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## Cassville sewage system overhaul to begin



The red lines in the map above show the areas of Cassville where open trench excavation will be used to replace sanitary sewer mains over the next year.

Adriana Keeton

According to Cassville Public Works Director David Brock, after years of preparation, a significant overhaul of Cassville's sanitary sewer system is expected to begin as early as next week.

The goal is to replace or rehabilitate old pipes and manholes that allow storm-water runoff into the system in the flood plain, where the groundwater tables are the highest, with approximately 80% of the upgrades being traditional open trench, and the remainder will use a trenchless restoration process using cured-in-place pipe and manhole relining.

The open trench construction will be very disruptive in the immediate area of working machinery and equipment. Much of the work will occur within the paved portion of city streets. Residents should expect partial and complete road closures and temporary prohibitions on on-street parking.

The trenchless rehabilitation will use existing man-

## Wheeler Hired as Next Wildcat Elementary AP

Caleb Wheeler has always called Southwest Missouri home, but next year, he will be joining the leadership team at Cassville R-IV as the new Assistant Elementary Principal.

During the February Board of Education meeting, the Cassville R-IV Board hired Mr. Wheeler to serve as the Assistant Principal at Eunice Thomas Elementary and Cassville Intermediate beginning July 1 of this year.



Wheeler will split his time between both the primary and intermediate buildings working alongside building level principals, Mrs. Mindi Gates at Eunice Thomas Elementary and Mr. Jeff Swadley at Cassville Intermediate. Wheeler's primary responsibility will be to support classroom teachers with student behavior and discipline.

"We are excited about the leadership experience Mr. Wheeler will bring to Cassville R-IV," stated Dr. Meryl Johnson, Cassville R-IV Superintendent. "He has experience as an instructional leader and has been trained in the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) practices which is a high priority for the assistant principal position. He is going to be a great addition to our school community and leadership team."

Wheeler joins the district after serving as the elementary principal at Wheaton R-3.

"During my time at Wheaton I've made great relationships and learned a lot from a very dedicated staff and fantastic students," stated

Wheeler. "I am excited for the opportunity to join the Wildcat family, and to work alongside Mr. Swadley and Mrs. Gates. I know I am going to learn from these two great educators and leaders."

Prior to his time at Wheaton, he taught math and science at Webb City Junior High. He also coached both boys and girls basketball and softball during his time at Webb City.

Wheeler will begin his tenth year in education as a Wildcat. He has earned a Masters in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University and his undergraduate degree from Missouri Southern State University.

He will be replacing Mrs. Lisa Schell who has dedicated her career to educating students at Cassville R-IV. Schell has been with the district for 21 years and served as the assistant principal from 2021-23. She will retire at the conclusion of this school year.

Wheeler and his wife, Maddie, have two children, Charlee and Forest.

## RRSP named most visited park third year in a row



Roaring River State Park has been named the most visited park in Missouri for the third year in a row with 1.6 million visitors in 2022. This year's opening day saw just under 2,000 daily trout tags sold. See more photos on 8A. Photo: Adriana Keeton

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# Applications close March 12 for most CFO scholarships

The deadline is approaching for students to apply for about \$1.8 million in scholarships administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Applications will close for most CFO scholarships on Sunday, March 12. This year, the application window opened January 1, giving graduating seniors, current college students and students attending technical or graduate programs an additional month to apply compared to previous years.

The CFO holds about 480 scholarship funds that will provide nearly 1,000 scholarships for students across central and southern Missouri for the 2023–24 school year. The scholarships are open to students for higher education and technical training programs.

Information about the scholarship opportunities is available at [cfozarks.org/scholarships](http://cfozarks.org/scholarships).

From there, students will be required to answer two eligibility questions, which will bring up a list of scholarships for which the student may be eligible. Students also can contact the counseling offices at their schools. Application deadlines vary, with the first due in mid-March. Amounts range from \$400 to \$7,500 per academic year, with many renewable for up to three ad-

ditional years.

Scholarship funds are established by individuals, families or organizations with specific intentions, such as supporting students who graduate from the donor's alma mater, pursue a certain field of study, or are members of marginalized or underserved populations. On the CFO's online application system, each scholarship entry lists criteria for eligibility.

"We've seen a great response from students taking advantage of the extra month available for application, and we appreciate all the counselors encouraging students to apply," said Beth Hersh, the CFO's director of scholarships. "We are grateful to serve as this important resource for both students and donors in our region."

For more information about CFO scholarship programs, contact Beth Hersh at [bherish@cfozarks.org](mailto:bherish@cfozarks.org), or call (417) 864-6199.

Founded in 1973, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks is marking its 50th anniversary in 2023 as the region's largest public charitable foundation serving a network of donors, 53 regional affiliate foundations and nonprofit partners across central and southern Missouri through its mission of resource development, community grantmaking, collaboration and public leadership.

# Community responds with thoughts on Hall Theatre property

*Adriana Keeton*  
 Though it is still undetermined how the downtown Hall Theatre property will be utilized after demolition, the following community members have submitted the following suggestions.

"I think a small park-like setting with some shade trees and picnic tables or benches so people in the center of town can have a place to eat lunch outside and the older people can enjoy a place to sit and rest or have a place to visit with friends and passersby." - *Tami*

"I think it would be nice to see a small event park with tables and benches for people to sit at and eat. With a plaque in honor of the Hall Theater, it was such a great place for so many that it's so sad it's gone. This could also add to the chili cook-off events. And maybe encourage more things to take place in our town. We need more things to do and also bring in more business. Use it to build our town instead of taking from our town and its memories." - *Barbara*

"More parking for the square." - *Katherine*

"I think a community parking lot there would be very handy. The Farmers market would be able to be there. Food trucks could frequent that spot. The chili cook-off and dogwood car show would all have more

space. I think there are a lot of ways that spot could benefit the community. Some towns do Ice-cream socials. And a city-wide sale could be centered there. The possibilities are endless!" - *Scott*

"Design and install a small theater that could be utilized for live music by local bands throughout the summer months and during the Fall Festival, aka chili cook-off. It would be great to spend a Friday or Saturday evening listening to live music on the square. You could still call it the HALL THEATER." - *Joe*

"I think it would be nice if there were a small theater on the square, something like Stained Glass Theatre in Joplin." - *Jeremy*

"Parking." - *Jamie*  
 "How about a park? Call it Glen Hall Memorial Park. It could be used for lots of things, would be a pretty addition to the square, and would be useful too." - *Bobbie*

## Cassville From Front

holes to access the sewer lines, and machinery and equipment used for this type of repair will often be within the street right of way. They may partially block one or both driving lanes.

Brock states that the contract documents call for the project to be substantially complete (fully functional and in operation) within 365 days, with any remaining cleanup/restoration and paperwork completed within another 60 days. He also advised that the project will likely extend beyond one calendar year as there are provisions to exclude days lost due to poor weather or ground conditions and other factors outside the contractor's con-

trol. "The project has an expected price tag of \$5 million and will be funded through a loan from the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), Rural Development with an annual interest rate not to exceed 2.125%," says Brock. "The loan will be repaid with sewer user fees over 35 years. The City has made a number of small incremental increases in the sewer rates over the last several years and does not foresee a substantial rate change being needed to make the new debt service payments."

For more information or to sign up for project announcements and updates via email, contact the City of Cassville at 417-847-4441.

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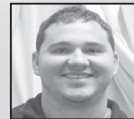
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# Community Calendar

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. The contact person is Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475.

## Notice:

**Barry County Clerk, Joyce Ennis, reports a public pre-election tabulation test of the electronic tabulating equipment for the April 4, 2023, General Municipal Election. It will be held at 9 A.M. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in the County Clerk's Office.**

**Bridge work on Barry County Farm Road 2040, Capps Creek Bridge is complete and now open for public use.**

**The Jenkins Fire Protection District/Jenkins Fire Department** announces a change in the spring and fall fund raiser events. In years past, they have held the chili supper in the spring and the fish fry in the fall. Beginning April 2023 and forward, we will hold the fish fry in the spring and the chili supper in the fall. Announcements of specific times and dates are forthcoming.

**Farm Road 1162 off of F Highway will be closed until further notice for bridge repairs.**

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**Discovery Quilters** meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. at the Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church. New members are welcome.

**Harvick Farms** nursery of Cassville offers free gardening classes to the public. For information about upcoming classes, visit [www.harvickfarms.com](http://www.harvickfarms.com) or their retail location near the Barry County Museum.

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

**Household Items Pantry** will be open every 4th Wednesday from 5 to 6 P.M. at Community Faith Chapel, Hwy. 248 and 13th Street. More information about the pantry can be found on Face Book.

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

**God's Closet in Eagle Rock** is now open every Tuesday 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. They have lots of free clothing for those in need. Located on Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock just past Mitchell Plaza and across from the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

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

**The Wheaton Depot Museum** in Wheaton will be open Saturdays from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA).

**Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities** provides a network where non profits can belong, share knowledge and support one another. The organization hosts meetings via Zoom. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

**Donations of new and gently used clothing** are being collected by the Wheaton Church of Christ. They are looking for all types of clothing for all ages. Please call (417) 652-3873 to set up an appointment to drop off donations.

**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.

**Soil samples** need to be received at the MU B.C. Extension office by 12 P.M. on Thursday. Shipments go out once a week on Friday. The fee for the soil sample test is \$20 by cash or personal check. No credit or debit cards accepted. Contact the Extension Office at (417) 847-3161 with any questions.

## Friday, March 10

**The Stella Senior Center will host a Dinner and Dance** with doors opening at 5:30 P.M. There will be a pot luck buffet at 6 P.M. The dance begins at 7 P.M. with The Timberline Country Band playing! Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available. Please call (417) 489-3661 for more information.

**Music** will be held at the Clio Community Building located on Hwy. 39 south of Jct. 248 beginning at 6 P.M.

## Saturday, March 11

**Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary is hosting a Country Breakfast** will be served from 7 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire station. The menu will include pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. Adults 12 and over pay \$5, and \$3 for children 11 and under. Delivery is available for Butterfield residents.

**Firehouse Fundraiser Breakfast** will be served from 7 A.M. to 10 A.M. at the Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano Station, 30625 Hwy. 86. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 under 10. All proceeds benefit the station and the efforts of our volunteer fire-fighters. This event can be enjoyed the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month.

## Saturday, March 18

**Eagle Rock Lego Club** will be hosting their 10th anniversary celebration at the ERCA building behind the Eagle Rock Library, 27824 State Highway 86, Eagle Rock. For more information, call the Eagle Rock Library at (417) 271-3186.

## Saturday, April 1

**The Eagle Rock Library and Friends of the Library** will be hosting their annual Easter event with egg hunt starting at 1 P.M. and special guest Mr. E. Bunny. For more information, call the Eagle Rock Library at (417) 271-3186.

## School Menus: March 13 - March 17

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

**Cassville R-IV High School:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuit and gravy or oatmeal, toast, yogurt, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit cocktail. L: general chicken, popcorn chicken, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, Mandarin oranges. Wed: B: biscuit and gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, Mandarin oranges. L: chicken alfredo or pizza, salad, corn, breadstick, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit and gravy or blueberry muffin, blueberries or cereal, toast, strawberries. L: country steak or popcorn chicken, potatoes, corn, breadstick, applesauce. Fri: B: biscuit and gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: chili dog or crispito, nachos, baked beans, juice.

**Cassville R-IV Pri. Int. Mid.:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuit and gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: sloppy joe or meatball sub, Sun Chips, mixed vegetables, peaches. Wed: B: biscuit and gravy or pancake on stick, Pop-Tart, applesauce or cereal, PB&J, fruit snacks. L: burrito or nacho supreme, corn, refried beans, juice. Thurs: B: biscuit and gravy or strawberry bagel, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, tropical fruit. L: chicken strips or country steak sandwich, salad, baked beans, pears. Fri: B: biscuit and gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, Mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: pizza or alfredo, salad, green beans, pineapple.

**Purdy R-II Schools:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: spaghetti, tossed salad with tomato and ranch, whole grain breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: whole grain pancakes, syrup cup, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken smackers, potato wedges, fruit. Thurs: B: omelet, whole wheat toast, fruit. L: whole grain pepperoni pizza, corn, fruit. Fri: B: whole grain banana muffin, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich on a whole grain bun, Sun Chips, celery with peanut butter cup, fruit.

## Cassville Branch Library Activities

- March 9:**

  - 10am: Preschool Storytime; sign-up required
  - 2pm: Preschool Storytime; sign-up required
  - 6pm: Toastmasters

**March 10:**

  - 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong
  - 3:45pm: New Teen Program: Anime Club; sign up requested

**March 13:**

  - 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong
  - 5pm: Yoga with Tara

**March 14:**

  - 10am: Homeschool Enrichment; sign-up required
  - 1pm: Adult painting, \$5 fee & preregistration
  - 5:30pm: Adult painting, \$5 fee & preregistration
- March 15:**

  - 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong
  - 5pm: Yoga with Tara

**March 18:**

  - 10:30am: Lego Club

**March 25:**

  - 10am-12pm: Spring Fling

For more information about services offered by our Cassville Library, call the Cassville Branch Library at 417-847-2121 or visit at 301 W. 17th St., Cassville. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm; new Saturday hours are 9am to 1pm; and closed on Sunday. For information online, visit the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library website: [blrlibrary.com](http://blrlibrary.com).



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**Saturdays 10 A.M.**

Mountain Dulcimer Chording Class with Emory Mosier will be held at the Monett Branch Library Community Room at 2200 Park Street, Monett, beginning March 4, 2023. The class will meet on Saturdays at 10 A.M. This is a free 10 week course and registration is required. For more information, visit the Monett Branch Library or call (417) 235-7350.





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The water is running just over 200 CFS right now, which is high but very fishable. Bigger streamers, woollybuggers, and heavier nymphs work well right now, as do san juan worms, glo-balls, mega worms, and mop flies. 9' 5X and 9' 6X leaders are recommended.

There will be a bit of dry fly fishing here and there, but I expect it to be really good once we are running below 150 CFS.

Lots of trout were caught yesterday using a copper John with a zebra midge dropper or a pheasant tail nymph as a dropper.

If you are lucky enough to find a trout rising, try a blue wing olive, or a caddis.

Power bait is the stuff to use right now if you want to catch a lot of trout all day long; it is working and works well in the current water conditions. Yellow, pink, and white have been working very well.

Water is still off-colored, so a 4lb line is fine right now, 2lb will work great as usual, but if you have 4lb, you'll do fine until the water clears.

Spinners are still a good bet for the first 30 minutes or so; you may need to add some weight to your line right now to keep the spinner low in the water, and reel slowly and fish close to the bottom.

Spoons are great right now, they fall quickly, and the spoon has enough shine to attract fish. Fish a spoon correctly, and they work really well when the water is up.

Plastic worms are as good as ever; orange, white, cheese yellow have all been working well.

# Wheaton Pre-K and K Screenings

Screening for children entering Preschool or Kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year in the Wheaton R-III District is scheduled for March 22-24 and April 4-6 in the cafeteria of the Elementary Building. Any child who will be 3 (for Preschool) or 5 (for Kindergarten) by July 31 and is planning on enrolling in either class, must be screened before starting school. March 22-24 appointment times for screenings are 9-9:45, 9:45-

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# Local students named to Dean's List at U of A Fulbright College

Jacob Hughes, of Monett, and Madry Mccrackin, of Cassville, were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. To qualify for the Dean's List, these local students achieved at least a 3.75 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours.

"These students are the very best of Fulbright College," said Kathryn Sloan, interim dean. "This achievement demonstrates their academic excellence and commitment to our mission of peace through education. It's an honor to recognize these outstanding students who made the Dean's List and who make Fulbright College, the University of Arkansas, and their hometowns incredibly proud."

"I'd be remiss not to also

recognize the family, friends and Fulbright College faculty and staff who support these students - and all of our students - in their education journey," Sloan added. "It's the support of these individuals who make the dream of higher education a reality for our students, and we're grateful for their influence and support." More than 8,000 students call Fulbright College home with areas of study and research across the fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Learn more about Fulbright College at fulbright.uark.edu.



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# Cassville Superintendent discusses HB 253

Dr. Merlin Johnson,  
Cassville Superintendent

Open enrollment legislation working its way through the state General Assembly would enable K-12 students to attend school in a nonresident district. This may appeal to parents for a variety of reasons including specialized academic offerings, class sizes, friendships, facilities, sports, location, convenience and the overall feeling/atmosphere of a district. Each family may have a specific motivation. I encourage you to pay attention to HB 253, as it is a much different piece of legislation. If open enrollment should pass, it would immediately affect multiple students in rural Missouri, including Barry County. Nobody knows exactly how it would affect students in our area, but I will attempt to offer my thoughts on what may happen.

Some parents in Cassville or Monett who want their children to experience a smaller school environment may elect to send their children to Exeter, Purdy, or Wheaton. Some parents in the smaller schools who do not offer wrestling and football may choose to send their children to Cassville or Monett. Monett has state-of-the-art facilities including a tech school, a turf football

field and a performing arts center; and Cassville has an equally aesthetic turf softball field and will introduce a turf baseball field this spring; additionally, Cassville could have a performing arts center in the near future based on this April's ballot results. Maybe parents in other communities would want their children to utilize these alluring facilities. Maybe an Exeter parent feels that Southwest has a superior special education program and would want their child to transfer mid-year. Southwest is the only district in the area to have a Trap Shooting program. Some parents excited about Trap may decide to send their children south to Washburn. Purdy has been known for strong boys and girls basketball programs over the years. Cassville, Monett, and Wheaton hopes may want their children to become Eagles. Cassville's Agriculture Program recently started the Wild C Research Farm for students to get hands-on experience learning how to manage and operate a farm. Maybe parents in the other area schools would like their children to benefit from this exciting program. Each district in Barry County has special attributes to offer their students

academically, socially and with extracurriculars. Individual perceptions among parents would create a variety of reasons to justify the need to move a child from one district to another. But, it would not stop just within Barry County. Students in our area may end up attending Neosho, Branson, Reeds Spring, and Republic....just to name a few. Districts may become compelled to spend time and resources on radio/TV/internet/newspaper advertisements to out-promote neighboring schools in hopes of attracting more students to their programs.

According to the bill language, every open enrollment plan would allow school districts to limit the number of incoming students they will accept. There is no way to make this process equitable. By the very nature of an open enrollment system, not every child will have the means to leave a school. What happens to their school when only some get to go, and others are left behind? Will the school get better? Will it get more funding, more community support and more access to resources that will bring better teachers? More than likely, those schools will fall further behind, as will their students. It is likely that students from low income homes and/or who have challenging disabilities will be the ones who other school districts suddenly determine they no longer have room to

educate. Open enrollment will eventually lead to the consolidation of many schools across the state and will inevitably lead to a further stratification of haves and have nots. Many might think Exeter, Purdy, Shell Knob, and Wheaton are the districts most in danger. However, all districts in our area could be forced to consolidate at some point. If HB 253 passes, we are not living too far from a future in which Barry County parents will have the ability to choose any school they want their child to attend: one at the end of an hour-long bus ride, or one based in Kansas City that they can attend on their iPad. This school education shopping process will place families into the position of potentially being left behind by schools that can pick and choose who gets a seat and who does not.

It could also be argued that competition can be a good thing. However, competition is not always the best approach when it comes to public education. Rooting for a particular school can grow a community and bolster educational efforts within a school district. Those competitions among athletes and scholars can become bright spots in their educational experiences. But when it comes to policies as to how education is administered, competition can have a darker side.

According to HB 253, students would be able to apply to transfer to another public school district in hopes of learning in a "greener pasture". Parents could apply to have their child leave a district without needing permission. The receiving district could choose to opt into the program, as well as to set limits on how many students it would take and at what grade level and in what building. But the sending district has no say in the transfer and stands to suffer from it. This bill sets a cap of 4% to the number of students that can transfer out of a district for the first three years and would create a public school choice fund of \$80 million. The parent would be responsible for transportation, but the fund could supplement the costs of transportation incurred by a district or the parents.

Students whose parents are financially stable are more likely to benefit from HB 253, as are districts that already have a more established financial environment. For instance, a school district with a higher population of students on free and reduced lunches, a reflection of family income, could easily lose higher-achieving students to a neighboring district. All of the districts in Barry County could be described as "have-not" districts due to our low tax rates and assessed valuations as compared to districts across Missouri. If HB 253 passes, hundreds of Barry County students could transfer to and from our area schools, with others transferring to Ozark, Carthage, Joplin, or other schools in the state... while others may choose to be educated virtually through a St. Louis school.

While the concept of pub-

lic school choice may sound enticing, the state's reliability at consistently funding education is, at best, historically sporadic. And this fund's goal is only to help the receiving district. Nothing would be done to help the sending district, which would lose state funding based on student population and could face an even higher hill to climb to succeed academically. Our statewide focus should be on improving the quality of education for all Missouri students instead of allowing some to profit from their ability to choose a different school district, while potentially making other students pay the price. To adapt, some of the more than 500 school districts in the state would have to consolidate. That would mean fewer buildings and longer student commute times, among other impacts. For a lot of small communities, the rule often is, as goes the school district, so goes the community.

I ask that you research the pros and cons of open enrollment beyond this article. It is an easy internet search. Once you have enough information, I encourage you to contact our state representatives and senators and let them know how you feel. Calling or writing an email to our legislators would be highly beneficial at this time.

Legislators who represent a portion of Cassville R-IV School District:

Senator Mike Moon: 573-751-1480 mike.moon@senate.mo.gov

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## Horner Ridge Runners 4-H donate to Food Pantry



Members of the Horner Ridge Runners 4H Club collected 170 plus items for a food drive the month of February. They challenged the Barry County Extension Council to participate as well. Thanks to everyone that helped and donated to the cause. Items were donated to the Cassville Food Pantry. Shown above, left to right, are Aubrey Kilts, Jayson Yerge, Rylee Yerge, Jasmine Corn, Jayson Peterson, and Kayleigh Peterson.

## SMCOG to host public transportation meeting

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments will host a public meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 9 am to 11 am, located at the Cassville City Hall, 300 Main St., in Cassville. This meeting is to gather public input on the transportation needs of seniors and individuals who have disabilities or who are impoverished.

The regional Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan (PTHSCP) will help to identify projects and organizations eligible for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant funding. The input of area human service agencies and transportation providers will be combined with the results of a transportation user survey to update the current regional PTHSCP.

The Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan contains five key elements regarding transportation in the Ozarks. It includes demographic information about the area's population and information about local service providers. The PTHSCP will also have a needs assessment and will identify strategies for addressing those needs. This survey will provide vital information for that assessment. Finally, the document will outline an implementation strategy for improving transportation options for the area.

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) is a Regional Planning Commission and an association of local governments in the ten-county area of southwest Missouri. SMCOG serves Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, and Webster counties. SMCOG is one of 19 active regional planning organizations throughout Missouri.

All comments and questions should be directed to Aishwarya Shrestha at (417) 836-6901 or by email at AishwaryaShrestha@MissouriState.edu.

## Sports Wagering Bills Advance in MO

Ezra DeVore

After the Chiefs' victory in Super Bowl LVII, two bills regarding sports betting are advancing in state politics, with one remaining to be discussed this month. This follows concerns regarding a growing urge of citizens to bet on sports. With states like Illinois offering legal routes to bet on sports, many determined Missourians are thought to have made their bets on the Super Bowl across state lines or illegally, which are both seen as problems, as these do not provide revenue for Missouri.

One Representative from

St. Peters stated that there is an "urgency" for these bills to be passed, adding that a legal framework for the preexisting desire could help fund state priorities, concluding that with an absence of this framework, Missouri is losing money to our neighboring states, where it is legal.

HB556, the primary bill regarding wagering, has been passed as of March 6 and is anticipated to create ways to wager on Missouri riverboat casinos and would tax sports betting revenue at 10%, with the majority of these funds going to K-12 education.

While both bills were in-

troduced in January, HB556's companion bill, SB30, is expected to be assessed later this month. A number of professional sports teams, casino companies, and commercial sportsbook operators support the bills.

Additionally, there is the issue of video lottery game terminals (VLT), which some see as an option to save some small businesses, as it may bolster attendance and money spent in local bars or other betting establishments. In contrast, others view it as the root of some issues.

Although sports betting often receives support, VLTs

bring opposition, and with the two ideas often being legislatively attached, sports betting has been seen as difficult to approach for some time. Concerns range from gambling addictions becoming unseen, as the VLTs are terminals operated solely by the user, to fears that they may not be properly regulated.

Opposing both bills, one representative from the Player's Association of the MLB, MLS, NHL, NFL, and NBA stated that the bills do not provide player protection.

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Brian Jasumback, of Wentworth, hooked the top lunger of opening day just after 7:30 a.m., weighing in at a whopping 7.15 lbs. Jasumback has attended opening day for 25 plus years.



Kobe Bass, 14, of Diamond, was back at it again this year for opening day at River River, taking the youth leader board with this 5.5 lb lunger. Bass also took the runner up spot with his 5.3 lb catch.



Bentley, 8, and dad Brady Henson, of Joplin, hooked impressive fish on opening day. Bentley reeled in this 4.81 lb rainbow trout. Dad's catch weighed in at 5.35 lbs.



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# Kindergartners smash 100th day of school 100 can food drive goal with Barry Electric



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Shown above, front row, left to right, are Arianna Pat-

rick, Mikaela Smith, Sophia Dudley, Marietta Goodwin and Parker Worley; second row, left to right, are Easton Cooper, Jackson Miller, Cason Young, Wyatt Moss, Presley Treadwell and Mrs. Mandi Lyall; third row, left to

right, are Miles Henderson, Cyrus Creason, Daniel Lunsford, PJ Boyle, Jace Ross and Bentley Evans; back row, left to right, are Laura Holycross and Jeremy Shrum, both with Barry Electric Cooperative. Daniel Rivera, Braiden

Still, Mason Hills and Luciana Reed are absent from the photo.

# CMS Students of the Month



Cassville Middle School is proud to recognize three students as January Students of the Month.

Students are pictured with Mr. Darren Rhea, CMS Principal, and Mr. Jeremy Marple with Willis Insurance. The CMS Students of the Month program is sponsored by Willis Insurance.

Students are pictured, left to right: 6th Grade, Jonathan Moczygemba, son of Misty Moczygemba and Donnie Moczygemba, both of Cassville; 7th Grade: Brandt Reuter, son of Ben and Jayme Reuter, of Cassville; and 8th Grade: Gracie Maher, daughter of Allen and Brooke Maher, of Aurora, and Melissa and Jeremy Mansfield of Cassville.

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He was born September 5, 1928, in Gate, Oklahoma, the son of William “Bill” and Pearl (Cauthon) Phelps. On June 27, 1949, in Bentonville, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Pernica Jo “B Jo” Simon, who survives. They had celebrated 73 years together. Glen is also survived by his son, Joseph Glen Phelps and his wife, Linda, of Joplin; his daughter, Jill Suzan Hudson, of Rocky Comfort; three grandchildren, Kimberly Jo Bieber

and her husband, Billy, of Mt. Vernon, Travis Howard Phelps and his wife, Erin, of Land O’ Lakes, Florida, and JoGina Nicole Park and her husband, Chris, of Wheaton; seven great-grandchildren, Dakota Reed, Cheyenne Bieber, Kelton Park, Jayci Park, Palyn Park, Emerson Phelps and Anderson Phelps; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; three step-great-great grandchildren; and many other family and friends.  
Preceding him in death were his parents; two grandsons, Jared Carter and Brandon Carter; one son-in-law, Doug Hudson; two brothers, Chester Phelps and Wayne Phelps; and one sister, Wanda Embry.  
Glen and family moved to the Rocky Comfort area in 1935 to avoid the Dust Bowl years. He attended school in Rocky Comfort, graduating in 1947 from Rocky Comfort High School. After graduation, he owned and operated a milk route hauling to Pet Milk Company in Neosho before entering the United States Army where his train-

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ing was at Fort Leonard Wood and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Glen served during the Korean Conflict from January 16, 1952, until November 25, 1953. After returning home, Glen continued his milk route where he hauled to Cassville. After selling the milk route, Glen and B Jo raised cattle, chickens and horses until he retired due to health problems. Glen served on the school board and drove a school bus for Rocky Comfort several years and later drove for Wheaton schools. He was very active in the Wheaton Saddle Club for many years where he served as a board member, president and vice-president for many of those years. He was an honorary member of the Wheaton FFA since 1971 and was a member of the Church of Christ in Wheaton.

Services were held Sunday, March 5, 2023, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Rick Hendrix and Steve Spillman conducted the services. Burial with military honors was at Rocky Comfort Cemetery in Rocky Comfort.

Contributions may be made to Fair Haven Children’s Home or Ronald McDonald House in memory of Glen.

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**DONA “COLLEEN” CRAIG**  
Dona “Colleen” Craig, age 87, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.  
She was born February 10, 1936, in Butterfield, the daughter of George and Lula (Stansberry) Craft. On May 1, 1953, in Cassville, she was united in marriage to Donald Craig, who preceded her in death on August 1, 2010. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Johnny Craft and Lonnie Craft; two sisters, Norma Lamas and Loretta Noble; and one granddaughter, Monica Craig.

Surviving are two sons, Donnie Craig, of Cassville, and Jerry Craig and his wife, Carol, of Cassville; two daughters, Patricia Mounce and her husband, Danny, of Cassville, and Brenda Boxley and her husband, Ray, of Washburn; one brother-in-law, Bill Craig, of Cassville; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Saunders, of Cassville, and Loretta Pugh, of Monett; eleven grandchildren, Michelle, Travis, Carmen,

Cindy, Jared, Carissa, Jordan, Dana, Levi, Tessa and Doni Rae; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.  
Colleen attended Forest Grove School in Barry County. She was a homemaker and a cook at Mineral Springs School. She enjoyed being outdoors, tending her flowers, fishing and cooking but most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren. She was of the Baptist faith.  
Services were held Monday, March 6, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Carroll Williamson conducted the services. Burial was at Mineral Springs Cemetery in Cassville.  
Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in memory of Colleen.

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**BILL SILAS DUNBAR**  
Bill Silas Dunbar, age 39, of Monett, passed away in Moberly on February 24, 2023. Mr. Dunbar, son of Bill Dunbar and Teresa Wyatt, was born October 11, 1983, in Berryville Arkansas. On January 12, 2019, he was united in marriage to Terrie

Tunis. Bill did maintenance work at Hilton Hotel in Branson and bought and sold cars. Bill loved being around family and friends, collecting coins, he also enjoyed raising his stepchildren.  
Additional survivors include his father, Bill Dunbar, of Richland; his mother, Teresa Wyatt, of Monett; one brother, Samuel Harris, of Monett; one sister, Trisha Ellis, of Richland; a stepbrother, Zachary Harris, of St. Louis; a stepsister, Brooke Harris, of Cassville; one niece, Dakota Coulston, and two nephews, Logan Ellis and Tye Ellis, of Richland; grandparents, David and Imogene Wyatt, of Holts Summit.  
Preceding him in death are grandparents, Bonnie and Silas Holt, Bobby and Laveda Dunbar; uncles, Edwin Lee Hubbard and Marshall Lego John Dunbar; and baby Jamie Ellis.

Services were held Friday March 3, 2023, at White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Cassville.

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

**White Funeral Home and Crematory**  
www.whitefuneralhome.org  
417-847-8400 or 417-858-8400

**DOROTHY ALICE JONES**  
Dorothy Alice Jones, 75, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett. Visitation will be held from 5-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

**The Family of Phyllis Howe**  
*would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our mother and grandmother. Thank you to Fohn Funeral Home for the care and compassion, Carey’s Florist for the beautiful flowers, Roaring River Rehab, Good Shepherd Hospice, our pastor Bro. Jerry Yarnall for the words of comfort, and to our church family for the wonderful meal, your prayers, and for always being there for us.*  
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**LOUIS “LOU” WILLIAM BROCKMAN**  
Louis “Lou” William Brockman, age 83, of Holiday Island, Arkansas, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at Circle of Life Hospice House in Springdale, Arkansas.  
A celebration of life will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Shell Knob. Father David Miller will conduct the services. Burial will be at Boonville Cemetery in Boonville, Iowa.  
Contributions may be made to Knights of Columbus, Holy Family Catholic Church, Circle of Life Hospice House or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in memory of Lou.

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**VERA LANELL SMITH**  
Vera Lanell Smith, age 80, of Aurora, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield.  
She was born April 3, 1942, in Cassville, the daughter of E. B. “Billy” and Louise (Bishop) Stockton. On January 12, 1959, in Aurora, she was united in marriage to Darrel Smith, who preceded her in death on October 12, 2018. Also preceding her in

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death were her parents.  
Surviving are four sons, Marty Smith and his wife, Jodi, of Aurora, Brian Smith and his wife, Brenda, of Aurora, Ronald Smith and his wife, Rhonda, of Cassville, and Donald Smith and his wife, Debbie, of Cassville; one daughter, Tonya Smith, of Aurora; nine grandchildren, Amanda, Megan, Dustin, Jared, Brandon, Charlie, Kendall, Casey and Colby; and fourteen great-grandchildren.  
Vera grew up and attended school in Cassville. She later attended Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield. She was employed by Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville as a Certified Medical Technician. Vera enjoyed crafts, crocheting, gardening and canning what she grew in her garden. She was a member of Cornerstone Church of God in Marionville.  
Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Faith Full Gospel Church in Aurora, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Rex Mooneyham will conduct the services. Burial will be at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins.  
The family will receive friends from 1:00 P.M. until service time Wednesday at Faith Full Gospel Church in Aurora.  
Contributions may be made to Haven of the Ozarks in memory of Vera.

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**JANITA “KAY” CARTER**  
Janita “Kay” Carter, age 67, of Cassville, passed away Monday, February 27, 2023, at her home.

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Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
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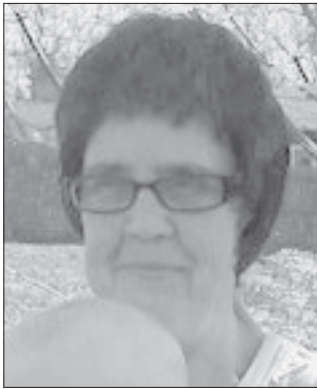
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She was born November 30, 1955, in St. Joseph, the daughter of Wesley and Judith Alice Ruth. On December 9, 1989, in Columbus, Nebraska, she was united in marriage to Jimmy Lee Carter, who preceded her in death in March of 2012. Also preceding her in death were her parents and one daughter, Katherine Weyer.  
Surviving are one daughter, Melissa West and her wife, Nikki, of Cassville; one brother, George Ruth and his wife, Joann, of St. Joseph; one sister, Edna Williamson, of Kansas City, Kansas; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.  
Janita grew up in St. Joseph and attended St. Joseph High School. She was employed by Cassville Healthcare and Rehabilitation as a Medical Technician. Janita enjoyed playing on the computer and spending time outside.  
Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Spring River Cemetery in Verona, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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**ALICE DEAN HILTON**  
Alice Dean Hilton, 80, of Liberty, passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Arrangements are un-

der the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



**SHIRLEY MARLENE BOWLING**  
Shirley Marlene Bowling, age 81, of Fairview, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Cassville Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Cassville.  
Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Belfast Cemetery in Neosho, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Brother Tony Ball conducted the services.

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**DOROTHEA MAXINE ELLIOTT**  
Dorothea Maxine Elliott passed away March 4, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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limit of 34 inches for Lake of the Ozarks, Table Rock Lake, Harry S. Truman Reservoir, and their tributaries.  
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- Use landing nets, not gaffs, which can kill young fish.
- Wet hands before handling fish and avoid excessive handling.
- Never put fingers in the gills or eyes.
- Remove hooks carefully and get undersized fish back into the water as quickly as possible.
- Extracted paddlefish eggs may not be possessed while on waters of the state or adjacent banks and may not be transported. Paddlefish eggs may not be bought, sold, or offered for sale.

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# Iconic fly shop owner set to retire after nearly 30 years



Tim Homesley, owner of Tim's Fly Shop, in Cassville, has announced plans to sell his iconic fly shop and retire after nearly 30 years.

**Ezra DeVore**  
After nearly thirty years, Tim Homesley has announced that he is selling his fly shop. Opened in 1994, the business was opened af-

ter over a decade of work at Roaring River, which Tim recalls fondly. Tim's opening inventory was a loan from a friend who was in the whole-sale business, and Tim's Fly

Shop would go on to experience three decades of success.

A 1981 Cassville graduate, many of Homesley's earliest memories are fishing at

say 'Well, you can't tell kids that.' Well, it's the truth! It was hard to sit in class when it was 70 degrees outside and you knew the fish were biting. Hard to go in at all. We got caught most times, but it was worth it."

After finishing school, "We didn't have money for college," Tim states, so he went to work. Among his first jobs after school was a cashier at Roaring River, working there 13 years.

Over his lifetime fishing, Tim has learned a lot from personal experience, but also from others.

"I've been out West a bunch, been overseas a bunch. You talk to different people, learn different techniques. Helps a lot. In New Zealand, all the trout guides I talked to there were different, but they all had good ideas. It was fun to watch them, and I learned a lot from people over there. The fishing is just phenomenal there."

Tim says one of his greatest joys owning the shop is helping locals and tourists alike improve their own techniques, and their equipment, with the things he's learned in his travels and experiences.

"A lady came in and told

me she had been here twice and never caught a trout - she wasn't very happy. I told her 'I can help you, I can get you to catch a trout. Trout are stupid, I can help you.' Well, I fixed her up Tuesday evening. I didn't take any money from her - I told her to pay me if it works. She went down and caught four fish, her husband caught four fish on her rod, and somebody else borrowed the rod and caught four fish. I like stories like that, I've done that a zillion times. People think I'm trying to sell them crap, and I am, to a point, but I want them to catch fish. I enjoy it when people come up and say, 'Hey! It worked!' I get a lot of those emails."

Tim says that fishing also gives him a sense of calmness, in the quiet of the natural water.

"It's very peaceful. You don't have to worry about anything. I think it's good therapy for a lot of people. There's a lot of people who come down here and have high-stress jobs, and you can tell it helps them out a lot."

Regarding travel, Tim takes any chance to fish in New Zealand he can get, visiting the island nation eight times in his life. Tim also favors the lakes and rivers of the San Juan Mountains in Colorado and New Mexico, near Durango and the surrounding areas. "I love the New Mexico desert. The high desert is beautiful," he says.

Tim now spends his time hunting and fishing with friends, or biking and hiking with his wife.

Roaring River with his family. In his adolescence, many of his fishing memories involved skipping school to do so.

"I had teachers who used to invite me to talk to kids," Tim laughed, "and they'd ask how I got good, I'd tell them, 'I skipped school a lot and fished a lot,' and they'd

## PURDY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR COPIER/PRINTER SYSTEM SOLUTIONS

February 21, 2023

### I. INTRODUCTION

The PURDY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT requests a written response to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the purpose of obtaining and gauging interest from qualified vendors interested in entering into a contract with the school district to provide copier/printer services that addresses the districts utilization, hardware, and maintenance needs.

This is a request for proposals; this RFP is issued by the District solely for its information and planning purposes, and the RFP does not commit the District to contract for any supplies or services whatsoever. The District, at this time, is seeking detailed proposals that outline specific pricing, terms and conditions.

### II. OVERVIEW

The Purdy R-II School District services approximately 650 students from grades PK-12 in three locations: The Purdy Early Learning Center, Purdy Elementary, and Purdy High School. Students have access to technology grades PK-12 and are considered 1:1 from grades 4-12. The District currently utilizes ten (10) copier/printer machines owned by the district and managed by one vendor; all of these copiers are reaching "END OF LIFE." Combined these copiers generate approximately 775,000 copies (739,000 black-and-white/36,000 color) annually. The copiers are also used by district faculty/staff for scanning and electronically transmitting documents.

Going forward the District desires to streamline the management and maintenance of these copier and printer resources into one comprehensive copier/printing system solution.

### III. SCOPE OF WORK

Below are some of the requirements envisioned by the District for a copier/printer system solution:

- Reduction in amount of copier/printers in use: Consider 1 large capacity Color (Superintendent Office), 3 High Volume (1-High School, 1-Elementary, 1-Printing Station) and 2 mid-size (1-Business Services Department, 1-Early Learning Center).
- Faculty/Staff Device Login/Code for usage monitoring (Papercut)
  - Send a printer job without an immediate release (delayed release) that is released at the machine at a later time (like with an employee code).
- One brand of devices across the system for all functions
- Maintenance work done by vendor labor and not contracted to a third party
- Same day service calls for non-working machines
- Surplus of toner cartridges specific to machines in order to decrease downtime of machines.
- Dedicated account representative(s).
- Additional components to be agreed upon between vendor and district.

### IV. RFP DEADLINE

DATE	DESCRIPTION
02/22/2023	RFPs available to vendors
03/10/2023	Deadline for RFP submission
03/16/2023	Proposals to be evaluated and selected vendor to be notified by District Superintendent following March board meeting.
07/01/2023	Anticipated installation to begin for the 2023-2024 school year.

### V. PROPOSAL FORMAT

Provide a narrative of the proposed solution including listing of all hardware and software components. Responses should address all items identified in the requirements section above as well as, in a separate section, other optional features recommended by the vendor(s). The vendor(s) should highlight features and capabilities that the vendor(s) feel are the strength of the proposed solution.

RFPs are to be addressed to the district superintendent:

Purdy R-II School District  
ATTN: Dr. Travis Graham, Superintendent  
201 Gabby Gibbons Drive  
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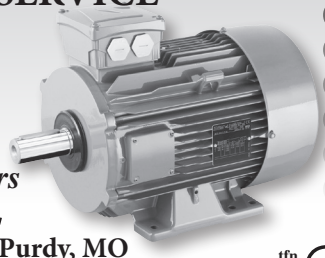
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Letter to the Editor

I have some serious concerns about how the Missouri state sex offender database and the Stone County website are being maintained and updated. When I asked questions about several specific instances, I was unable to get satisfactory responses. I think this should concern us all.

For purposes of brevity for this article, I can only summarize the process, but it can be looked up by anyone at <https://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/SORPage.html>.

The State database is maintained by the MO. State Hwy Patrol, with additional info and verification obtained from the County Sheriff. Records are to be updated daily in an effort to assure that the information on the web site is complete and accurate.

On Feb. 7 I went with another individual to the Stone Co. Sheriff's Dept. to inquire about why an offender who had been released from jail on Dec. 14, 2022, and living in a neighborhood was listed on the State database with no picture and was not posted to the Stone Co. website at all.

We were told, "There was a glitch on the State site". But the deputy was able to go into the Sheriff's office while we were there and bring us a photo of this individual. We immediately took that photo to the School Resource Officer at the Elementary School in Shell Knob and handed it to them, so they could have a visual representation of this person. A subsequent phone call to the State Dept. at 573-526-6348 confirmed that they did not have a photo and would have to contact the Sheriff's Dept. for that. Another check on both sites later that day showed the State database site now had the photo loaded, and the Sheriff's Dept now had the

offender record entered, but still no photo (the photo is now there). While we were at the Sheriff's Dept. that day, we were told that there was a new person handling the sex offender website responsibilities and she was in training so not able to keep up with her new duties. Where have any of us ever worked where the supervisor is not responsible for the work of all in their dept.? Why did this missing information have to be caught by a citizen and not the Dept.?

A second incident involved an offender who had been driving around in a vehicle not registered on the sex offender database for over a year (now updated). This was caught by a citizen on their home security camera. The offenders who live on the Stone Co. side of Shell Knob frequent Shell Knob, and we all know that our children attend school in Shell Knob and Cassville. They need to be properly identified to the public at all times. No excuses.

Diane Alcocer  
Cassville

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Bean also urges families to practice their fire escape plans. Safety experts recommend families practice their

home fire escape plans at least twice each year.

“Many devices are now available to make us safer in our homes, but one of the simplest and most effective ways you can protect your family is to invest in smoke alarms and check them monthly to make sure they’re working,” Fire Marshal Bean said. “The great majority of residential fire deaths occur in homes that do not have working smoke alarms. We urge folks to test their smoke alarms monthly. Getting into the habit of checking them when changing your clocks

takes very little time and makes a tremendous difference to your family’s safety.”

Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a fire by one-half. About one-half of home fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. That is why it is important for all family members to be able to act react quickly and get out. Each family member, including children, should know two escape routes from every room in their residence. This information should be shared with overnight guests, too.

Bean also reminds Missourians that they should have carbon monoxide alarms for their homes. Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas that results from the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, which can be deadly if undetected.

The fire marshal makes these recommendations:

Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly by pushing the test button.

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years because they lose their effectiveness over time.

Install additional smoke alarms if you do not have a minimum of one alarm on every level of the home, inside all bedrooms, and outside bedrooms.

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Mercury Motor & Trailer (boat has no title); Motorcycle Helmets & Riding Accessories; Motorcycle Club Vests; **Guns - Gun Safe** Centurion FAT BOY JR. 48 Gun Gun Safe; KSI MAK-90 AK-47, 7.62x39; Stag Arms Stag-15 AR-15 5.56; Beretta CX\$ Storm 9mm semi-auto compact rifle; Winchester mod. 94 30-30; Mossberg mod. 702 Plinkster .22; Mossberg mod. 152 .22; Mossberg mod. 44US .22 (for parts); Glenfield mod. 60 .22; N.E.F. Pardner Pump 20ga. w/ screw in choke; Sears 101.40B 20ga. single shot; W.H. Davenport Acme 1896 12ga. single shot; R.G. 14 .22 revolver; Misc. Ammo & Accessories; Misc. Knives & Outdoor Accessories; **Trailers - Tractors - Farm - L.P Tank** 1998 AZ-TEX 20ft. Gooseneck Cargo Box Trailer; 1998 Az-TEX 16ft. X 77in. Flatbed Utility Trailer; 2011 10ft. X 5ft. Flatbed Trailer w/ Ramp Gate; 2000 8ft. X 5ft Utility Trailer (Needs Floor, No title); 1967 3 Axle Equipment Trailer (pintle hitch); 1974 Radio Tower Trailer; Ford 600 Tractor (not running but turns over); International B414 (parts or salvage) Ferguson TO-35 (not running); Ferguson TO-30 (not running, Good Tires); Ferguson TO (parts or salvage); Set new 3 Rib 6" x 16" Front Tractor Tires; Farm Star 6ft. Angle Blade; Heavy 5ft. Box Blade; Leinbach Post Hole Digger w/ 2 Augers; (3) 5ft. Bush Hogs; 3pt. Cherry Picker; 250 Gallon Propane Tank; **Tools -Misc.** (7) Craftsman Roll Around Mechanics Toolboxes; Cutting Torch Set w/ Big Bottles & Gauges; Absco 225v Acr Welder; Ch. Elec. ARC-180 AC/DC Arc Welder; Ch. Elec. Dual Mig 151 Mig Welder; Ch. Elec. Hobby Arc 110 Arc Welder; 6 & 10 Ton Shop Presses; 3 Ton Floor Jack; Air over Hydraulic Bottle Jacks; Central Machinery Manual Tire Changer; Cherry Picker & Engine Stand; Central Hyd. 12 Ton Pipe Bender; Unimat SL1000 Jewelers Lathe; 14" Makita Chop Saw; Craftsman Drill Press & Table Saw; Bench Grinders; 4 1/2" Metal Cutting Band Saw; CEN-TECH Battery Charger /Booster (NEW); Older 30 gal. Air Compressor; 5.5 & 6.5 hp. Gas Engines (NEW); Manual Tire Changer & Bead Breaker; 36" Sheet Metal Brake; Concrete Mixer; Shop Tool Carts & Shelving; Lots & Lots of Hand Tools & Shop Related Items; 1973 Chevy 350 Long Block; Sm. Block Chevy Aluminum Intakes & 4bbl. Carbs; Extension & Step Ladders; 12ft. X 6ft. X 6ft. Chain Link Dog Pen; Echo PB-265LN Backpack Blower; **Radios - Electronics - Towers** Shortwave Radio Receivers including Hallicrafters SX-71, Hallicrafters SX-62, Hammarlund HQ-180, General Radio, Gertsch, Marconi, Eico & more; Vintage Police Radio & Microphone Equipment; Huge assortment of Vintage Electronic Test Equipment Including Modulation Meters, Tone Generators, Microvolt Ammeters, Thermoelectric Power Meters, Communication System Analyzers, Audio Generators, R/C Testers, Sweep/Signal Generators, Condenser Checkers, Oscilloscopes, Tube Set Tester; Frequency Meters & Lots More. 1000's NOS Misc. Vacuum Tubes; Boxes & Boxes of Electronic Parts & Manuals; 2 Way Radio Towers & Parts; Vintage Computers; No way to list it all; **Antique & Collectible** Antique Skyline 6051 Surveyors Transit; Chicago #8 A Cast Iron Skillet; W.I.R. & Co. Cast Iron Skillet; Misc. Cast Iron Skillets & Dutch Ovens; Wagner Magnalite #4248 Roaster w/ trivet; Iron Implement Wheel; Metal Blade Hunter Table Fan; Vintage KYTV channel 3 Shirt; (3) Union Pacific Winged Streamliner Dinner Plates; **Furniture - Household** Frigidaire Stainless & Black SxS Refrigerator (nice); Whirlpool Washer & Dryer; Dining Table & 6 Chairs w/ Matching Hutch; Misc. Furniture Pcs; Misc. Kitchen & Household Deco Items; **Auctioneers Note** Huge all day Auction so bring a friend as we will be running 2 rings most of the day. No way to list it all. See our website for over 800 Pictures.

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LOCATION: Aurora, Mo. (215 East Myrtle, Aurora, Mo.)

4 PROPERTIES OFFERED AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10.

ALL PROPERTIES OFFERED FROM THE 215 E. MYRTLE LOCATION.



**Property #1:** (215 E. Myrtle, Aurora). Large brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Enter this home under a covered front porch into a large living room w/ceiling fan & large picture window. Go left down a wide hallway where there is a large bathroom w/double vanity & ceiling fan. Also in the hall is a whole house fan & linen closet. 3 bedrooms, bedroom #1 has ceiling fan, big closet & window. Bedroom #2 has ceiling fan, walk thru closet & large windows. The master bedroom has ceiling fan, large windows, walk thru closet & master bathroom. Hardwood flooring down the hall & into the family room. Family room features a wood burning insert, ceiling fan & French door leading out to the back patio. Family room is open to the dining area where there is a large window looking out to the back yard and is open to the kitchen. The kitchen features custom oak cabinets, lots of counter top space, double sink, built in Maytag dishwasher, garbage disposal, island w/vent hood & smooth top elect cooktop, built in GE oven and newer Kenmore side by side refrigerator/freezer. Just off the kitchen is a large utility room w/outside entry door and a door leading to the attached 2 car garage w/garage door openers.

**Outside Features:** brick home, metal roof, concrete back patio, sidewalks, covered front porch, detached workshop, sm shed, all city utilities, central heat & air and paved street to drive. **Note:** This is a big, beautiful home with a nice flat yard. This home would be great for a big family or for someone who likes big open rooms and very handicap accessible inside with wide hallways, etc. We will sell all 4 properties from this location, 215 E Myrtle. All 4 properties are only a block apart.

**Property #2:** Nice big open lot on Myrtle Street next to the big brick house located at 215 E Myrtle.

**Property #3:** 203 E. Myrtle St, Aurora. Nice corner lot with a 2 bedroom 1 bath home. Kitchen/dining combo & 2 living rooms. **Outside:** Front porch, 1 car carport with storage on a nice corner lot. All electric, all city utilities. **Note:** This is a fixer upper. Needs some TLC and is a great starter home or would be a nice rental.

**Property #4:** 212 East Delta, Aurora MO. 2 bedroom 1 bath could be a 3 bedroom. Living room w/ceiling fan. Bedroom #1 has ceiling fan, closet & window. Bedroom #2 is a larger room, could be split to make a 3<sup>rd</sup> bedroom with very little work, has ceiling fan, closet & windows. Kitchen features oak cabinets, island with butcher block style top, smooth top electric cookstove, built in microwave, double sink & pantry cabinet, utility room and a back door leading out to a covered back deck & chain link backyard. All city utilities, central heat & air. **Outside:** Covered front porch, covered back deck, chain link backyard and a 10'x16' storage shed. **Note:** This home would make a great starter home, downsizing home, or a fantastic rental.

**All properties will be offered from the 215 East Myrtle location. Note:** For the person looking for rental property, here's your opportunity to get in the business, expand your business or live in one and rent the others. All 4 properties are within a block of each other. Go to [www.stumpffauction.com](http://www.stumpffauction.com) for more information and photos.

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