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Mercy Hospital-Cassville receives recognition for outstanding performance

Mercy Hospital-Cassville was one of four hospitals in Missouri recognized by The Chartis Center for Rural Health for their outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance IN-DEX.

"Across the nation, top 100 rural providers continue to serve as a

See Mercy Pg. 5

From Mercy Hospital-Cassville



Mercy Hospital in Cassville has been recognized as a 2023 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital.

Cassville R-IV School District approves sale of \$9M General Obligation Bonds

From Stacey Williams, Cassville R-IV School District

The Board of Education of the Cassville R-IV School District of Barry County at a regular meeting on July 25, 2023, approved the sale of \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issue to its Municipal Bond Underwriter, L.J. Hart & Company of St. Louis, Missouri.

voters at the April 4, 2023, election for the purpose of providing funds for a new Performing Arts Center, energy improvements, and safety upgrades.

The bond marketing process provided the first opportunity to invest to local financial institutions and according to "We appreciate the strong Courtney Wegman, Vice President of L.J. Hart & Company, the Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri purchased \$250,000 of the bonds. This local support was helpful to the success of the financing. "It is nice that our marketing procedures facilitated this local involvement while still receiving attractive reoffered yields,"

commented Dr. Merlyn Johnson, Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education selected the negotiated sale of the bonds in order to capture current market conditions, to be certain that local banks received an opportunity to purchase the bonds, and because the proposed interest rates and

Young hunters harvest **11,118 deer during early** youth portion of firearms deer season

From the Missouri Department of Conservation



Missouri young hunters harvested 11,118 deer this past weekend during the early youth portion of the 2023 season. Nolan Amos, 10, harvested this antlered buck with a clean one shot kill at 120 yards in northern Barry County on opening day. Nolan is shown above with his mom Britney Amos. Photo: Mark Reavis

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that young hunters ages 6 through 15 harvested 11,118 deer during Missouri's early youth portion of the 2023 deer hunting season, Oct. 28 and 29. Top counties were Franklin with 258 deer harvested, Osage with 224, and Texas with 209. Of the deer harvested, 6,857 were antlered bucks, 3,410 were does, and 851 were button bucks. Youth hunters harvested 13,877 during last year's early youth portion. "Although the rain this past weekend was desperately needed given how dry it's been this year throughout much of the state, it did put a damper on the early youth portion," said MDC's Cervid Program Supervisor Jason Isabelle. Isabelle noted that the below average temperatures were conducive to good deer movement, but the combination of cooler temperatures and rainy conditions that persisted throughout much of the weekend likely reduced the amount of time many young hunters were able to spend afield. Archery deer hunting continues through Nov. 10 and resumes Nov. 22 through Jan. 15, 2024. The November portion of firearms deer season runs Nov. 11-21 followed by the CWD portion, which is open in CWD Management Zone counties, Nov. 22-26. The late youth portion runs Nov. 24-26. The late antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 2-10 in open counties and the alternative methods portion will occur Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2024.

vote of confidence we received from local patrons at the election and want to lock in interest rates that are still favorable in the current rate environment," stated Jeremy Marple, President of the Board of Education.

These new money General Obligation Bonds were approved by about 62.59% of the yields were fair based upon current conditions in the municipal bond market. Dr. Johnson stated that the District did compare proposed interest rates with the national bond indexes and other Missouri issues with a similar rating quality sold at

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Photos and Story by Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com

The annual Chili and Salsa Cook-off was held last Saturday in downtown Cassville.

Though the weather didn't cooperate and the majority of vendors packed up before noon due to bitter cold and heavy rain that moved through the region, die hards competitors and taste testers hung around for the annual competition.

See other winners from the annual event on page 3.



The ladies with the Barry County Republican Party skipped their way down chili row (AKA The Yellow Brick Road), dressed for the themed occasion, winning People's Choice Most Spirited.





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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:

<u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u> Barry County Collector, Skyler Bowman, announced this week that the 2023 tax Statements were mailed to Barry County taxpayers on November 1st. Anyone that does not receive their statements by November 15 should call the collector's office at (417) 847-2113 271-1301 for more information. to inquire about them. The 2023 taxes become delinquent on January 1, 2024. Taxpayers are able will have clothing available to make payments by mail, in person or online. Payment can be made in person at the collector's office with cash, check, debit or credit card. When paying with a debit or credit card the provider of this service will be charging a fee. Also, payment can be made on-line at <u>barrycountycollector</u>. com and a fee will be applied when paying in this will be open every 4th Wednesmanner.

Looking for Volunteers. Experience is not needed. Training will be provided. Basic computer skills are necessary. If interested, contact Susan ceived at the MU B.C. Exten-Hughes by emailing susan.hughes@senioragemolorg or by calling (417) 868-9524.

Seligman Chamber Event Center is having Friday Nov 3 a country dance with live bands every Saturday night from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. raiser for Barry Lawrence Admission is \$10 per person. Ages 18 and under County Development Center are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (479) 903-3640.

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, any paper product that does not have food residue on it. Volunteers are needed on the 3rd Saturday of (417) 235-9803 for more information or to doeach month from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.

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The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton welcomes visitors Sundays from 1 to 5 P.M. Phone numbers are posted in the window of the museum.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry, 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)

Wheaton Church of Christ 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.

Household Items Pantry day from 5 to 6 P.M. at Com-Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) is munity Faith Chapel, Hwy. 248 and 13th Street, Cassville.

> Soil Samples need to be resion office by 12 P.M. Thursday. Call (417) 847-3161.

2023 Benefit Auction Fundbuilding fund and all inclusive playground will be held at Newsite Baptist Church, 1925 Farm Rd 1060, Monett. From 6 to 7 P.M. silent auction and

concession will be open. Live auction begins at 7:15 P.M. Auctioneer services are being donated by Stumpff's Realty and Auction Service. Call nate items to sell that evening.

The Stella Senior Center is Hosting a Dinner and Dance with doors opening at 5:30 P.M., and a buffet meal at 6 P.M. The Dance will start at 7 P.M. Dale Johnson and the country review will be playing. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available.

Concerned Citizens of Cassville will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. at the Stumpff's Pavilion, located next to the American Legion, in Cassville. All citizens of Cassville and the surrounding areas are invited to attend.



Southwest R-V School District will hold their annual Veterans Day assembly on Friday, November 10. All area veterans are welcome to attend and family members of students are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served to veterans and their families beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the high school commons area with the assembly beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Cassville Senior Center will have it's annual Veteran's Day Lunch on Friday, November 10, from 11-12:30 p.m. All veterans and their spouses are invited to attend.

Cassville High School will be hosting their 35th annual Veterans Day assembly on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The event will be hosted in the high school gymnasium and is open to the public that would like to attend. The assembly will include performances from the Cassville Mass Choir and Concert Band, a demonstration of the Thirteen Folds of the American Flag by the JROTC color guard, and readings from several student organizations. Seating for the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Any veterans that will be in attendance are invited to sign in at the registration table upon arrival so that they can be recognized for their service during the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, there will be a reception held in the high school FEMA gym. A catered brunch will be served for all veterans and their family members. For any additional information, please contact the school at 417-847-3137.

The Horner Ridge Runners 4H Club will host their annual Veterans Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 11, 8-10 a.m., at the American Legion Building located at 473 State Hwy. 76, Cassville. All veterans and active duty service members are invited to attend.

> drinks. Price for ages 12 and over is \$5 and ages 11 and under is \$3. Delivery is available for Butterfield residents.

Saturday Nov 18

Appreciation Day for Sheriff Danny Boyd, Officers, and Staff will be hosted by The Patriots of SW Missouri from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW Post on Hwy 39, Shell Knob, and will include a free BBQ dinner, and meet and greet with the sheriff, elected officials and candidates campaigning for the 2024 primary election. Donations are greatly appreciated and will benefit veterans and fami-

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Friday Nov 10

SW RV School Annual Veteran's Day Assembly will be held at the high school commons area to honor our veterans. Lunch is at 11:30 A.M. and the assembly follows at 12:30 P.M. All area veterans are invited as well as family members of students.

Saturdav Nov 11

Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary Country Breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire Station. Menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs and



Monday, Nov. 6 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or blueberry muffin, yogurt cup, blueberries or cereal, graham crackers, strawberries. L: cheeseburger or BBQ pork sandwich, Doritos, carrot sticks, tropical fruit. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, yogurt cup, tropical fruit. L: spaghetti or alfredo, salad, glazed carrots, bread stick, juice. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: country steak or popcorn chicken, potatoes, corn, graham cracker, applesauce. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: meatball sub or chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, broccoli & cheese, fruit cocktail. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, Pop-Tart, peaches or cereal, toast, orange. L: general chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, mixed vegetables, egg roll, pineapple.

Cassville R-IV Pri. Int. Mid.: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, fruit snacks or cereal, graham crackers, apple slices. L: chicken nuggets or tangerine chicken, rice, green beans, pears. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: grilled cheese or ham sandwich, Sun Chips, carrot sticks, applesauce. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, pears or cereal, blueberry muffin, pears. L: Frito pie or quesadilla, refried beans, corn, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, pineapple. L: chicken & noodles or country steak, peas, mashed potatoes, peaches. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, strawberries or cereal, teddy Grahams, tropical fruit. L: corndog or popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables, juice.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit. L: corn dog, tater tots, fruit. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, fruit. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup cup, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken strips, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast pizza, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: Frito pie, corn, fruit. Fri: B: oatmeal round, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, chips, celery with peanut butter, fruit.

SKITS announces fall play-**Trouble in Tumbleweed**

SKITS (Shell Knob in The Territory's capital. He has hired Spotlight) community theater actors group are working arduously to put the finishing touches on their respective roles for the comedy "Trouble-In- Tumbleweed" November 17, 18, and 19 at the Central Community United Methodist Church in Shell Knob.

This fast-paced comedy is set in the Arizona Territory in the 1880s in the dusty town of Tumbleweed. Sue Klassen takes the reigns as the director of this large cast of interesting, entertaining, and colorful personalities.

A Boston businessman has hired the pompous Mayor Oates of Tumbleweed to build a town that will one day be the From Craig Burford, SKITS

his incompetent relatives to run things, and he has nothing to show for it. When a letter arrives that a Pinkerton detective agent is coming to inspect the town, panic and a sense of impending disaster grips the Mayor and all the relation.

Coupled with this dilemma, traveling medicine man Professor Burns makes an unexpected visit and creates suspicion and fear among the folks that he is more than just a huckster down on his luck.

Well, from here, the plot thickens with a ton of hilarious antics involving all the townspeople, including the likes of Miranda Oates, gambling lady Lily De Lilac, and a host of



Our meeting, held on October 21 at the VFW Post in Shell Knob, was not only well attended by all of you Patriots that attend the meetings regularly but was one of the most informative meetings we have had.

As the 2024 elections approach, much was discussed about the caucus that many of us were unaware of. It gives us, "the people," a better chance to vote for the people that we choose.

We were also informed of the Missouri voting laws that are currently in place. For either of these issues, you can contact the Stone County Clerk, Denise Dickens, or the Barry County Clerk, Joyce Ennis. They will bring you up to date. You may also contact the Barry County Treasurer, Gretta Tripp, and the Stone County Treasurer, Kristie Stephens, anytime you have a question.

Mike Moon, State Senator, special guest David Sater, and Shane Schroller, who is running for Secretary of State, also gave us important information we needed to hear. Also in attendance were Angela Cole, Barry County Undersheriff, Presiding Commissioner Steve Blankenship, Jim Sartoris, and John Rosson from Holiday Island.

Keep up the good work, Patriots, by attending our monthly meetings and bringing your friends and neighbors. We are growing in numbers, so it shows that there are still many people who care about our communities and country. May God continue to bless all of you and the U.S.A.

Please remember to mark your calendar for November 18 for the appreciation luncheon for Sheriff Danny Boyd. You will be able to meet and greet the candidates and local officials running for office. This will occur from 1-3 p.m. at the VFW Post in Shell Knob.

memorable characters from the Old West. And, of course, there's a bit of romance to spice things up just a bit.

So, mark your calendar for this entertaining comedy "Trouble-In-Tumbleweed" at the Central Community United Methodist Church on November 17 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 19, at 2:00 p.m., located at 25682 State Hwy. YY in Shell Knob. Tickets may be purchased online at www.skitsmo.com or at the door. As always, we appreciate everyone who attends our shows and, of course, all the sponsors who help make it possible to provide community theater in Shell Knob.

Mercy from front

source of inspiration for hospital leadership teams and staff working diligently every day to improve the delivery of care within their local communities," said Michael Topchik, National Leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health "The list of award winners in each category as geographically is diverse as we've seen in some time, which is wonderful to see. We're thrilled to be able to honor the outstanding efforts of these top-performing rural hospitals."

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I need a home! I have been in the shelter for over 1,000 days. Laker (who knows the names Mia or Gracie) was adopted from the Haven but returned two years later, not due to any fault of her own. But, because her owners were unprepared to train a dog with resource insecurity. You see, Laker gets along with other dogs fairly well, but she really needs her own space away from other dogs in her home, as she's protective of food, toys, and her bed.

She'd do best with a free feeder so she can learn that food is not a limited resource. Laker also did excellent with the kids in her previous home and hasn't had any reaction to cats at the shelter. Her ideal forever home will be able to work around her quirks and provide her with her own space, such as a kennel in a separate room, or ideally not have any other dogs. We at the Haven know that this affectionate, loyal girl is absolutely worth it. Her estimated DOB is 12/30/17 and she weighs about 93 pounds.

All of our pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. The Haven of the Ozarks is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week. For more information, please email us at havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or give us a call at 417-835-3647.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, photos were unavailable but will be | 24, where light refreshincluded in upcoming News from the Patriots of SWMO.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023



ELDONA LORRAINE FRANCE

Lorraine Eldona France (Granny Don) went to be with Jesus on October, 25, 2023.

Someone asked her last few weeks, "If I could do anything in the world to make you happy, what would it be?" Her response was "To see my Sweet Jesus". Her faith and love for Jesus was more than church on Sunday mornings, it was her life. She was born on February 13, 1942, to Eldon and Lois Ridenour.

In 1988, Eldona married the love of her life, Charles France (Poppy Charlie). Together they worked and served their church, Southeast Exciting Baptist Church in Commerce, Oklahoma, for 20 years. After his passing, she moved to Exeter and became a member of First Baptist Church in Cassville where she continued to serve the Lord, especially with children. She was also a member of Paradise Valley Resort at Roaring State Park, where she enjoyed relaxing and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles E. France; her siblings, Eldon Leon Ridenour, Arlene Tinsley, Katherine (Kathie) Ellis, and Kenneth Ridenour. She left behind her five children, Jeanna Jones, husband Chuck, Lori Bomar, Virginia Bohrer, husband Steve, Al Cervantes, and Mary Dushane, husband Jimmy. More special than her children were her Grands and Great-Grands. She had 16 Grandchildren and 15 Great-Grandchildren. She also had multiple nieces and nephews that had a special place in her heart.

There will be two services held for Eldona. One on November 4, 2023, at 11 AM, at First Baptist Church Cassville. The second being November 5, 2023, at Exciting Southeast

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OBITUARIES

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Aldridge, of Ridgley,

David Aldridge and

his wife, LaTosha, of

Webb City, Jacob Al-

dridge and his wife,

Meghan, of Webb

City, and Daniel Al-

dridge, of Webb City;

ten grandchildren; one

great-grand daughter;

one brother, Benny

Aldridge and his wife,

Rachel, of Purdy; one

sister, Lora Terry and

her husband, Dale,

of Purdy; and several

Denny was preceded

in death by his moth-

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brother, Kenny Al-

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The family would ask in lieu of flowers, give a donation to Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry to one of the above churches. The Shoebox Ministry was one of her greatest passions.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. France's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.



DENNY ROSS ALDRIDGE

Denny Ross Aldridge, age 67, of Purdy, passed away on Friday, October 27, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Mr. Aldridge, son of Lanny Ross and Frances Lorene (Haworth) Aldridge, was born on June 6, 1956, in Purdy. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors. Early in life, Denny attended

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Arrangements 2023. are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



KAREN SUE ROBBINS

Karen Sue Robbins, age 66, of Exeter, passed away Friday, October 27, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall will conduct the services.

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online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences



SHARON "GAYLE" YOUNG

Sharon "Gayle" 75, of Young, age Washburn, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Cox Monett Hospital in Monett. She was born March 18, 1948, in Green Forest, Arkansas, the daughter of Paul and Vernetta Lucille (Carnelison) Morris. On August 9, 1968, in Blue Eye, Arkansas, she was

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united in marriage to James Young, who survives. Also surviving are Shawna Young, of Washburn; Scott Young and his wife, Sheryl, of Washburn; Clint Maddox and his wife, Tammy, of Washburn; Dave Stover and his wife, Sandy, of Seligman; grandchildren, Brittney and Devon Stubbings, Nathan and Faith Young, Breanna Maddox and Cordell Boyd, Baylee Maddox and Kaylee Stover; great-grandchild, Weston Young; children, honorary Santana Hobbs, Rusty Cornelius, Brandon Deschane, Brian Robbins, Eric Bernard and Shannon Davis; honorary grandchildren, Josh Corn, Ben Lasiter, Chad Oxford, Tanner Oldham and John Mulkey; honorary great-grandchildren, Ellie Santos, Easton Oxford, Harper Oxford, Rhett Mulkey, Maverick Mulkey, Boden Oxford, Lucas Lasiter and Rylee Oldham; one brother, Dan Morris, of Buffalo; one sister, Kay Colvin, of Seligman; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one brother, Wayne Morris; and two nephews, Kenneth Howard Colvin, Jr. and Lucas Morris.

Gayle attended school in Blue Eye, graduating from Blue Eye High School. She was employed by Justin Boots as a seamstress for several years. Gayle loved to cook and travel, she had been to all 50 states. Family always came first, her grandchildren were very important to her, she enjoyed going to all of their school and extracurricular activities. Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, November 3, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Glenn Erwin and Pastor Dale Stover will conduct the services. Burial will be at Hickman Cemetery in Washburn. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 P.M. Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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GERALD DEVERE YOUNG

Gerald Devere Young, age 91, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, October 29, 2023, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, November 3, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Russell Bishop and Matt Kelley will conduct the services. Burial will be at Mineral Springs Cemetery in Cassville.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 A.M. until service time Friday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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BRADLEY MEEK

Bradley Meek, age 30, of Cassville, passed away on October 27, 2023, in Rogers, Arkansas. Mr. Meek, son of Gary Meek and Kimberly Barber, was born on July 7, 1993, in Joplin. Bradley worked in the logging business and owned and operated Meeks Tree Service in Cassville. He loved fishing, hunting, music, and had a passion

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for singing.

Survivors include his wife, Kc Meeks, of Cassville; three sons, Brendan Hunter, Austen Bickford, and Joshua Bickford, all of the home; one daughter, Brianna Meek, of the home; two brothers, Brian Barber, and Brett Meek, all of Cassville; one sister, Brittnei Meek, of Cassville.

He is joined in Heaven with his mother, Kimberly Barber.

Memorial services wer held Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville.

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

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TOMMY RAY WILEY

Tommy Ray Wiley, age 79, of Seligman, passed away Friday, October 20, 2023, at his home. He was born September 8, 1944, in Pittsburg, Kansas, the son of Levi Monroe Wiley and Helen Marie (Relethford).

He is survived by: his wife, Sharon Ruth (Smith) Wiley; son, Darrell Ray Wiley; sister, Janie Birchfield of Bidville, Arkansas; two grandchildren of Indiana; a great-grandchild of Indiana; two sister-in-laws and three brother-in-laws: and several nieces and nephews.

Tommy was preWEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023 ceded in death by his parents, three sisters, an infant brother, and son, Curtis Wayne Wiley.

He attended school in Washburn. He had worked had worked several jobs, including Crane-Hoyt, carpentry, and as a security officer. He retired from Superior Wheels. He loved fishing, camping, NASCAR, reading his Bible, playing his guitar, and encouraging people with posts on FaceBook. He liked to cook, collecting recipes, making his hot salsa and sharing it with his family and friends who liked the hotness.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the House of God in Rogers, Arkansas. The service will be officiated by Tommy Guyll and Lisa Schroder.

He is with the Lord, having conversations, walking with his son, Curtis, and nephew Tommy Guyll. He will be missed by all who knew him.



MARY ALICE **BIVINS**

Mary Alice Bivins, age 71, of Purdy, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Cox Monett Hospital in Monett.

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

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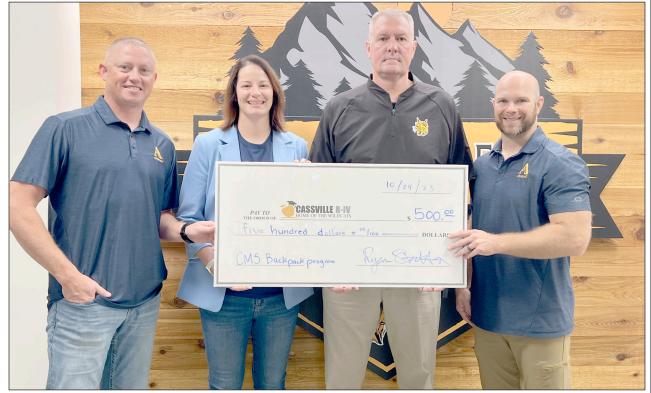
tial to improve brain function is yet another reason to include nutrient-packed sweet potatoes in your diet.



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Bonds from front

CMS Backpack Program Receives \$500 from Arning Employees



From Mindi Atherton, Cassville R-IV School District

Employees at Arning Companies have made a donation of \$500 to the Cassville Middle School Backpack Program.

Arning team members are given the opportunity to "dress-down" on Fridays by contributing to the Casual Friday for Charity (CFFC) fund. Employees then select a local organization to donate funds raised through the CFFC program.

The Bright Futures Backpack Program provides nonperishable food items to children in the district that may need food assistance over the weekend. Bright Futures, established at Cassville Schools in 2011, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing community members together to focus on the success of children.

Pictured above, left to right, are Eric Bohmke and Rachael Freeman, both with Arning Companies, Mr. Darren Rhea, CMS Principal, and Jeremy Stearns, Arning Companies.



competitive and negotiated sales to be certain that rates for the District's bonds were favorable. "Based upon pricing of these other financings, and the national indexes for AA rated General Obligation Bonds our rates were as good as or better than some public sales and other negotiated sales for a similar quality level of bond issue," Dr. Johnson remarked.

The information shared by L.J. Hart & Company indicated that the bonds are scheduled to mature on March 1, 2032, through March 1, 2043, with reoffered yields ranging from 3.50% to 4.10% which produces additional funds for the projects in the amount of \$322,701.50. The interest income from the bonds is exempt from federal and state of Missouri income taxes and the bonds were available in \$5,000 denominations.

These bonds carry a "AA+" rating from S&P Global due to the District's participation in the State of Missouri Direct Deposit Program coordinated through the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority.

The bonds do contain optional redemption (call) provisions on March 1, 2028, at no penalty that will facilitate the reduction of future interest expense in the event of prepayment or a future refunding to lower rates if market conditions make it economically feasible. The financing proceeds were made available to the District on August 16, 2023, and were promptly reinvested by the District to earn additional interest for use in the completion of the projects. CS Bank was approved to hold these bond funds. The legal documents to complete the issuance of the bonds were prepared by Lori Lea Shelley, Esq. of Lathrop GPM in its role as bond counsel for the District.

Raeleigh Brown, 9, from Exeter, competed September 23 at the Missouri State 4-H Public Speaking Competition in Columbia, where she placed second in the junior division (8-10 year olds).

Junior 4-H members write, prepare, and present a 3-5 minute speech to a panel of judges. During the competition, Brown spoke about "No Horsin' Around" which explained her journey of learning about horses through her 4-H project. She is a member of the Exeter



Trailblazers 4-H. Over the summer, Brown competed at county and regional competition where she placed first in the junior division public speaking at each respective competition.

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Wildcats pound the Houn' Dawgs in first round of district playoffs



Story by Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



The Cassville Wildcats defeated the Aurora Houn' Dawgs, 24-14, in the first round of district playoffs. Photo: Kerry Rose

The Cassville Wildcats hosted the Aurora Houn' Dawgs in the Class 3, District 6, first round of post-season playoffs last Friday night at Wildcat Stadium.

The cold front and drizzle, which moved through during the game, didn't affect the Wildcat grind. The boys cruised through the first half effortlessly, building a 21-0 lead.

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The first touchdown of the game was a 1-yard run by Bryson Jacobson with 2:14 left in the first quarter after a fumble recovery by Hunter Morse, giving the Wildcats a 7-0 lead.

Within a minute and a half, an interception

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by Colten Roark allowed a 46-yard run by Kyle Bailey, giving Cassville a lead of 14-0.

At the start of the second quarter, Cosmo Roads took the Wildcats into the endzone again with a 12-

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yard fumble recovery, building the lead to 21-0 over Aurora.

the second half, Aurora's #26, Josh McKinley, finally put the Dawgs on the board with an opening kickoff return of 99 yards (21-7, Cassville).

With four minutes left in the third quarter, Wildcat Kicker Ashton Wheeler increased Cassville's lead by three, completing a 24-yard field goal attempt (24-7, Cassville).

With just under eight minutes left in the fourth quarter of the match, Running Back Jax Prater closed the gap to ten with an 8-yard touchdown, but then the Wildcats defense shut the Houn'

Dawgs down for the remainder of the game.

Cassville defeated At the beginning of Aurora 24-14 in the first round of district play, advancing the Wildcats (6-4) into the semi-finals, where they will travel to Seneca to face off against the undefeated (9-0) Indians this Friday night (Nov. 3). Game time is 7 p.m. **READ ALL ABOUT IT!**



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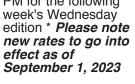
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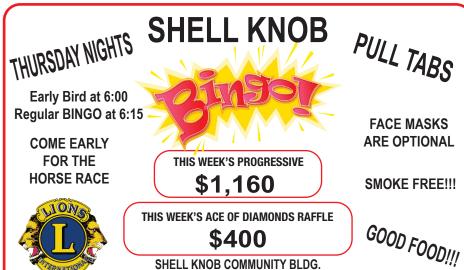




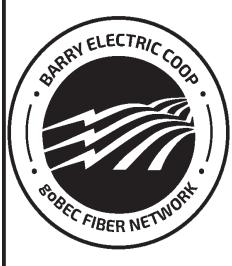








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