated Easley.

Easley will be missed at the Judicial Center for her years of hard work and service.

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CHS boys basketball hold toy drive for Share Your Christmas

"For our third year in a row, we collected over 100 toys for Share Your Christmas," stated Head Coach Danny Powers about the boys basketball toy drive held Tuesday night.

During the team's home opener against Republic, the team collected toys and handed out t-shirts to the first 75 people who donated new toys to benefit Barry County's Share Your Christmas program.

The t-shirts were graciously donated by Fastrip, Commerce Bank, Arvest Bank and Security Bank.

"Anytime you get an opportunity to do something good for someone who really needs it, you feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment. Our kids are really looking forward to using bas-

ketball to make a difference in the community.

"Hopefully, we can continue working with area businesses and organizations like OACAC and our sponsors to make the lives of our community members better," said Coach Powers.

Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) is a not-for-profit agency who mission is to work towards alleviating the causes and conditions of poverty in the Ozarks. OACAC benefits the families and communities of Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster Counties. Families needing assistance should contact OACAC at (417) 862-4314 or visit their website, <http://www.oacac-caa.org>, for more information.



For the third year in a row, the CHS boys basketball team collected over 100 toys for Share Your Christmas. Basketball seniors are pictured above, left to right, are: Ethan Lowry, Kayleb Sparks and Marcus Weatherman.

Purdy boys fall to East Newton at home

Rachael Freeman

The Purdy Eagles fell to the East Newton Patriots last Friday night in a non-conference match-up.

An explosive third quarter by the Patriots was too strong for the Eagles to recover from.

The game was tied at half-time with both teams sporting 25 points on the scoreboard.

Purdy was unable to stop East Newton's offense in the final two quarters. The Pa-

triot's outscored the Eagles by 10 points in the third and 5 points in the final quarter, ending the game with a 64-49 victory.

The loss sends the Eagles record to 3-2 for the season.

Alex Mareith and Brent Cornman both put up double figures in Friday's game with Mareth scoring 22 points followed by Cornman's 19.

Also scoring for the Eagles were: Kelton Mattingly 4; Robby Moody 2; and Jonathan Salaz 2.

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Cassville's fifth grade junior football team attended the 2013 Doug Mowris Memorial Super Bowl which was held in Reeds Spring on October 26th. The fifth grade team worked very hard during the regular season to secure a spot in the Super Bowl. This year was the second appearance for this team.



Cassville's third and fourth grade cheerleaders had the privilege of cheering and performing during the Doug Mowris Memorial Super Bowl on October 26th, 2013. They worked very hard during the 2013 football season on new cheers and a dance routine, which they performed during halftime of the fifth grade Super Bowl game.

Security Bank sponsors Cassville Football League for ninth year

Rachael Freeman

Security Bank of Southwest Missouri is in it's ninth year of sponsoring the Cassville Football League.

For the last nine years, the bank has donated the jerseys to kids participating in the league.

Since they began sponsoring, Security Bank has purchased nearly 1,000 jerseys.

The program is available to football players in grades third through sixth.

According to Justin Gates, of Security Bank, it's all about the kids.

"By sponsoring the league we are able to help the kids be a part of a great program.

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Motorcycle club gives back to Veterans

Charlea Mills

When most think of a motorcycle club, gangs of roughians usually comes to mind. That is not the case with the Ozark Mountain Motorcycle Club. The group of around 20 riders from the Barry County area get together to ride as often as they can, but more importantly, the group spends all of their energy raising money for different people in need in the area.

This was the second year for the group to raise money for the group to raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for the Veterans Care Facility in Mt. Vernon. Through individual and business donations, the club was able to

take \$1,200 worth of gifts to the Veterans Home on Sunday, December 15.

Kelly Mills, club member, stated, "Personally, I don't think we can do enough for the men and women that have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military in the past and present during wartime or times of peace. It is due to them that all of the freedoms that we enjoy in the U.S. are ours as a whole."

The donated items that the group took to the Veterans home included: shampoo, soaps, electric razors, blankets, lip balm, CD players, shaving kits, microwave popcorn, socks, pajamas, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes and

many other times. They also took them cookies, doughnuts, bananas and oranges on their trip. Many don't realize that when a veteran lives in the home, not all of their needs are met through the facility, and it takes extra donations to make their lives more comfortable.

The group had to take two pickup trucks to load all of the gifts to take to the veterans to thank them for their service. Mills stated, "We plan to continue to visit in years to come. They look forward to it, and so do we."

While many of the veterans living in the home are

See VETERANS on 3B

Holiday Lighting Contest winners named



Holiday Lighting Contest winners are pictured, left to right: Brittney Lassiter, Kevin Halterman, James and Donna Brant, Melissa Inman, Terri Desrochers and Russ Newby.

Charlea Mills

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of their annual Holiday Lighting Contest on Monday, December 16. There were four winners in the private contest and one business winner announced.

First place went to James and Donna Brant, 108 West 14th Street, Cassville. The Brants won a yard sign and a \$20 gift certificate to BBQ Station. Second place went to Ronny Mast and Brenna Zucca, 801 Hickory Street, Cassville. They won a yard sign and a \$15 gift certificate to Gerald's.

Third place went to Garry and Tess Elliott, 802 Old Ex-

eter Road, Cassville. They won a yard sign and a \$10 gift certificate to Papa Vito's. The honorable mention for the year was Kevin and Bette Halterman, 708 Old Exeter Road, Cassville. They won a yard sign and two coupons for Sonic combo meals.

The winner in the commercial division this year was Red Rose Health and Rehab, 812 Old Exeter Road, Cassville. They won a yard sign and the travelling trophy.

Each year, the contest is judged by prior chamber members who love to see the beauty of Christmas decorations in the city. Anyone who decorated their house and had their lights on between

December 7 and December 14 was eligible to win.

The Holiday Lighting Contest is a long-standing Cassville tradition that the Chamber has hosted for a number of years. Judges always look for a good number of lights, but they also look for originality and creativity when picking out the winners each year.

Mindi Artherton, chamber director, stated, "I love Christmas in Cassville. It adds so much charm when residents and businesses get into the spirit and make sure our community is festive for the holiday season." For pictures of the lighting winners, see pages 6B and 7B.



Standing behind the veterans in the front row is Ozark Mountain Motorcycle Club president Travis Hilburn (right) and vice president Edgar McCarter (left). Many other riders and their families are pictured in the background.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Front Row (L to R): Nicholle Forgey, Kristi Baker, Cristie Batsche, Laurie Spinks, Tammy Rowden. Second Row: Martha Terry, Lisa Newman, Jennifer Frieze, Karen Essary, Jeanette Barber, Debbie Gerleve, Gina Stringer. Third Row: Charleen Conrad, Marilyn Erwin, Connie Gautney, Pam McNabb, Kathy Henry, Bert Cross, Christie Hare, Kelsey Field, Wanda Hotsenpillar. Fourth Row: Lindy Lombard, Jon Horner, Jeff Parsons, Brian Mohn, Justin Gates. Not pictured: Jeni Bergman, Linda Hicks, Kathy Neal, Katie Correia and Kim Gardner.

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MO Corn Growers Association offers scholarships

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"Missouri Corn is pleased once again to offer our scholarship program this year," notes Scholarship Committee Chairman Mark Scott of Wentzville. "We feel it is a great investment in agriculture to help rural and farm students achieve their goals in higher education and encourage all eligible students to apply."

High school senior applicants must be Missouri

residents from a Missouri farm or rural area. They must plan to attend a two- or four-year Missouri college or university and major in agronomy or agriculture-related field. The scholarship funds will apply toward the freshman year of college expenses for high school winners.

College applicants must also be Missouri residents

from a Missouri farm or rural area and currently a junior enrolled in a Missouri four-year college or university majoring in agronomy or agriculture-related field. The scholarship funds will apply toward the senior year of expenses for college winners.

Missouri Corn Scholarship applications are available for download at www.mocorn.org

under the Resources tab. Interested students can also call the Missouri Corn office toll-free at (800) 827-4181 to request an application. Students must submit an application form, official high school or college transcript and at least one letter of recommendation to the Missouri Corn office by February 7, 2014, to be eligible.

Applications will be reviewed by the Missouri Corn Scholarship Committee and recipients will be notified by mail on or before April 15, 2014. This is the seventeenth year Missouri Corn Scholarships have been available. To learn more about Missouri Corn programs, please visit www.mocorn.org.

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Cassville recently conducted the Festival of Trees auction for the Discovery Center in Springfield on Saturday, November 23, to help raise funds for the children's learning and discovery center.

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Cassville School District open house



The Cassville R-IV School District hosted their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 13, at the J.C. Duncan Gymnasium. Food was catered by John Sullivan and BBQ Station, with the school's lunch staff and office staff providing rolls, sides and desserts. Pictured above in the back row, left to right: Ben Abramovitz, Coy Dalton, Melanie Stringer, Chris Redmon and Richard Asbill. Front row: Stacey Williams, Eric White, Jill LeCompte, Debbie Kelley and Catherine Weaver.

VETERANS from 1B

mobile and were able to get out and about during the bikers' visit, a few were not. Instead of leaving them out, the riders went to visit them in their rooms, taking them gifts, visiting with them and thanking most of them for their service to the country.

Members of the group hail from Cassville, Shell Knob and the surrounding areas. Mills said, "Our members vary quite a bit in age, background and careers, but that all goes out the window when we get together." The group chartered in 2011 and

is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. As a group, they hold poker runs, rides and other fundraisers to generate funds for individuals that have a need.

Often their funds go to help those with medical bills and related problems. They also have raised funds for The Wounded Warriors Proj-

ects and Veterans Christmas. They also get together for rides just to have a good time as well.

If you would like more information about the Ozark Mountain Motorcycle Club or would like to send them a donation, contact them at 12835 Farm Road 1182, Aurora, MO 65605.

Farm Service Agency offers storage loans

USDA Missouri Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Mark Cadle, reminds farmers and ranchers that Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSLF) are available through FSA.

The Farm Service Agency offers low-interest loans to grain producers to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- *New conventional-type cribs or bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat-type storage structures designed for whole grain storage,

- *Perforated floors, safety equipment, quality improve-

ment equipment, electrical equipment and concrete components considered essential for a fully functional storage facility,

- *Remodeling existing storage facilities to increase storage capacity.

Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, equipment purchase or construction, and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum principal loan amount is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling

equipment.

Additional security is required for poured-cement open-bunker silos, renewable biomass facilities, cold storage facilities, hay barns and for all loans exceeding \$50,000. New loan terms of 7, 10 and 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

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Chamber Banquet to feature Branson comedian

Charlea Mills

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual Christmas banquet, and this year the event will be headlined by Branson comedian Jarrett Dougherty. This year, the Chamber banquet will be on Saturday, January 11, at 6 p.m. at the Cassville High School's commons area.

"We are excited to have Dougherty performing for us this year. I have seen the show and Jarrett's comedy is clean-cut, family-oriented and will have you rolling on the floor laughing. I am looking forward to this year's banquet," stated Kelly Mills, incoming Chamber president.

Jarrett Dougherty is the headlining comedian for Pierce Arrow Theater in Branson. He is a native of Ava and has been with the show since 1995.

"The annual banquet is always an enjoyable evening with good food, entertaining guest speakers and a fun night with friends and community members. It's an opportunity to recognize

various members for volunteerism and community enhancement. The chamber works all year to promote area businesses, industry and tourism. We also strive to enhance the quality of life in our community. This could not be done without the wonderful support of our membership and the Annual Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet is one of the ways the chamber of commerce says "thank you" to all of its members," stated Dusty Reid, outgoing Chamber president.

Each year, the chamber banquet recognizes the efforts of volunteers and thank them for their efforts. They recognize achievements of businesses and individuals, as well.

January's banquet will be catered by John Sullivan and Cassville Family Career and Community leaders of American (FCCLA) club with the decor provided by Accents-n-Tents. Centerpieces on each table provided by local businesses will be given away in a drawing. Anyone



Jarrett Dougherty, Branson comedian, will be headlining the annual Chamber banquet.

who purchases a ticket will be entered to win with a limit of one door prize per household.

Advance tickets are available at the Chamber office at 504 Main for \$20 per person. Tickets at the door will be \$25. Businesses interested in donating a centerpiece for the drawing can contact the Chamber office. For more information, contact Chamber director Mindi Artherton at (417) 847-2814 or chamber@cassville.com.

Recent Barry County arrests

- A burglary and drug possession took place on November 15 in Exeter. The suspect who was in question is Alisha Aldridge, who was accused of taking a 2005 Ford from Jason Aldridge and refusing to return it.
- On December 13 Alisha was located with the vehicle by Deputy Sakill. Alisha was found with seven syringes, one loaded with a clear liquid which field tested positive for methamphetamine using a Nartec test kit and a clear glass pipe with white residue.
- Alisha has a previous record consisting of, possession of a controlled substance and trespassing twice.
- Agent Clinton Danforth held a narcotics related investigation on April Frazier in Seligman. It was in reference to subjects manufacturing methamphetamine and smoking meth with children in the residence. This took place on November 29.

While Danforth was at the residence he made contact with a female who later was identified as Frazier. He then advised her that he received information about possible illegal narcotics being produced at the residence, and being used. Danforth then asked for consent to search the residence and he was granted that.

When he entered the residence six individuals were sitting in the living room. Danforth then asked if he could speak to Frazier in the bedroom, in order to ask more questions. While in the room, he asked if she knew anyone that may or may not be cooking methamphetamine inside the house. Fraiser stated, "There better not be, because I'm a foster parent and have an open case with the local Department of Social Services."

Danforth then searched Frazier's son's bedroom in which he found four sandwich baggies, one red cut straw and several sex toys under the mattress. The four baggie's contained a white powder substance, later field-tested positive for methamphetamine. The bed was low enough for a small child to have access to the baggies. A black bag was also found containing meth paraphernalia such as baggies and used syringes, pipes etc.

Bonnie (Bobbi) Gann admitted to officer Danforth that the meth was hers and no one else's.

- A methamphetamine drug investigation and bust was held on December 10 at Casey's General Store in Monett.
- Detective George Daoud of the Monett Police Department was advised by another law enforcement agency that a drug delivery of meth was taking place at Casey's in a vehicle parked in reverse between a red truck and a blue truck.
- Detective Daoud arrived at the scene and made contact with Melvin Logan who was sitting in the middle and was fidgeting and placing his left hand out of sight. Even after being asked to keep them in the officers sight.
- Logan was then removed from the vehicle, when Daoud located a small baggie with 4 grams of what later field tested positive for methamphetamine. They were found in the seat directly behind Logan.

Logan's cell phone was identified and searched after he gave consent. It contained a text message that read, "Reverse in between red truck and blue truck." He was then searched by the officer who located another small baggie containing .5 grams of methamphetamine.

Joseph Logan was then placed in jail for five days on \$25,000 bail for intent to distribute, deliver, manufacture, produce or attempt to or possess a controlled substance.

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The Barry County Health Department is holding a public hearing to discuss the addition of requiring a Property Transfer Certificate to the current Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance. The hearing is scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 9, 2014 and will be held at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shelter at the Cassville R-4 elementary campus.

Property Transfer Certificates would help protect and preserve the waters of Barry County by requiring septic systems that are failing to be repaired or replaced. A Property Transfer Certificate would be required when a property is transferred from one owner to another and the system servicing the property does not have a permitted onsite system or has a system that was installed more than ten years ago. When an onsite system requires a Property Transfer Certificate, an onsite wastewater treatment system inspector will verify the working condition of the system. Systems showing no signs of failure will be issued a Property Transfer Certificate; systems that are found to be failing will be required to repair or replace the system.

The Property Transfer Certificate will help to prevent sources of contamination to the water of Barry County that provide sources of recreation, tourism and drinking water.

Merry Christmas!

Monserat Alvarez
Purdy 3rd Grade

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Reed's grandmother, Granny Gray, inspects a batch of her locally-famous cinnamon rolls.

Charlea Mills

With the holidays, always comes warm family gatherings, gifts and the smells of home cooking from the

kitchen. Unfortunately for many, the hustle and bustle of rushing around to different events and gatherings put a damper on the home-

baked goods of yesteryear.

For Jay Reed and Steven Burcham, the tradition of holiday baking is alive and well and then some. For the past 15 years, Reed has been baking up confectionary delights for those all over the area, including his special cinnamon rolls made from his grandmother's recipe.

Reed stated, "My grandmother baby sat me. I was always around her while she was cooking and baking, so I learned from her." Reed takes his grandmother's skill set to a whole new level, delivering the goodies all over the Cassville area.

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Cassville Intermediate names their Character Kids of the Month for November

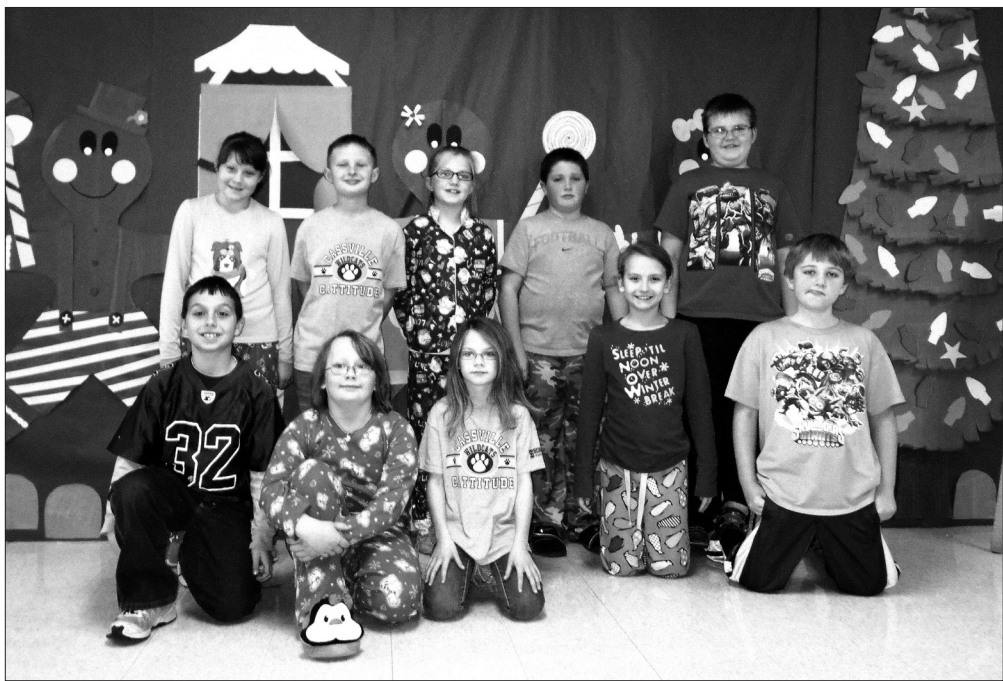


Cassville's fifth grade Character Kids for November were, back row, left to right: Dazee Williams, Kaden Blisard, Jordan Lewis, Liberty Cooper, Lindsey Russell and Camrom Sloan. Front row: Harmony Mills, Zach Coenen, Carson Whittemire, Brylee Wilson, Kelsey Liley and Ethan Fall.

Students at Cassville Intermediate focused on the respect for the month of November. Faculty chose stu-

dents from all three grades at the school who they felt best exemplified their chosen lesson for the month.

The students chosen by the school for their character full of respect are picture by grade.



Cassville's fourth grade Character Kids for November were, back row, left to right: Alexis Yockey, Kasen Holman, Elizabeth Ray, Landry Mills and Bradan Dickinson. Front row: Wyatt Cochran, Samantha Ellis, Bailey Messbarger, Landrey Parnell and Lucas Wilson.



Cassville's third grade Character Kids for November were, back row, left to right: Jurnee Swearingen, Nathan Planchon, Lizbeth Aguinaga, Treva Samuel, Christian Tidwell and Haley Martin. Front row: Truan Coones, Cally Bowyer, Kavery Postlewait, Michael Johnson, Ava O-Gorek and Lauren Stockton.

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Icy roads result in multiple wrecks

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On Monday, December 9, a 1999 Chevrolet truck slid off of Farm Road 110 resulting in two minor injuries, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The pickup, driven by Charles Childress, age 60 of Purdy, was southbound two miles east of Monett when it slid off of the left side of the icy roadway, struck a road sign and overturned. Childress and passenger Joe Nodine, age 54, of Monett, were transported to Cox Hospital in Monett by a private vehicle with minor injuries. Neither were wearing seatbelts.

On Tuesday, December 10, at 10:40 a.m., a Purdy

woman was injured in a weather-related crash on County Road 1040. A 2011 Jeep Patriot, driven by Piper Haworth, age 44, of Purdy, was westbound and failed to stop at a stop sign, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The other vehicle, a 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Anthony Lupica, age 26, of Purdy, was northbound when the collision occurred. A passenger in the Eclipse, Ashley Lupica, age 22, of Purdy, was taken to Mercy Hospital in Cassville with minor injuries.

All three were wearing their seatbelts.

On Thursday, December 12, at 11 a.m., a crash on Farm Road 2150 resulted in minor injuries for a passenger. A 2001 Mercury Sable driven by Leo Blevins, age 33, of Rocky Comfort, was travelling too fast for the road conditions, and when unable to slow down for a stopped vehicle, left the roadway and struck a ditch, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Blevins' passenger, Margaret Horton, age 45, of Wheaton,

was taken to Mercy Hospital via ambulance. Both were wearing their seatbelts.

On Thursday, December 12, at 12:30 p.m., a wreck occurred five miles south of Exeter on Farm Road 2190, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A 1997 Mercury Villager, driven by Justice Cody, age 24, of Exeter, was southbound when the vehicle slid off of the ice-covered road, overturned and struck a tree and fence. Justice was transported by a private vehicle to Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

Icy conditions hazardous for drivers



Icy roads were to blame for multiple wrecks in the area. Pictured above is a semi truck that slid off of the roadway on Highway 37 in Cassville on Friday, December 13.

Kids need booster seats, says MO Safety group

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety wants to ensure all caregivers of young children know the importance of buckling children in an appropriate child restraint. In 2012, nine children in Missouri under age eight were killed and 92 suffered injuries as occupants in motor vehicle crashes. Missouri law requires all children under eight to be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat, unless: they are at least 80 pounds and they are at least 4'9" tall.

"All parents and caregivers need to understand the importance of booster seats. It's not just about following the law, booster seats help prevent serious injury and may even save your children's life," said Leanna Depue, chair of the executive committee for the coalition.

When used correctly, child safety seats are 71 percent effective in preventing fatalities for infants and 54 percent for toddlers. Serious

injuries can result from improperly fitted seat belts, particularly for children ages four through seven who are secured only in a regular safety belt during a crash. These injuries are commonly known as "seat belt syndrome," which are often life-threatening or disabling. Booster seats help prevent this syndrome from occurring by raising the child up so the lap and shoulder belt fits them properly. Child safety technicians will provide education and car seat inspections in locations across Missouri. A list of car seat inspection stations and locations can be found at seatcheck.org. Appointments may be necessary.

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"Last year, a Missouri family was affected by a traffic crash every 18.3 minutes over the Christmas holiday," said Colonel Ron Replogle. "Please be a safe, courteous driver. Wear your seat belt, obey Missouri's traffic laws, and if you include alcohol in your celebrations, please don't drive." A sober chauffeur or other alternative transportation modes are always the best option.

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Bishop retires after 37 years

Samantha Barberio

The community says a heartfelt goodbye to a long time friend and advisor, Bob Bishop from State Farm of Cassville.

On Friday, December 13, a going away party was held for Bishop at the office where many guests attended in hopes to say farewell to their trusted advisor.

Bishop has worked for State Farm 37 years and started on January 10, 1977. He started off as a supervisor in the regional office and worked there for two and a half years, moved on to claims for two and a half years, then in August of 1982, he opened up his first scratch agency in Lee Summit.

Thirteen years later, Bishop and family decided to call Cassville their home and take over the agency of his wife's father. "We are so glad to have relocated here. The people and community involvement in Cassville is great. Cassville is a really friendly place," states Bishop.

Carolyn Bishop has worked with her husband for many years after quitting her job as a school teacher. "We have a great working rela-

tionship; she's been my savior. We are partners in crime. And we have been lucky to have incredible people working for us," states Bishop, "Without them, we couldn't have done this."

Bishop is happy to state that Andrew Peters will be taking over his position starting in January. Peters is a third generation State Farm Agent, as his father and grandfather were also with the company.

Peters is from West Plains and has been working with the company for many years. He graduated from William Jewel with a bachelors and Northwest Missouri State with a masters. Peters has a wife named Emily and two daughters, Ava and Anna.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to help people in their time of need or emergency," states Peters, "We deliver what we promise them."

Peters is also thankful for the opportunity to grow with his family in Cassville. "I'm thrilled and feel blessed to be here and raise my daughters in this community. I look forward to our time here," states Peters.



Bob Bishop with Andrew Peters, the State Farm agent taking over for him in January 2014.

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Cassville School Board Meeting Highlights

Cassville R-IV School Board had a meeting on December 13, 2013, at 6 p.m at their Central Offices. In attendance were: Superintendent Richard Asbill, Jill LeCompte, Amy Stephenson, Chris Red-

mon, Coy Dalton, Melanie Stringer, Ben Abramovitz, Eric White and Catherine Weaver. Also in attendance were Board Secretary Stacey Williams, Custodial Supervisor Frank Goergan and Maintenance Super-

visor Jerry Lyall. Guests at the meeting were Patti Daniels and Gretchen Bussman.

The Cassville R-IV School Board of Education meeting was called to order by President of the Board John Sullivan. A communication was reviewed by the Board from a Letter of support for May 18th Graduation.

Patti Daniels and Gretchen Bussman presented a high school counseling proposal request.

The following programs were evaluated: Capital Projects Planning and Enrollment Planning

presented by Richard Asbill and Jill LeCompte.

There was a motion made by David Haddock and seconded by Becky Henningson to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: November 14th regular board minutes, November financial reports, December bills, resignation letters from Leslie Erme as a High School Art Teacher, Donna Richards as a high school teacher, Gretchen Bussman as a high school counselor, Patti Daniels as a high school counselor, Marolyn Wood as a High School Teacher and Jerry Lyal as maintenance super-

visor all effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, employment of Natalie Ward as a 1st Grade Teacher. Administrators reviewed building reports and other areas of interest. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No and Jon Horner abstained.

A motion was made by Becky Henningson and seconded by Jon Horner to set the Graduation Date as May 18th, 2014. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No.

There were proposals for postage machines which will be moved to the January moard Meeting. A motion was made by Becky Henningson and seconded

by Carolyn Bowen to approve the Board Policy Revisions for BBBA and JHG. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No.

The following items were presented for discussion and information: Municipal Bond Underwriting Services. Extra Duty Stipend Schedule and Conference Survey Reports. Jerry Lyall addressed the board. A motion was made by Hal Smith and seconded by Becky Henningson to go into executive session. Motion carried with a roll call.

Meeting was adjourned.



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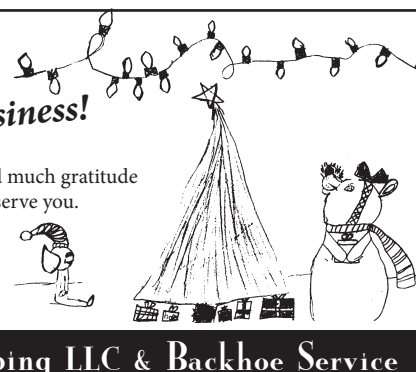
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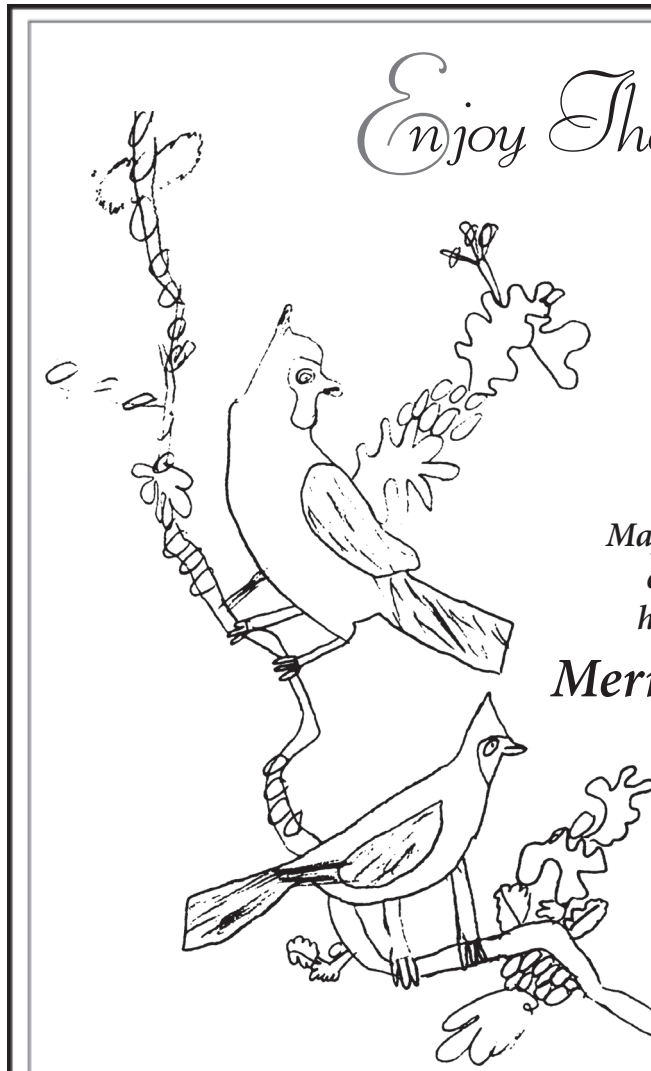
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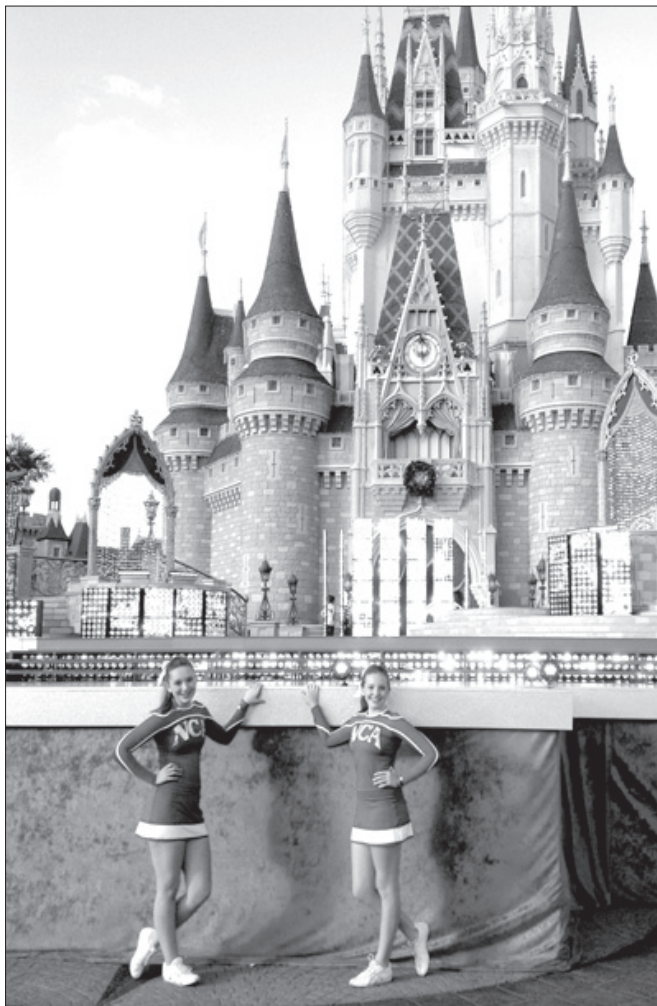
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Two Cassville cheerleaders perform in Disney parade in Orlando



Pictured above are the two Cassville Middle School cheerleaders who performed during the Disney Parks Christmas Parade in Orlando to be aired on Christmas day on ABC. On the left is eighth grader Grace Schell, daughter of Danny and Lisa Schell, of Cassville. On the right is eighth grader Emily Sink, daughter of Glen and Beth Sink, of Cassville.

Charlea Mills

Two cheerleaders from Cassville Middle School were recently selected to be a part of the Disney Christmas parade at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Grace Schell and Emily Sink were two of eleven girls who were nominated to try out for All American Cheerleader. Nine of the squad tried out while Schell and Sink were selected and flew out on Thursday, December 12, to rehearse and perform during the parade before flying home on Sunday.

When the girls, accompanied by Grace's parents, Danny and Lisa Schell, arrived in Orlando, it was no-nonsense. Their first day, they had to perform the routine learned at camp so that organizers could place them in the routine. Then, they had a four-hour practice right off the bat on Thursday.

The event was sponsored by the National Cheerleaders Association (NDA) and the National Dance Alliance (NDA). All together, over 600 performers participated in the Disney Parks Christmas Parade which will be

aired on Christmas Day on ABC networks. The girls got to stay at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort during their rehearsal and performance in Orlando.

To qualify to be one of the 600 selected, cheerleaders or dancers had to attend an NCA or NDA summer camp and earn the All-American Award, Top Team Award or Champion Chant Award as a cheerleader or the Team Award, Team Leader Circle of Winners Award, All-American or Gold Recipient in the Team Dance Circle of Winners. There are more than 400 summer camps each year. For the Cassville girls, their camp was held in early June at the Family Life Center in Cassville.

When asked what the most memorable thing from their trip was, Sink stated, "I



Grace Schell and Emily Sink, eighth grade cheerleaders from Cassville Middle School.

liked the variety of people there and getting to meet them. They had girls from all over the country." Schell agreed and went on, "It was a great experience. For Em-

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Shell Knob Christmas lights family a legacy



The Ray family of Shell Knob puts up festive Christmas lights every single year since the 1950s. Now that the family matriarch passed away, the family continues to put up the lights in Dora and Loya's honor.

Charlea Mills

The Ray family in Shell Knob displays an impressive number of lights each year during the Christmas season. The tradition spanning back longer than most can remember. However, this year is bittersweet due to the loss of Dora Ray, the family matriarch.

Back in the early 1950s, Lora Ray was a young father who wanted to give his son the Christmas experience that his family was never able to give him growing up. Even with expenses tight as they were for many back then, he managed to procure a set of electric lights for his family.

Two generations later, the family is continuing the tradition started way back when. The Ray family's home is located just north of Shell Knob, one mile east of Highway 39 east on Highway 76. The sight each year is looked

forward to by many in the community.

The preparation for those impressive lights begins in October, and by November, the lights are up. The family turns the lights on for the first time each year on the first of December and has them on every night until New Year's Eve.

This year, the lights continue as a tribute and in honor of Dora Ray, who passed away in October. The family says the lights are a tribute to the two people in their lives who truly loved Christmas and celebrated its true meaning.

The Ray family turns those lights on every year as a way to tell everyone who passes by that they hope God's blessings shine on each and every one of them. It is the Ray family's way of telling everyone Merry Christmas and honoring the memories of their loved ones who started the tradition so many years ago.

VFW turkey drive a success

Charlea Mills

The VFW Post 4207 of Monett held their most successful turkey drive to date this December. Over a period of a couple days, the post accepts donations from local businesses and in exchange, gives them a turkey to share for their generosity.

This year, 144 businesses from Cassville, Monett, Washburn, Wheaton, Exeter and Aurora donated to the post, the funds necessary to keep them running.

Without the turkey drive each year, the post wouldn't have the funds necessary to operate as they do. It is the generosity of the local businesses that allows them to carry on throughout the year.

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ily and I, cheering is our life. So getting to cheer with the best of the best, it was just amazing."

Even with the focus on cheering during their stay, they did get to have some fun. For Sink, this was her first time to visit Disney. Schell had been there before as a child but was too young to remember much. Schell stated, "I had been before, but I don't really remember it." The girls visited Animal Kingdom and other amusement parks on Friday during their free time before the performance on Saturday and flight home on Sunday.

Sink stated simply, "It was magical." She went on to talk about their resort, "It was huge with over 600 girls staying there, but it felt like only five." Schell agreed, "It was very nice. They had a huge pool with a temple in the middle of it." The experience for the girls will definitely stay with them.

This year is the 30th year that the Christmas special will be aired, with this year's broadcast hosted by Neil Patrick-Harris and Nick Cannon. Other performers include Mary J. Blige, Demi Lovato, Ne-Yo, Jordin Sparks, Candice Glover and The Wanted. The Christmas special will air on local ABC networks at 9 a.m. CST. Look for the Cassville girls in the performance.

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Barry County weekly court cases

Edwin Dean Andrews, Shell Knob, failed to wear a seat belt, pled guilty and must pay a \$10 fine.

Ronald Lynn Bouchard, Cassville, pled guilty for possession of marijuana and DWI-Alcohol. He must serve two years unsupervised probation and 40 hours of community service.

Robert L. Bussman, Nixa, failed to equip vehicle with a muffler and must pay a \$45 fine.

Samuel J. Callison, Seligman, pled guilty for DWI-Alcohol, and must serve two years unsupervised probation and 20 hours of community service. He was also charged with operating a vehicle on the highway without a valid license. Resulting in a \$50 fine.

Juan Castillo, Monett, pled guilty for DWI-Alcohol and received two years unsupervised probation, 20 hours of community service, must not consume or possess alcohol/illegal drugs, and must submit random drug tests at request.

Jeff Clark, Monett, violated an order of protection

on an adult, pled guilty and must serve two years unsupervised probation and remain in no contact with the victim.

Michelle Lynn Daniels failed to wear a safety belt and must pay a \$10 fine.

Raymond Edward Donovan, Cassville, pled guilty for driving while revoked. He received 10 days incarceration in the Barry County jail. He also did not maintain financial responsibility of his vehicle and must pay an \$80.50 fine.

Raymond Edward Donovan, Cassville, failed to wear a safety belt, and must pay a \$10 fine.

Patrick B. Foster failed to drive on the right half of the roadway when it was of sufficient width resulting in an accident. Foster received six months unsupervised probation.

Dillon Robert Freudenthal, Rogersville, pled guilty for being visibly intoxicated as a minor. He received six months unsupervised probation and must serve ten hours of community service.

Teddy Max Glessner, Aurora, passed a bad check

for less than \$500. He must serve six months unsupervised probation and pay restitution from bond.

William H. Heuback, Shell Knob, pled guilty for failing to yield for a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction when turning left. He then received unsupervised probation from December 11, 2013, until June 11, 2014.

Robert Wayne Hogan, Wentworth failed to wear safety belt and must pay a \$10 fine.

Jeremiah R. Justus, Purdy, pled guilty for misusing 911 and must serve six months unsupervised probation.

Robert O. LeCompte, Seligman, was charged with passing a bad check for less than \$500. He must serve two years unsupervised probation.

Ricky Ray Madison, Cassville, failed to wear a safety belt and must pay a \$10 fine.

Austin C. Maybes, Cassville, was charged with possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. He must serve two years unsu-

pervised probation and 30 hours of community service.

David Lee Michaels, Springfield, authorized another to operate his vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility. He must serve six months unsupervised probation.

Niels Suchey Mossbeck, Carthage, exceeded the posted speed limit by 1-5 mph and pled guilty resulting in a \$105.50 fine.

William James Pierce III, Purdy, pled guilty for not maintaining financial responsibility for his vehicle. He must now pay a fine of \$80.50.

Jimmy Darrell Rogers, Republic, exceeded the posted speed limit by 1-5 mph. Rogers must pay a \$105.50 fine.

Jacob Matthew Steele, Crane, exceeded the posted speed limit by 26 mph or more and must serve one year unsupervised probation.

Kandace Lynn Steel-

man, Cassville, failed to display plates on her motor vehicle resulting in a \$20.50 fine.

Jamie L. Walker, Cassville, authorized another to use his vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility. He pled guilty and must pay a \$80.50 fine.

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Law enforcement agencies statewide will be participating in a quarterly Occupant Protection Enforcement on November 25 to increase seat belt use and reduce highway fatalities. Law enforcement will take a zero tolerance approach in the enforcement of seat belt and child restraint laws during this campaign.

“Saving lives is what it’s all about, and seat belts are such an easy way to prevent tragedy, suffering, and grief associated with disabling or fatal traffic crashes,” said Leanna Depue, chair of the executive committee of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. “This

type of campaign and enforcement effort is just one method used to heighten awareness about the importance of wearing a seat belt.”

Other strategies used to increase Missouri seat belt use include using portable message boards to post messages about fatalities and seat belt citations; partnering with high schools and large employers to get them to adopt seat belt policies; assisting cities in passing a primary seat belt ordinance within their city limits; and providing incentives to positively reinforce wearing a seat belt.

As of November 17, of the 668 fatalities in Missouri this year, 62 percent of those killed were unrestrained.

For more information on highway safety, go to saveMOLives.com. You can also follow SaveMOLives on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, #saveMOLives, #drivesoberMO and #ArriveAlive.

Security Insurance gives away stocking



Lily Stevenson, of Exeter, won a giant stocking given away in a drawing by Security Insurance agency. Lily is pictured with her giant prize.

\$500 grants available for Alzheimer’s caregivers

Charlea Mills

When a loved one begins to experience the signs of Alzheimer’s disease or a dementia disorder, the burden of care usually falls on a family member. Whether that person is a spouse, child or other relative, the amount of work going into caring for someone with a memory disorder is a full-time responsibility. Now, many caregivers qualify for a grant to help give them a break from care-taking for a little time to themselves.

The Alzheimer’s Association Greater Missouri Chapter has multiple grants available for families caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or dementia. The grants are available for 58 counties in northeast, central and southwest Missouri, including Barry County.

Each \$500 grant is awarded to help caregivers have a respite, allowing them to hire a substitute in-home caregiver. The personal time for the family caregiver allows them to be able to do anything that they might not normally be

able to, such as going shopping, spending time alone or anything that would help them get a break. Funds can also help them to pay for dementia-specific medications and/or safety products as well.

The grants are available thanks to appropriate funds from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) for the Alzheimer’s Service Project. The allocation of funds was approved earlier this year by the Missouri legislature. Three different Alzheimer’s Associations were chosen to receive the DHSS contract for the caregiver respite reimbursement program: Heart of American (Kansas City), Greater Missouri (Springfield/Columbia) and St. Louis.

Grants are available through April 2014. If your family is caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s or dementia, call the Alzheimer’s Associations Greater Missouri Chapter at (417) 886-2199 or (800) 272-3900 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Purdy

Candidate Filing for April 8, 2014 Election

Pursuant to Section 115.127 of the Revised Missouri Statutes, notice is hereby given that the following offices are to be filled at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014:

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ALDERMAN - WARD TWO (TWO YEAR TERM)

Opening Date for Filing: Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Declaration of Candidacy may be filed with the City Clerk, 101 Front Street, Purdy, Missouri between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hours will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. Please note that City Hall will be closed Dec. 23 through Dec. 29, 2013

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

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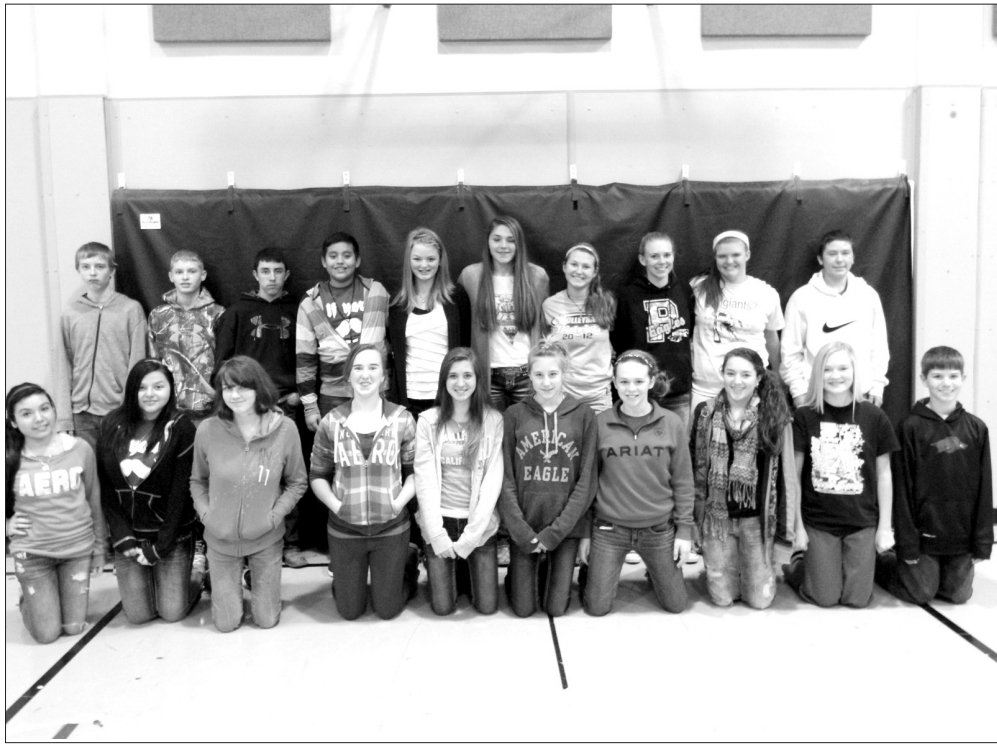
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The eighth graders are pictured left to right. Front row: Mariela Torres, Julissa Cruz, Savannah Harris, Savannah Burch, Savannah Bradt, Megan Bound, Mikey Schad, Hallie Henderson, Zoe Brown and Joby Young. Back row: Daniel Roller, Tyler Keeler, Chance Brewer, Jose Perez, Emma Mareth, Layne Skiles, Cailyn Spears, Casey Ellison, Rylee Moller and Adam Humphrey. Absent from photo: Hunter Green.

Area Christmas parades upcoming

Rescheduled Christmas parades will be going on this upcoming weekend. The Cassville Christmas parade will take place on Friday, December 20, at 6 p.m.

The Exeter Christmas parade will take place on Saturday, December 21, at 1:30 p.m. Other area Christmas parades were cancelled without any rescheduled date

due to the uncertainty of the weather.

The Washburn, Wheaton and Seligman Christmas pa-

rades were all cancelled and are not set to be rescheduled this year.

October's fifth grade Character Kids



Cassville Intermediate named the Character Kids for the month of October. The students learned about perseverance that month, and these children were chosen for displaying perseverance according to their teachers. Picture, left to right, in the back row: Drake Reese, William Musick, Angelo Sobrero, Mary Crotwell and Kayla Lease. Front row: Zayne Bouchard, Belle Sturgell, Emily Sandoval, Hunter Chrasteen, Logan Tolbert and Abraham Garcia.

Santa coming to Eagle Rock Library

Kids in the Eagle Rock community are getting excited for Santa's visit to the library this Saturday, December 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The day will begin with the reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, then chil-

dren will get to decorate their own Christmas ornament to take home, have a snack and get to meet the big man himself.

The event is a collaboration of the Eagle Rock Library and the Friends of the

Eagle Rock Library. If parents would like their child's picture with Santa, they'll need to bring their own camera. For more information, call the library at (417) 271-3186.





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Cruisers donate gifts for Angel Tree

Ice dams can damage a house



At their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 10, the Cassville Cruisers car club members donated gifts for the Barry County Sheriff’s Department Angel Tree Program. The program provides gifts for children in the area for Christmas.

Pictured above are Cruiser Nick Slinkard and Sheriff Mick Epperly. The Cruisers also made donations to Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity.

With all of the snow and fluctuating temperatures this winter, some homeowners may find unwanted icicles hanging from their roof. If so, there are probably ice dams building up and those can cause damage to a house.

According to Bob Schultheis, natural resource engineering specialist, University of Missouri Extension, non-uniform roof surface temperatures cause ice dams.

“In the winter, when warm air inside the house leaks into the unheated attic, it creates warm areas on the roof, which causes snow on the exterior of the roof to melt,” said Schultheis.

The melting snow moves down the roof slope until it reaches the cold overhang, where it refreezes. The process continues, causing ice to build up along the eaves and form a dam.

“Eventually this dam forces the water to back up under the shingles and sometimes into the ceiling or wall inside the home,” said Schultheis.

Besides dislodged roof shingles, sagging gutters, damaged insulation, and adding water stains on interior ceilings and walls, water from ice dams may cause structural framing members to decay, metal fasteners to corrode, and mold and mildew to form in attics and on walls.

Schultheis says the best way to prevent ice dams is to control heat loss from your home.

“In the short-term, remove snow from the roof using a roof rake or push broom, but take care not to damage the roofing materials. Doing this work on or below the roof can be very dangerous, and it’s a job best left to the professionals,” said Schultheis.

Another short-term solution is to stop water from flowing into the structure. Schultheis recommends making channels through the ice dam by using a hose with warm tap water. Work up from the lower edge of the dam. The channel will become ineffective within days.

For the long-term, Schultheis says it is a good idea to increase the ceiling and roof insulation in your home to R-38 to cut down on heat loss. Make sure the ceiling is airtight so no warm air can flow from the house into the attic space. Do this by plugging gaps around plumbing vents, wiring, recessed lights, and chimneys.

“Keep the attic cold by providing at least two square feet of attic vent for each 150 square feet of attic area. Where the roof rafters meet the walls at the eaves, provide a 1-inch clearance between the roof sheathing and the ceiling insulation to allow ventilation,” said Schultheis.

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Freedom Bank of Golden hosts food drive



The Freedom Bank of Golden hosted a canned food drive to benefit their local food pantry that started in October. The bank staff and members of the community have been collecting canned goods to benefit those less fortunate for the holidays.

The bank's donation food "tree" was over five feet tall as of Tuesday, December 17. All of the non-perishable food items donated will be given to the Helping Hands Food Pantry located in Eagle Rock.

The bank stated that the effort was community-wide and wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of their customers and local citizens.

Barry County drivers should expect delays

Drivers can expect slow-moving lines of equipment, lane closings and work zones throughout southwest Missouri over the next several days as Missouri Department of Transportation crews patch potholes.

Many potholes have developed on state routes after recent winter storms and extreme cold temperatures.

Crews use a variety of methods to patch potholes including self-contained patching machines and workers on-foot shoveling patching materials into holes.

Drivers are urged to use extreme caution as they travel state routes throughout southwest Missouri. Watch for MoDOT crews using patching equipment and large protection trucks as they work to make temporary fixes to the pavement. More permanent pavement repairs will be made in the spring.

Drivers can report potholes on state routes to MoDOT by calling

1.888.275.6636 or emailing the location and the route via the MoDOT website at www.modot.org/southwest.

Potholes develop when

moisture seeps into cracks in the pavement. Water freezes in the cracks and then expands which causes the pavement to crumble creating a

pothole.

For more information, call MoDOT at 417-895-7600 or visit modot.org/southwest.

Herrin hosts open house, toy drive



The staff of Herrin Animal Hospital are pictured at their open house with gifts they collected during their toy drive. All of the gifts will be donated to the OACAC Share Your Christmas program.

The staff are, left to right: Brent Herrin, Sara Lee, Briana Street, Jeremiah Farmer and Shayna Nenneman.



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Cassville PD joins “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”

From mid-December through New Year’s Day, local police will be out in force as part of the annual nationwide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” crackdown on drunk driving. The crackdown, which will include high-visibility enforcement throughout Cassville will run through January 2, 2014.

The effective nationwide drunk driving crackdown will include high-visibility enforcement, high-profile events, and will be supported by national paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb drunk driving over the winter holidays.

Cassville Police Department said its officers will be aggressively looking for drunk drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving drunk.

Although it is illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive drunk (having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher), far too many people across the nation get behind the wheel after consuming too much alcohol. The latest statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration underscore the serious nature of the nation’s continuing drunk driving epidemic.

“Every year, about one third of all motor vehicle traffic deaths involve one or more impaired drivers or motorcycle operators,” said Cpl. Donald Privett. “In 2012, 230 people died in Missouri crashes involving impaired drivers. That works out to approximately one impaired driving fatality every one and a half days.”

Cpl. Privett added the

winter holidays are particularly dangerous.

During the Christmas holidays in 2012, a total of 12 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving impaired drivers or motorcycle riders.

“Research has shown that high-visibility enforcement like the ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ campaign reduces drunk driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. By joining this nationwide effort, we will make Cassville’s roadways safer for everyone throughout the Christmas and New Year holiday period,” said Chief Dana Kammerlohr.

“We want to remind everyone that getting behind the wheel drunk is a terrible idea. Unfortunately, not only does drinking impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely, it also impairs your judgment and good sense about whether you can, or should drive. If you have any doubt about your sobriety, do not get behind the wheel. If you do chose

to drive impaired, you will be arrested. No warnings. No excuses,” Chief Kammerlohr said.

Cpl. Privett noted that being arrested for driving drunk brings a wide range of negative consequences into one’s life. Drunk drivers face jail time, loss of their driver licenses, and steep financial consequences such as higher insurance rates, attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job.

When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators also often face tremendous personal embarrassment.

“Driving drunk is simply not worth the risk. So don’t take the chance. Remember, we will be out in force and we will be watching, so ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,’” said Cpl. Privett.

For more information, visit the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Campaign Headquarters at www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov, or www.saveMOLives.com.

December’s Mercy Co-Worker of the Month



Mercy’s Co-Worker of the Month for December is Carolyn Skinner, Certified Phlebotomy Technician. She has worked for Mercy for 24 years. Carolyn resides in Purdy with her husband, Eldon. They have 3 daughters and lots of grandchildren (including four great-grandchildren).

She enjoys traveling and feels so blessed to work with such wonderfully skilled and compassionate professionals at Mercy Hospital. Carolyn feels it is truly a privilege to be given the opportunity to help and be of service to those who entrust their healthcare to us.

Pictured are Doug Stroemel, President of Mercy Hospital Aurora and Cassville, and Carolyn Skinner.

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