

100+ Women Who Care hold First Quarter Annual Meeting

The 2024 inaugural round of donations from the local 100+ Women Who Care group has been allocated to the Monett Historical Society. Collaborating with Monett High School's Missouri Literature and Composition class, a GOCAPS strand capstone project, and SRTC's graphic design and construction classes, the museum will unveil 19 new exhibits by May, thanks to the generous contributions. The total donations for this quarter reached \$3,000, with an anticipated matching grant of \$1,500. Additionally, during the meeting, members were treated to a presentation by Monett's all-female Scout Troop 38G, sharing their enriching salt mine camping trip funded by the previous quarter's winning donation.

100+ Women Who Care, Monett & Surrounding Areas, is a philanthropic collective committed to enhancing the community's well-being. Operating neither as a non-profit nor for-profit entity, the group's purpose centers around collective giving to champion local causes. Their mission is to mobilize 100 or more women to donate \$100 or more, four times a year, nurturing a culFrom Teresa Phillips, 100+ Woman Who Care



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Shown above is Monett's all-female Scout Troop 38G, recipients of the fourth quarter 2023 100+ Women Who Care donation. The troop gave a presentation on their salt mine camping trip which was funded by the donation.

What to expect on the 2024 General Municipal Election ballot April 2

Certification was complete on January 23, 2024, for the upcoming General Municipal Election which will be held April 2, 2024. Below is a summary of what to expect on the April ballet, but does not include Special Road Districts, Area School Board Members or Water District Villages due to space. For a complete list or to discuss the upcoming issues or elections on the April purpose of providing funding for local parks 2, 2024, ballot, contact Joyce Ennis at the Barry projects such as modern playground equipment, County Clerk's office. "The April General Election is the most important election because it deals with the local people's pocketbook," Ennis said. "The General Municipal Election in Barry County has seen the lowest voter turnout with some year's showing less than 15% of registers voters taking part. It is important for our citizens to vote in the General

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com

Municipal Election. I would also like to remind the citizens that absentee voting for the General Municipal Election begins February 20, 2024."

The City of Monett will have an issue on the April ballet for funding for local parks projects. If the issue is passed it will impose a sales tax of one-quarter of one percent (1/4 of 1%) for the permanent bathrooms, and recreational facilities for the City of Monett. The sales tax would replace the parks sales tax of the same amount approved by voters in 2017 which contained a sunset provision.

Dohmen, Ken Gaspar, Darren Indovina and Yesenia Perez running on the ballot.

Monett Fire District will have three candidates, Randy Kristek, Greg Carlin, and Kevin Burnside, vying for two open positions.

The City of Purdy will not have anything on the April ballot as it has an ordinance which states if there is an equal number file for equal open positions the ordinance allows them to not need an election.

The City of Monett will also see a mayoral race between Mike Brownsberger and Randy Burke and a four-way race for Commissioner with Al

Fortner named 2024 Big 8 Girls Coach of the Year

From Mindi Artherton, Cassville Schools

Big 8 Girls Wrestling Coaches across the conference have voted and have selected Cassville Coach Nathan Fortner as the 2023-24 Big 8 Girls Wrestling Coach of the Year. This honor was decided on by area coaches following the conference tournament where the Cassville High School Wrestling Women's Team finished in second place in the conference.

"I am very excited for Coach Fortner, his coaching staff, and our

girls wrestling team," stated Lance Parnell, Cassville R-IV Activities Director. "This is a well deserved honor that recognizes the success of our girls program, the hard work the ladies have put in, and the leadership of the coaching staff."

Fortner joined the Wildcat staff in 2016. In addition to coaching both the boys and girls high school wrestling teams, he is also a football coach and teaches physical education and health.



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Purdy Fire Protection District did not have anyone file so they will have a write-in for one position.

Butterfield Fire Department has an issue on the ballot for additional funding. The issue states "shall the district be authorized to levy an additional tax of not more than 30 cents on 100 dollars on accessed valuation and is to provide funds to continue operation of the district".

The City of Butterfield will see Tony Cope for Mayor, Rusty Dilbeck for East Ward and Russell Lowe for West Ward, all running unopposed.

The City of Wheaton will see East Alderman Brandon Shockley and West Alderman Jeremy Martell, both running unopposed.

The City of Cassville will have a tax renewal issue to continue the capital improvement tax of 1/2 of one percent for the purpose of funding capital improvements including the operation and maintenance of capital improvements which may include the retirement of debt under previ-

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Candidate filing for the August 6, 2024 Primary Election will begin on February 27, 2024, and close on March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m. The following positions will be up for election:

Barry County Sheriff Barry County Northern Commissioner **Barry County Southern** Commissioner **Barry County Coroner** Barry County Assessor Barry County Public Administrator

SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

Below are the Bar-County Sheriff's ry Office calls for serand reports vice 01/29/2024taken 02/04/2024.

The Barry County Sheriff's Office responded to 219 calls for service for the week of 01/29/2024 through 02/04/2024. The CAD events created by central dispatch are the calls for service Barry County Deputies respond to every day. Included in those calls are Alarms, Assaults, Burglaries, Domestic

Disturbances, DWI's, Stealing, Harassment, Medical Issues, Paper Service, Prisoner Transports, Suspicious Persons, Traffic Stops and Warrant Service. Reports are not generated on all the calls for service. The following reports were generated from the above 219 calls.

01/29 Fraud Use Credit/Debit- Exeter 01/29 Property Damage 1st Degree- Eagle Rock 01/29 Stealing- Aurora

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Cassville 01/30 Stealing- Golden 01/30 Recovered Vehicle- Eagle Rock 01/30 Mental Disorder- Eagle Rock 01/30 Trespassing-Fairview 01/30 Structure Fire-Golden 01/30 Property Damage- Exeter 01/31 Domestic Assault- Washburn 01/31 Theft- Golden 01/31 Tampering with Motor Vehicle- Washburn 01/31 Stealing- Purdy

01/29 Vehicle Fire- 01/31 Stealing- Eagle Rock 01/31 Burglary 2nd Degree- Golden 01/31 Vehicle Lockout-Cassville 02/01 Assault 2nd Degree- Golden 02/01 Domestic Assault 4th Degree- Verona 02/02 Stealing- Mc-Dowell 02/02 Stealing- Cassville 02/03 Property Damage 1st Degree- Purdy 02/03 Domestic Assault 4th Degree- Exeter 02/03 Harassment 02/0312 Hour Hold-Eagle Rock

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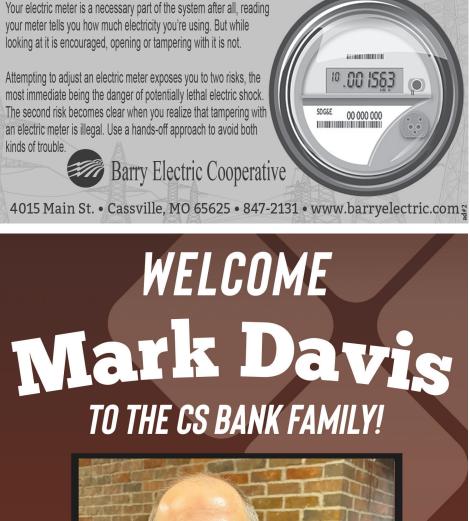
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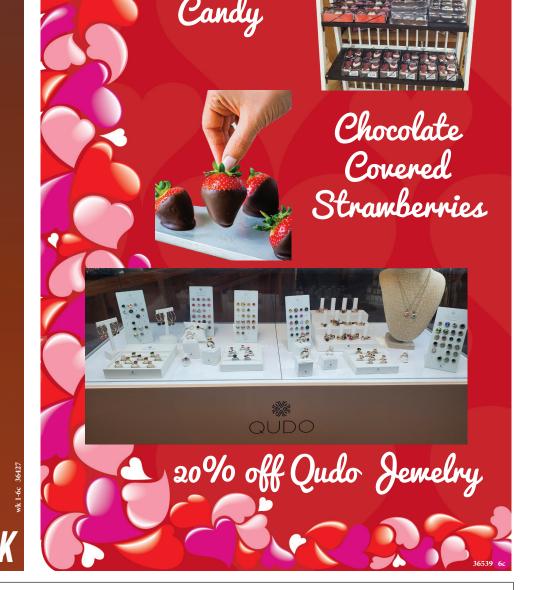


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Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in Community Calendar. The deadline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

Notice:

SeniorAge and the Cassville Senior Center will be having a tax counseling program this year, starting in February, where volunteer tax preparers will assist seniors with their taxes and property tax credit. The program will start up in February and it is by appointment. Those needing an appointment can call the Cassville Senior Center at (417) 847-4510 or stop by the center at 1111 Fair St., Cassville.

Cassville Bright Futures Backpack Program is sponsoring Project PB&J, a peanut butter and jelly donation drive, from February 5th through the 16th. The drop off location is Cassville Chamber of Commerce, 504 Main Street, Cassville. For the safety of the students, please provide items in plastic containers. Crackers to go with the PB&J will also be gladly accepted. Everyone who drops off their donation at the Chamber office will be entered in to a drawing to win \$25 in Cassville Cash.

<u>A Valentine's Photo Venue</u> featuring a giant red wooden heart is being provided by the BC-GHS at the Bayless/Sayler House on the corner of 9th and Townsend, Cassville, from Saturday, February 10, to Wednesday, February 14. Call 417-847-7917 to reserve a time slot.

Barry County Presiding Commissioner Steve Blankenship announced February 1, 2024, that Farm Road 1168 which provides access to Munsey Cemetery is now open to traffic.

Patriots of SW MO have meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW in Shell Knob (on Hwy. 39). Everyone is welcome. To learn more and find out who this month's exciting speakers are, contact Jean Dodge at dodgejean13@gmail.com, or Diane Painter (417) 858-2100. (please no texts).

The Purdy Community Recycling Center, located next to the main baseball field, is open Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M., and is currently accepting #1 and #2 plastic, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, used motor oil and filters, and paper products with no food residue. The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton will be open Sundays from 1 to 5 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA). Phone numbers are posted in the window of the museum.

Ozark Country Quilters meets at Show Me Plaza, Hwy. 248, Cassville, every 3rd Monday for Open Sew; every 3rd Thursday for 'Work Shop'; and every 1st Tuesday for their business meeting. For more information, call (417) 342-1372.

Seligman Chamber Event Center has a country dance with bands every Saturday from 7 to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10. Ages 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For information, (479) 903-3640.

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<u>The Helping Hands Food Pantry</u>, 32685 Hwy. 86, Eagle Rock, services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano and is open from 9 to 11:45 A.M. Saturdays and Tuesdays, and 5 to 7 P.M. the first Thursday of the month. Call (417) 271-1301 for more information.

Wheaton Church of Christ will have clothing available the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. For information, or to make a donation, call (417) 652-3873 or (417) 669-6935.

<u>Soil Samples</u> need to be received at the MU B.C. Extension office by 12 P.M. Thursday. Call (417) 847-3161.

Thursday Feb 8

Barry County Extension's Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held at 6:30 P.M. at First Christian Church, 905 Old Exeter Road, Cassville. New Barry County Extension Council members will be in attendance. R.S.V.P. by February 2 at noon.

Friday Feb 9

The Stella Senior Center, 719 Carter St., Stella, has a dinner and dance every Friday night. The doors open at 5:30 P.M., with a meal at 6 P.M. The dance starts at 7 P.M. This week's band is Timberline Country Band. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (417) 489-3661 for more information. <u>The Southwest Band and Color Guard</u> will be having their Winter Concert at 6:30 P.M. All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday Feb 13 continued

<u>Barry County Democrats Meeting</u> will be at 6 P.M. at El Mariachi restaurant, Cassville. County Clerk Joyce Ennis will be a guest speaker. You may contact barrycountymodemocrats@gmail.com with questions.

Saturday Feb 10

Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary Country Breakfast will be served from 7 to 11am at the Butterfield Fire Station. The menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. The price is \$7 for ages 12 and older, and \$5 for ages 11 and under. Delivery is available to local Butterfield residents.

Wednesday Feb 14

<u>Cassville Area Coalition of Charities</u> <u>Lunch Meeting</u> will be held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at 404 State Hwy. 248, Cassville. All area non-profits, churches, recovery groups, and active community members are invited.

South Barry County Ambulance District Meeting will be held at the Washburn Fire Dept., State Hwy. 37, Washburn, at 6 P.M.

Thursday Feb 22

CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION: The following (published in the January 31, 2024, edition of the Barry County Advertiser) is in reference to the proposed consolidation of the Shell Knob Special Road District #9 with the Viola Special Road District #21 to make one new Special Road District to be known as the Shell Knob-Viola Special Road District #9.

The Barry County Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Meeting room at the Barry County Courthouse in Cassville at 10 A.M. to receive input as to whether the public good will be advanced by the consolidation of the special road districts (the Shell Knob Special Road District #9 and the Viola Special Road District #21 to make one new special Road District to be known as the Shell Knob-Viola Special Road District #9). Citizens of Barry County may appear and comment of the proposed petition or may comment in writing. The County Commission may restrict the time which each person may speak at the public hearing. Any comments in writing should be delivered to the County Clerk prior to the end of the public hearing.



Monday Feb 12

The Eagle Rock Community Association will be holding their monthly potluck at 6 P.M. at the ERCA building. This month's theme is Mexican.

Tuesday Feb 13

The Southwest Missouri Waste Management District N will hold its monthly Executive Baord meeting at 1:50 A.M. at Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett. This meeting is open to the public. A teleconference number will also be available fo this meeting. Please contact the district office at (417) 236-9012 or (417) 342-6306 prior tot he day of the meeting for eh call-in number and passcode.



Cassville Branch Library Activities

Home School: Tuesdays 10am. Registration required (children/teens).

Open Adult Crafts: Wednesdays 10amnoon

Kid's Crafting: Wednesdays 3:30-5pm **Tot Time:** Thursdays 9am. Registration required (children).

Story Time: Thursdays 10am. Registration required (children).

Natural Resource Information Session with SWCD and NRCS: (adult oriented) Thursday, February 8, 6pm.

Teen Painting: Friday, February 9, 4pm (teen oriented, registration required).

LEGO Club: Saturday, February 10, 10am-noon (all ages).

Valentine's Day DIY Body Scrubs and Skincare: (adult oriented) Tuesday, February 13, 6pm. (registration required).

Contact the library for more information on any of their programs. The Cassville Branch Library is located at 301 W. 17th St. Phone number is (417) 847-2121.

Monett Library Adult Programs

<u>Chair Yoga</u> - Mondays 1:30pm (except holidays) *<u>Dulcimer Class</u> - 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am <u>Crochet and Knitting Class with Verda</u>

- Thursdays, 2pm (starting Jan. 18, 2024) Let's Play Dominoes - January 23, 2pm

* The Red Bandana Dulcimers and the Monett Branch Library are offering a Beginner Mountain Dulcimer Class starting Saturday, March 2nd, 9–10am in the Monett Library Community Room. The class will meet for 9 weeks (each Saturday in March and April). This is a No-Cost class. Please sign up at the Monett Branch Library. Bring or borrow a Mountain Dulcimer and come join in the fun and learning!! Monett Branch Library is located at 2200 Park

Monett Branch Library is located at 2200 Park St., Monett. Phone number is 417-235-7350

OFO to present young artists concert February 25

The Ozark Festival Orchestra, based in Monett, will continue its 44th season at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, at the Monett High School Performing Arts Center, 1 David Sippy Drive in Monett, presenting its annual Young Artists Concert.

Under the baton of music director Carla Wootton, the OFO welcomes five young musicians playing pieces for soloist and orchestra as part of the OFO's annual Young Artists program, underwritten by the Barry-Lawrence Area United Fund. The soloists will be:

• Cellists Margaret Dodson of Fair Grove, a student of Steuart Pincombe, and Isabelle Suh of Springfield, a student of Stephanie Hunt, playing a movement from a concerto for two cellos by Vivaldi;

• Flutist Luis Campos of Monett, a student of René Spencer, playing a movement from Mozart's Second Flute Concerto; From Murray Bishoff

• Cellist Sam Garrett of Webster Groves, a student of Tara Santiago, playing a piece by English composer Henry Eccles arranged for string orchestra;

• Oboist Elizabeth Snarey of Monett, a student of Wendy Stewart, playing a concert piece by German composer August Klughardt.

The orchestra will also play Shostakovich's rousing "Festive Overture," a march by Czech composer Julius Fucik, a waltz from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" and Leroy Anderson's "Plink, Plank, Plunk" for strings.

The OFO's Young Artists Concert has been offered since 2000. The soloists were selected through auditions by a panel of judges. The Barry-Lawrence Area United Fund helps underwrite the concert as part of its outreach expanding opportunities for young people.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior cit-

izens, and free for children high school age and under. The performing arts center is located on the north side of Monett High School, 1 David Sippy Drive in Monett, west of the Price Cutter supermarket at Bridle Lane and East Cleveland Avenue.

The OFO will continue its season with its next annual Marty Beckwith Memorial Pops in the Park Concert on April 14 at the Monett City Park Casino.

The OFO is a community orchestra composed of players from southwest Missouri and nearby towns, focusing primarily on classical music. The orchestra is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization supported by sponsors, memberships, local foundations, ads in the orchestra program book and funds managed by the Monett Community Foundation.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024



HAROLD DEAN SUMMERLIN

Harold Dean Summerlin, age 94, of Golden, passed away Monday, January 29, 2024, at The Missouri Veterans Home in Mount Vernon.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Bill Dudley will conduct the services. Burial with military honors will be at Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery in Joplin.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until service time Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association in memory of Harold.

FOHN FUNERAL HOME CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141 Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

RICK ARLIN JAGEARS

Rick Arlin Jagears, 70, of Monett, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

Per Rick's wishes, he has been cremated and no formal services are planned. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



CATHERINE ANN "CATHY" HARTER

Catherine Ann "Cathy" Harter, age 75, of Wheaton, passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Springfield, in Springfield.

She was born April 18, 1948, in Springfield, the daughter of Carl and Reta (Sanders) King. On June 12, 1970, in Ash Grove, she was united in marriage to Jerry Harter, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Stephen Harter and his wife, Kristen, of Marietta, Georgia, and two grandchildren, Max and Sam.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one brother, Jimmy C. King; and one sisterin-law, Alice King.

OBITUARIES

Cathy grew up and attended school in Ash Grove, graduating from Ash Grove High School. She later attended Southwest Missouri State College earning a bachelor's in education. Cathy and Jerry moved to this area in 1974. She taught business classes at Exeter High School in Exeter for 33 years from where she retired in 2012. Cathy was an excellent cook and enjoyed sewing. She was very involved with school and church activities. Cathy was a member of Wheaton Southern Baptist Church.

Services were held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at Wheaton Southern Baptist Church in Wheaton, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul Wahlert and Reverend Jerry Francisco conducted the services. Burial was at Rocky Comfort Cemetery in Rocky Comfort.

Contributions may be made to The Gideons International in memory of Cathy.

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WILLIAM ERLE "BILL" ASH

William Erle "Bill" Ash, age 70, of Cassville, passed away Friday, February 2, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Cassville in Cassville.

He was born August 13, 1953, in Cassville, the son of William Thomas and Muriel (McGaughey) Ash, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were an uncle and aunt, Erle and Rachel Rush.

Surviving are one sister, Kathy Meyer and her husband, Stan, of Fort Worth, Texas; one nephew, Steve Meyer and his wife, Melissa, of Fort Worth, Texas; one great nephew, Avery Meyer, of College Station, Texas; and special friends, Alvida Phelps, of Cassville, and Tim Phelps, of Cassville.

Bill grew up and attended school in Cassville, graduating from Cassville High School and later attending Southwest Missouri State in Springfield,



earning a bachelor's degree. He was employed by several Missouri State Parks and retired as the assistant superintendent at Roaring River State Park in Cassville. Bill enjoyed outdoor activities, canoeing, kayaking, riding 4 wheelers and riding his Harley. He loved every pet he had through the years, especially his dog, River. Bill was a member of United Methodist Church in Cassville.

A private graveside service was held at 10:00 A.M. Monday, February 5, 2024, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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RALPHA GAYLENE COOK

Ralpha Gaylene Cook, of Monett, passed from this life at Lacoba Homes after a long illness on February 4, 2024.

Ralpha was born on July 31, 1945, in Anderson, to Ralph and Veda (Jones) Cook.

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The family later moved to Monett where she was a lifelong member of Christ United Methodist Church of Monett. She was a graduate of Monett High School.

Ralpha was employed at Brownsberger's in Monett as a Bookkeeper and Clerk for 43 years, retiring to take care of her mother to whom she was devoted.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her brother, Lee Cook, of Pierce City.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Roller, of Purdy; four nephews, Rick and Randy Roller, of Purdy, Steve Cook, of Monett, and Mark Cook, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; one niece, Leasa Lamb, of Houston, Mo.; and a host of family and friends.

Ralpha loved the outdoors. She loved bicycling, gardening, mowing, and flowers. She was an exceptional artist and loved painting, calligraphy, carving, and crafts, giving away most of her artwork to family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at Buchanan Funeral Home with Reverend Larry Wormington officiating. The interment will be privately held at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Monett. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



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The Barry County Health Department is pleased to announce that 17 of the 241 food establishments in Barry County will receive the 2023 Silver Spoon award. The award is presented to food establishments in Barry County for demonexcellence strating in public food safety. To receive the Silver Spoon, recipients must have had a valid permit between January 1 and December 31, 2023, and no priority or core violations during this time period.

The establishments must also have a high or medium priority rating as determined by their risk assessment. A risk assessment determines the minimum frequency of unannounced inspections each food establishment will have annually.

The recipients in

A Slice of Life By Jill Pertler

Happy Valentine's Day to the famous and infamous

We are in the 'amore' season of the year. Love. Kisses. Hearts. Roses. Romantic cards. Candles. Champagne. A box of chocolates.

On February 14 we celebrate Valentine's Day. Or, better put, some of us do.

For many years, the day had personal significance to me because I actually had a real life Valentine. He even lived with me. We ate meals together, slept in the same bed and made plans for the future. On Valentine's Day we used to exchange cards and everything. I even received a dozen roses on more occasions than I can remember. We were the real deal.

For 33-plus years, my husband was my Valentine. That maybe sounds boring, but it wasn't.

Now I observe the day of love from afar. I don't anticipate roses or chocolates from my sweetie. But I do observe the day of love in another way: I live it vicariously through others.

This year, the couple worth watching is obvious.

They are known as Tay tay and Trav by their closest friends - as well as everyone who's ever listened to a Taylor Swift album or watched a Kansas City Chiefs football game.

I've maybe done both so that makes me somewhat of an expert on the subject.

Travis and Taylor have taken their romance public - very public. Here's why: they didn't have a choice. They are both in the category of superstar and lots of people love watching, keeping tabs on, dreaming of and making judgements about their love story - or lack thereof.

At first, I was a bit skeptical myself. The world has made me a cynic. Or maybe the media

has done that without any help from the rest of the world at large. Either way, I approached the T and T romance with a grain of salt and a fair amount of doubt as to the reality of it all.

But, I've been won over.

Not that it matters in the least.

What I think - what anyone thinks - is inconsequential. In the big scheme of things it is about as important as which team wins the big game this weekend. (But you didn't hear that from me!)

My favorite Valentine's couple this year are a public lot. Maybe they chose that lot, maybe not. But either way, love, when real, is magical and miraculous and worth our reverence and gratitude.

Are Travis and Taylor 'really' in love? Maybe, maybe not. I like to think so.

I guess it's human nature to speculate. And hope. And I am truly hoping for them.

Love between any two people is absolutely wondrous. It is also filled with challenges. And those challenges, I think, multiply, when your success is based on a public persona.

But public or not, everyone (repeat that, everyone!) deserves a real, true-life love story. And as far as Travis and Taylor go, I'm rooting for them - this Sunday and every Grammy Awards Ceremony thereafter.

As far as the big game goes? I don't have a favorite, just a favorite couple. I guess you can call me a hopeless romantic.

Because in the end - and the beginning and everywhere in between - love is all that matters - no matter how famous, or infamous your are. (And yes, that is a joke - the words, not the love.)

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



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Beer-Braised Meatballs Makes 20 meatballs Ingredients: Ingredients: 1 pound ground beef 1/2 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/2 2 eggs, lightly beaten cup finely chopped onion you want a kick) 1/3 ²/₃ cup sour cream cloves garlic, minced 2 Salt and black pepper bottle (12 ounces) light-colored beer, such as a 1 lager ¹/₄ cup queso fresco 1 1/2 cups tomato sauce 1 cup ketchup 2 tablespoons tomato paste 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

Instructions:

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1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line broiler pan with foil; spray rack with nonstick cooking spray.

2. Combine beef, bread crumbs, cheese, eggs, onion, garlic, salt, and pepper in large bowl; stir to blend. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls. Place meatballs on prepared rack. Bake 10 minutes or until browned.

3. Bring beer, tomato sauce, ketchup, tomato paste, and brown sugar to a boil in a Dutch oven. Add meatballs and reduce heat to medium-low. Cover; simmer for 20 to 30 minutes or until meatballs are cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Crockpot Jalapeno Corn Dip

- 2 15.25 ounce cans 3 cups whole kernel corn
- 2 jalapenos seeded and diced
- 1 cup shredded Colby Jack cheese or pepper jack (if
- 1 8 ounce cream cheese cubed
- 6 slices bacon cooked and chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro chopped
- 1 lime half juiced, half cut into wedges
- Tortilla Chips or Fritos corn chips, etc.
- 2 tsp Tajin seasoning optional

Instructions:

- Place the corn, jalapenos, colby jack, sour cream, tajin seasoning (optional) and *cream cheese in the slow cooker. Turn on low for 2 hours.
- Stir occasionally.

Add the bacon and stir, saving some for the top.

Remove and sprinkle with cilantro, queso fresco and a squeeze of lime.

Serve with your choice of chips.

* Notes: You can wait to add the cream cheese until 15 minutes before serving. Add the cream cheese and let it melt. Stir to combine.

World's Best Oreo Fudge

Makes 48 servings

Ingredients: 3 cups white sugar 3/4 cup butter ⅔ cup evaporated milk 2 cups white chocolate chips 1 (7 ounce) jar marshmallow creme 1 teaspoon vanilla extract ¹/₂ cup crumbled chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreo) 1 cup crushed chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreo) Instructions:

1. Line a 9x13-inch baking dish with parchment paper; set aside.

2. Bring sugar, butter, and evaporated milk to a boil in a heavy-bottomed saucepan, stirring constantly; cook and stir at a boil until mixture is smooth, 3 to 5 minutes.

3. Remove the saucepan from heat. Mix in white chocolate chips and marshmallow creme until melted, then stir in vanilla. Fold in 1/2 cup crumbled cookies until just incorporated. Spread fudge into the prepared baking dish.

4. Sprinkle 1 cup crushed cookies evenly over the top. Press crushed cookies lightly into fudge. Cool at room temperature until set, then cut into small squares to serve.



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Letter to the Editor

The Purdy Road District, has been causing the destruction of county property for many years. Repairing the subsequent damage and the cause of the damage several times a year and spending our money to do so. They made it clear that they were not going to stop causing such damage. They were going to continue to divert water out and across a dirt road near the bottom of a long hill.

All of the politically correct channels, all the way to our local representatives proved After five useless. years and three notices I diverted water away from the road at my own expense.

The Purdy Commissioners, Rick Scott and two others I don't know, along with our Commis-Northern sioner Gary Schad, tried to have me arrested. These people have no authority to give or

broke no laws.

I was not arrested, but five months later, Gary Schad along with James Fuller and Rick Scott had me charged with destruction of county property. With absolutely no evidence, Officer Kalbaugh agreed to file a complaint.

Amy Boxx will let criminals go free, turn around and knowingly prosecute the innocent.

We need to better vet the people we are electing. We also need to exercise our 1st Amendment for its purpose. They work for us, not the other way around. Remember, elections have consequences! So does NOT using our 1st Amendment!

I have contacted the following: State Attorney General Andrew Bailey, Missouri Bar Association, Commission of Retirement Removal, and Office of

deny permission and I Chief Disciplinary.

Ernest Head Purdy

Editor's note: I contacted Northern Commissioner Gary Schad and he has released the following statement regarding this issue:

"The County has a 40-ft. right-of-way and the Purdy Road Commission is in charge of that right-of-way. It is illegal for an individual or entity to do anything in that right-of-way without the permission of the Commission. Mr. Head illegally dug a 4-ft. deep ditch across his neighbor's driveway without the neighbor's or the Commission's consent. It is our duty as elected officials to not only protect the County's property, but

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our citizens property, as well as the rights of our citizens, and both were violated in this incident."

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Purdy High School held it's 2023 Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas on December 15, 2023.

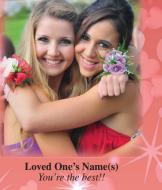
Miss Merry Christmas is Suana Lee, daughter of Chue and Nancy Lee of Purdy. Mr. Merry Christmas is Simon Walker, son of Jessica Walker of Purdy and Tommy Walker of Cassville.





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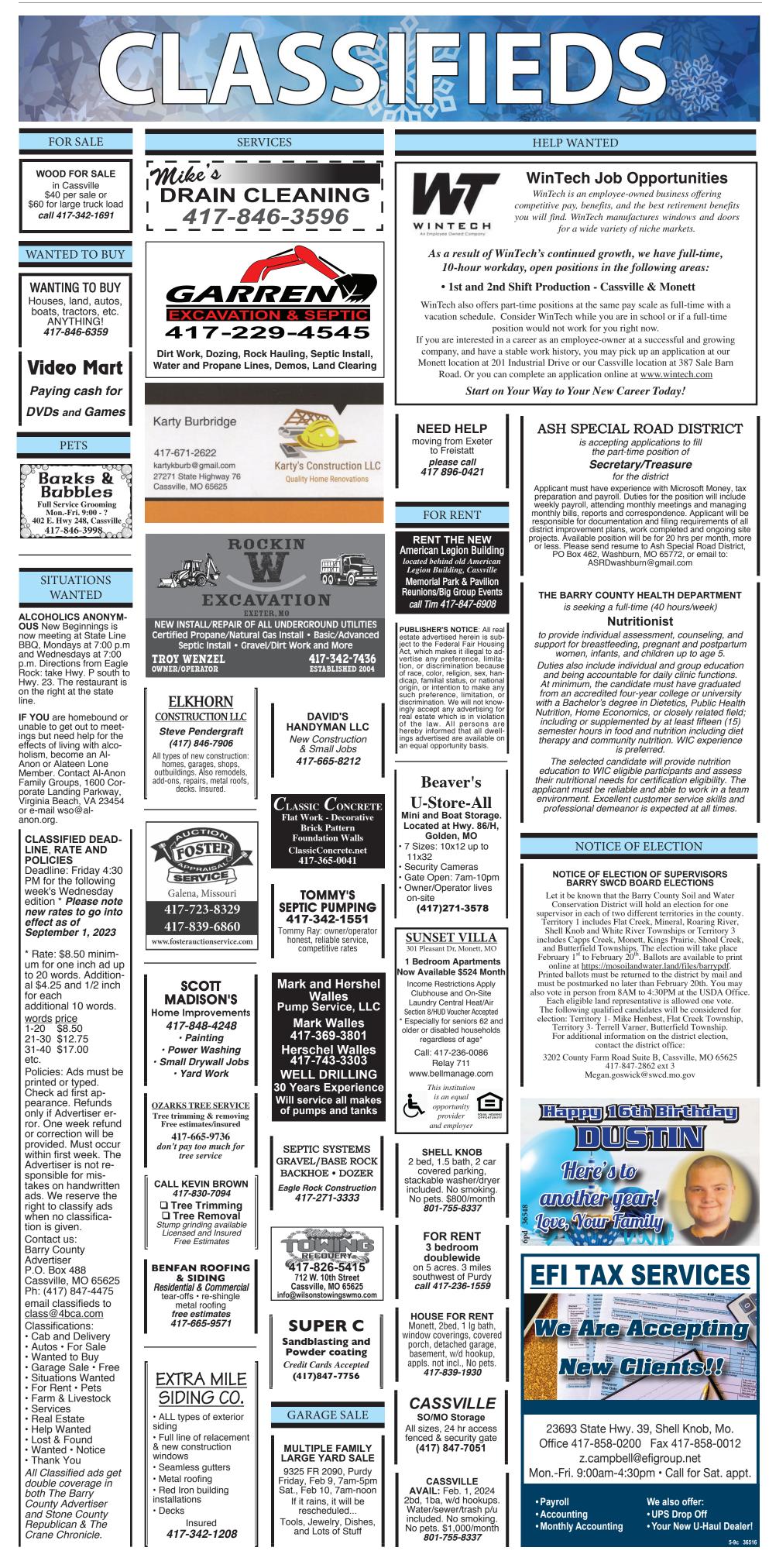
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CHS Receives two \$1,000 Grants from Cassville Community Foundation

From Mindi Artherton, Cassville Schools



Shown above is Cassville High School Art Teacher Teall Williams (left) with Cassville Community Foundation Affiliate Coordinator Rachael Freeman.

The Cassville Community Foundation has provided two \$1,000 grants to two programs within the Cassville R-IV School District. Both the CHS Success Program and the CHS Art Program have received Community Foundation grants.

The CHS Success Program is an intervention program that offers a nontraditional setting designed to serve students who are not succeeding in the traditional classroom. Funds provided by the foundation will be used

to purchase supplies for the Student Incentive Store. The store is stocked with rewards for students who meet weekly attendance, academic, behavior, and personal goals.

The second grant was awarded to the CHS Art Program and will be used to purchase UV/graffiti sealant for the two murals in town that were created by art students. One mural is located at Sunshine Coffee House and the second is located at the SWMO Restore Shop. The sealant will protect the students artwork and will allow the business owners to clean the mural without damaging it.

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The City of Washburn will have an election for Alderman at Large with Connie Deans and a write-in on the ballot.

The City of Seligman will see a runoff between Eldora Pratt and Brandon Tanis for East Ward and West Ward will be write-in.

Central Crossing Fire Protection District has two board member positions open with Gene Stimble, Debbie Gerleve, and Chris Gibbons on the ballot. *Jenkins Fire Protection District* will see two positions on the ballot with Sandy Rainwater and a write-in.

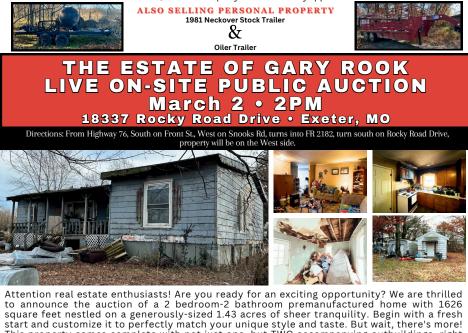
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The second quarter meeting will be held on May 2nd from 6:00-8:00 at the Monett Museum. Donations can be made online at cfozarks.org/100monett. For questions please email 100womenmonett@gmail.com.



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