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Spotlight

Trivia Night

The Cassville Education Fund Trivia Night will be held on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Cassville High School commons area.

Butterfield Chili Supper

The Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary chili supper and auction was rescheduled due to the weather. The event will be held on Saturday, March 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Butterfield community building.

Southwest Band Dinner

The Southwest Band dinner will be on Saturday, March 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria commons area. For more information, see the ad on page 4A.

Soroptomist Potato Bake

The Soroptomist Club of Barry County will hold their annual potato bake on Thursday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cassville United Methodist Church. For more information, see page 11A.

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Community bids farewell to former Fire Chief Ron Rickard



Fire Chief Ron Rickard

Charlea Mills

When a valued member of the community dies, you expect to see an outpouring of support to remember them, but sometimes that goes above and beyond what anyone would expect. This was precisely the case with long-time Central Crossing Fire Chief Ron Rickard's funeral on Monday.

As fellow firefighters, family and friends gathered to remember a man who gave so much of himself, the funeral procession was

eye-catching, with more than 15 fire trucks and water tankers paying homage to the chief of 29 years who passed away at 78.

Rickard was a well-known and loved member of the community. Rickard and his wife, Pat, moved to Shell Knob in 1971, and in 1972, he joined the Central Crossing Fire Department. After serving as Fire Chief for 29 years, he passed the torch on to his grandson, current chief Rusty Rickard. Ron was also instrumental in helping to form the 911 center and kept working with the department until his death.

The number of people who attended the service actually overwhelmed the church with an additional wing having to be opened to accommodate the number of people who Ron affected during his life, including a large number of firefighters, EMTs and law enforcement officers.

Rusty said, "He put a non-paying volunteer posi-



Ron Rickard's funeral procession passed under two fire trucks' ladders as part of the service honoring the former fire chief.

tion before anything else, whether that meant closing his business or sending people away from the shop to go cover a fire call, he would do it. It didn't take long for people to see that."

He continued, "Ultimately, it was him that got me hooked with the department." Rusty began with Central Crossing 15 years ago and was promoted to chief in 2005.

The mass of people who turned out on Monday to honor Ron included members of the local fire departments, the honor guard and members of the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team. Ron's granddaughter Toni Fields, said, "The Missouri Firemen's Service team had their honor guard out of Stone County come and do the whole service and even stood guard over his casket. They loaded him on the fire truck and six of them rode up on top of the truck with him in the cold rain when it was 37 degrees. It was amazing to see that dedication to our Papa."

The team is dedicated to honor fallen firefighters with dignity and reverence and provide support for their families. Part of that service includes standing guard over the casket of their fallen comrade to honor them.

Fields added, "He was loved by so many. I think it was that he was down to earth, and he was a truthful man. What you saw was what you got with him. He was knowledgeable because of the work he did and what he learned from others."

That desire to listen and learn is what drew many to Ron over the years and helped the community in so many ways. Fields said, "He always said through his stories to take the time to listen and learn from others. When everyone told stories at the service, it was what they had learned from him. He really took the time for others and you could see that yesterday with the number and variety of people who came."

So when the church and processional was filled with firefighters and others who had been touched by Ron's

See CHIEF on 2A

Opening Day impacted by snow storm



Anglers lined the banks of Roaring River to catch their limit on the first day of catch-and-keep trout season on Sunday.

Charlea Mills

Sunday morning proved to be a great day for fishing for those that braved the unfortunate winter storm that blew in Saturday. Even with the heavy snowfall, which only added to the beauty of the park, the trout were hungry and, before the rounds were emptied from the gun shot by Tim Homesley to signal the beginning of Opening Day, people were pulling fish out of the water left and right.

Initially, Roaring River anticipated 2,600 to 2,700 anglers to beckon in the beginning of trout season,

an honorable holiday for locals. However, by the end of the day, only 1,185 tags were sold at the park, less than half of the planned for turnout. There were 189 youth tags and 996 adult tags for the day. Hatchery staff stocked the waters with 8,000 rainbow trout in the week leading up to Opening Day, and those that showed their dedication to the sport walked away with a good haul.

This marks the second year in a row that the Opening Day crowd was tempered by winter storms. Last year, tag sales were

1,974 on a Saturday which was low for a weekend. They anticipated 2,600 fishermen last year, as well. The last time Opening Day fell on a Sunday was 2008 and tag sales were 2,147.

This year, Roaring River was supposed to have special visitors to the park with a filming crew for the Outdoor Channel show Stihl Reel in the Outdoors with Joe Thomas planning to film at the park on Opening Day, as well as going fishing on Table Rock Lake. However, the film crew was un-

See TROUT on 3A

Counterfeit \$50 bill found at Cassville business

Charlea Mills

The Cassville Police Department is warning area businesses that a counterfeit \$50 bill was found last week. According to Chief Dana Kammerlohr, the bill was received at Casey's in Cassville and was discovered to be counterfeit by their bank.

Kammerlohr said, "We felt that the businesses need to be aware of it since it was a larger bill. They need to be aware of what a counterfeit bill looks like since they've changed recently." Kammerlohr said that only one counterfeit bill has been found but that businesses should take the time to study the new bills to make finding any fakes more likely.

New bills contain a se-

curity thread, color shifting ink and a watermark. The security thread in the bill is visible when it is held up to the light. The color shifting ink that is used to print the denomination of the bill, such as 50, changes from copper to green when the bill is moved up or down. There is also a faint watermark that can be seen when held up to the light, as well.

Kammerlohr stated, "We've only found one. We don't see a lot in Cassville, but a couple years ago there were some 10's and 20's."

If you believe that you have received a counterfeit bill, call the Cassville Police Department at (417) 847-4911.

CHIEF from FRONT

wisdom and genuine caring for others, it shouldn't have been a surprise. Rusty said, "He wanted to do anything he could to help the other agencies, whether they were big or small. A lot of people came to him for wisdom and knowledge because he'd been through it all."

Before Ron was laid to rest at the cemetery, all of the beepers went off and it was the signal of Ron's last call. Fields said, "They rang the bell three times three to show that it was his last time out. It was such a service to our family that they provided, such a level of respect."

As his fellow firefighters bid him farewell in style, they offered the sentiment, "We'll take it from here, brother."



Multiple firefighters, EMT's and others turned out to honor former Fire Chief Ron Rickard's service to the community over the years. Above, his casket was transported atop a fire truck under the watch of the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance team.

Charges in child abuse case dropped

Charlea Mills

Child abuse and neglect charges against a Cassville woman were dismissed in court last week alleging that a child was found outside in cold temperatures and without shoes in January.

Rebecca Lynn Chaddock, 36, of Cassville, was initially charged with the crime on January 1. According to Chaddock, "The whole thing was a bold-faced lie."

The child, who Chaddock identified as her six-year-old niece, was found by law enforcement officers on January 1, around 3:30 p.m. near 201 Partridge Drive in Cassville. In a probable cause statement filed with the Barry County Courts, Officer Colt Beck with the Cassville Police Department said that the girl was found in a t-shirt and shorts with no shoes, socks or coat in sleet and rain. He also noted that she was bleeding from her nose from being shoved on the concrete.

In an interview, Chaddock said, "I didn't deal with the child. The child was my niece." When asked if she was supposed to be caring for the child, she said, "I was present in the house, but I wasn't taking care of her." Chaddock declined to say who was watching the child at the time of the incident.

She said, "She was upset that she couldn't go to Walmart with her mom."

When asked why officers found her outside, Chaddock explained, "She was outside for just a few minutes and a nosy neighbor decided to call."

Chaddock claims that the entire situation was blown out of proportion. She said, "Because I've been in trouble with the law, then the county thinks, 'Tag, you're it.'" When asked to clarify, Chaddock said, "The county law enforcement thinks once you're in trouble, you're always trouble." Chaddock admitted to having previous convictions, but said that she is turning her life around and moved back to the area to make a difference.

She said, "I was a house-mother at the house in Exeter trying to make a difference in this county." The home Chaddock was referring to was group home in Exeter for women struggling with drug addiction in Barry County. The facility has since closed.

Chaddock said, "I want people to realize that I'm not a horrible person at all."

When asked for comment, Barry County Prosecuting Attorney Amy Boxx stated, "We chose not to pursue those charges. It was scheduled for a preliminary hearing, but we found that we didn't have sufficient evidence to proceed with the case." Charges were officially dropped against Chaddock on Wednesday, February 25.

Barry County absentee voting information

- Are you registered to vote in Barry County?
- If you are not registered to vote in Barry County, Wednesday, March 11, is the

- deadline to register to be eligible to vote for the General Municipal Election.
- Please notify us if you have moved and have not

updated your address or had a name change.

- Absentee voting continues through Monday, April 6, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- If unable to vote in person, you may send a written request to the office of Gary Youngblood, Barry County Clerk, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to: (417) 847-5311. Information needed: name, physical address, mailing

address, date of birth, last four (4) digits of social security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee and your signature.

- The last day to request absentee ballot by mail is Wednesday, April 1, for the April 7, General Municipal Election.

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TROUT from FRONT



Pictured above, the women's division winner at Opening Day Vanessa Glaze, of Washburn, shows off her 3.12 pound trout.

able to make it to the park due to the snow. Missouri State Parks Division Information Officer Steph Deidrick said that they are in talks with the show to come back for the spring Kids Fishing Day instead.

Despite the snow, Missouri State Parks director Bill Bryan was in attendance on Sunday and had nothing but positive things to say about Roaring River and the staff. "The family atmosphere and support from the Cassville community is remarkable. They have the same event at other parks, but this is a different feel. With the Chamber passing out coffee and welcoming everyone to the community, it is just special."

Bryan wasn't at the park last year, but spent time at Roaring River staying in the cabins with his family as a

child. He noted, "You see more kids at Opening Day here, it's practically a holiday in Cassville."

When asked what the biggest challenges were with Opening Day and the snow storm, Bryan said,

"The biggest challenge was getting people to the park. MoDOT has been a great friend to get the roads clear, and park staff was working around the clock." Bryan noted, "The park staff started clearing since Friday and has been working constantly ever since. I'd be surprised if Kerry Hays and his staff have gotten much sleep."

Roaring River State Park Natural Resource Manager Kerry Hays stated, "There were four full-time staff members that worked throughout the day on Saturday to clear the snow on the major walkways. We were also assisted by the volunteer camp hosts who pitched in to help, and staff at the inn and the store."

Hays added, "Staff worked hard throughout the day to minimize the travel impact within the park for our guests. A great deal of credit needs to go to the staff of the Missouri Department of Transportation who worked to make sure the major roads of the park were cleared for the event."

Bryan also invited Executive Director of National Association of State Park Directors Lewis Ledford to

join the Opening Day festivities. Ledford said, "The way the state game and fish agencies, local government and Chamber come together to make such a great event is incredible. To see the tradition is amazing."

Even with the lower numbers, people still reeled in big catches. The Cassville Area of Chamber offered up \$50 Cassville Cash to the men's and women's division winners of the largest trout. Jeff Greer, of Joplin, caught a lunker weighing 8.12 pounds. Second place honors in the men's division went to Jason Rosenbaum, of Carlisle, Iowa, with a 7.34 fish. Local Vanessa Glaze, 16, of Washburn, was the women's division winner with a 3.12 lbs. trout.

When asked about how the staff worked to make the day a success, Hays stated, "We're very proud of the work that park staff did over the weekend to clear the snow and ice so that our guests could safely enjoy the beauty of the park."

Letter to the Editor

I work in a retail store in the town of Cassville. Almost every day I hear racial slurs and the commonly used "N" word along with how "gay" everything is.

How, in a community that goes to church every Sunday and say they have devoted themselves to live a life resembling Christ's, believe in God, creation, are created in God's image, can they then also believe that the color of one's skin or whom one loves can make someone less of a person?

If I challenged anyone's Christian belief in our town and said it is ridiculous to believe that a child could be born to a virgin, this would lead to an emotional and/or physical response: anger! If I were to challenge that God is an inanimate object and that a child could grant everlasting life to a place that cannot be seen just by asking and believing in him is ridiculous, people would be furious. A few people would be saddened and pray for me to feel God's presence so that I may be saved.

This is how I feel about the prejudice in our community,

anger then sadness. We are all created equal. We all laugh, pray, bleed and cry.

Parents, grandparents, teachers, preachers, bosses and line workers, just because our community is mostly white and straight does not mean it is okay to use racial or gay slurs. Please be a good and outstanding example to the children in our community. Please.

-Charles Lester, Cassville

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



March 5th

- **SW Band Booster meeting** will be Mar. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the band room.

March 7th

- **Cassville Senior Center**, will hold their monthly dance at the Cassville Senior Center, 1111 Fair Street Cassville Missouri from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Roaring River Sound Band will be playing with a \$4.00 cover charge at the door. All proceeds go to benefit the Senior Center and everyone is welcome. Bring finger foods. For more information you may call (417) 846-5355 or (417)-846-3024.
- **Cassville girls city softball sign ups** Mar. 7, 8:00 a.m. - noon, at the Family Life Center.
- **Seligman Area Senior Center** will host Bingo March 7, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary** chili supper and auction will be held on Mar. 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

March 9th

- **Purdy Special Road District** will conduct a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 9, at the Purdy District Road Barn at 200 South 9th Street (Farm Road 1085). To be placed on the agenda, you must call the Secretary at (417) 442-7328 by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5th.

March 10

- **The Cassville Cruisers** will hold the monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Show-Me-Plaza room #8.
- **The Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N** will hold its monthly executive board meeting

Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary
Chili Supper, has been rescheduled to
Saturday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m.

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Thursday April 9, 2015
6:00 pm
Cassville Agriculture Department

Meal will include: Fried fish, French fries, coleslaw and cornbread for a \$6.00 donation

Numerous community businesses have made generous donations.
Desserts will be included in the auction.

Students will be in pairs of 2 with a work day of 4 hours. The dates of labor will be scheduled between the students and buyer.

- at 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Alice Irene's restaurant in Marionville.
- **Golden Harvest Club** will meet on Tuesday, March 10. The meeting will be held at the Rowdy Beaver Restaurant on Highway 112 at 12 noon. Members will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for March. There will be a speaker provided by James Brasel.
 - **Barry County Republican Club** will have an early meeting for the month of March. They will be meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., in Shell Knob at the Steak Inn. They will have a guest speaker, Pat Tracy, from the Lawrence County Republican Club. She will be there to speak and sell tickets to their Lincoln Days event in Mt. Vernon on March 21. There will be a speaker to talk about the current state of Republican politics in Missouri and the nation.

March 14th

- **McDowell, Golden, Jubilee** to reopen Mar. 14, weather permitting.

March 18th

- **Seligman Area Senior Center** will host a donation lunch Mar. 18, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

March 21st

- **Seligman Area Senior Center** will host Bingo March 21, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

March 27th

- **Seligman Area Senior Center** will host a pot luck supper March 27, 6:00 p.m. - music.

April 9th

- **Cassville FFA Booster Club** will be holding a labor auction to support student activities throughout the year. The auction is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Cassville Agriculture Department. The meal will include fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, and corn bread for \$6.00 donation. See ad below for more details.

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School Menus Week of Mar. 9th

All meals comes with milk, all meals are subject to change.

Exeter: Mon. B.- biscuit/gravy, peaches, juice, or cereal, biscuit, peaches, juice. **L.-** cheese pizza, salad, cherry tomatoes, tropical fruit. **Tues. B.-**egg/cheese bagel, pears, juice, or cereal, graham crackers, pars, juice. **L.-** chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, bread slices, pears. **Wed. B.-** sausage/egg biscuit, applesauce, juice, cereal, biscuit, applesauce, juice. **L.-** chicken patty/bun, broccoli, pineapple. **Thurs. B.-** apple cinnamon Texas toast, mixed fruit, juice, or cereal, toast, mixed fruit, juice. **L.-**taco salsa, black olives, refried beans, apricots.

Fri. No School.
Southwest: Mon. B.-breakfast sausage pizza, or cereal, grapes, blueberry muffin, juice. **L.-** chicken alfredo/rotini, garlic bread, broccoli/carrots, tropical fruit. **Tues. B.-** biscuit/gravy, or cereal, sausage patty, peaches, juice. **L.-** soft tacos, lettuce/cheese, refried beans, chocolate chip cookie, peaches. **Wed. B.-** scrambled eggs, or cereal, bacon slice, peaches, juice. **L.-** chicken strips, breadsticks, mac/cheese, peas, rosy applesauce. **Thurs. B.-** hot ham sandwich, or cereal, graham crackers, orange wedges, juice. **L.-** beef pasta bake, romain salad/tomatoes, breadsticks, green beans, pineapple. **Fri. No School.**

Purdy: Mon. B.- oatmeal, wheat toast, cereal, fruit. **L.-** chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, chocolate pudding, salad bar. **Tues. B.-** french toast sticks, cereal, yogurt, fruit. **L.-** hot dog/bun, baked beans, sweet potato tots, fruit mix, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar. **Wed. B.-** whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. **L.-** southwest spaghetti, wheat breadstick, tossed salad, ranch dressing, fruit cup, salad bar. **Thurs. B.-** ham/egg/biscuit, cereal, fruit. **L.-** turkey sandwich, lettuce/tomato, potato chips, baby carrots, ranch dressing, grapes, salad bar. **Fri. No School.**

Cassville: Mon. B.- french toast sticks, sausage patty, blueberries, or cereal, teddy grahams, orange. **L.** chicken sandwich, (turkey sandwich), cool ranch doritos, glazed carrots, juice, or salad meal. **Tues. B.-** sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce, or cereal, cinnamon toast, strawberries. **L.-**cheese pizza, (grilled ham/cheese), corn, go-gurt, peaches, or salad meal. **Wed. B.-** oatmeal, sausage patty, cinnamon toast, peaches, or cereal, rice krispy treat, apple. **L.-** chicken/noodles, (pork steak), whipped potatoes, gravy, peas, applesauce, or salad meal. **Thurs. B.-** biscuits/gravy, yogurt cup, pineapple chunks, or cereal, go-gurt, peaches. **L.-** burrito/nacho cheese, (cheeseburger), dill slices, potato wedge, broccoli/cheese, juices, salad meal. **Fri. No School.**

Cassville High: Mon. B.- biscuits/gravy, hashbrowns, graham crackers, applesauce, or cereal, cinn. toast crunch bar, tropical fruit. **L.** chili dog, nacho's , broccoli/cheese, peaches, or pizza meal, or salad meal. **Tues. B.-**brfst bagel, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail, pineapple chunks, or cereal, banana muffin, pears. **L.-** turkey/cheese sand., french fries, coleslaw, juices, or chicken nugget meal, or salad meal. **Wed. B.-** eggs extravaganza, sausage patty, toast, pears, or cereal, trail mix, apple. **L.-** gorditos, refried beans, corn, oatmeal cookie, applesauce, or pizza meal, or salad meal. **Thurs. B.-** sausage biscuits, hashbrown, tropical fruit, or cereal, strawberries. **L.-** chicken quesadilla, mixed vegetables, baked beans, applesauce, or cheeseburger meal, or salad meal. **Fri. No School.**



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•March 7th
•March 14th

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Cassville PD on the look out for drunk drivers

Local police will be out in full force as part of the annual nationwide St. Patrick's Day Holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown on drunk driving. The crackdown, which will include high-visibility enforcement throughout Cassville, will run from Saturday, March 14, through Tuesday, March 17.

The effective nationwide drunk driving crackdown will include high-visibility enforcement and will be supported by national paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb drunk driving over the St. Patrick's Day Holiday.

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

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

epidemic.

"Every year, about one third of all motor vehicle traffic deaths involve one or more impaired drivers or motorcycle operators," said Chief of Police Dana Kammerlohr. "In 2013, 218 people were killed and 666 seriously injured on Missouri's roadways in accidents that involved at least one substance-impaired driver."

Kammerlohr added the St. Patrick's Day Holiday is particularly dangerous. During the St. Patrick's Day holiday in 2014, 247 DWI arrests were made statewide.

"Research has shown that high-visibility enforcement, like the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, reduces drunk driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. By joining this nationwide effort, we will make Cassville's roadways safer for everyone throughout the holiday," said Chief Kammerlohr.

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

sobriety, do not get behind the wheel. If you do choose to drive impaired, you will be arrested. No warnings, no excuses," Chief Kammerlohr said.

Kammerlohr noted that being arrested for driving drunk brings a wide range of negative consequences into one's life. Drunk drivers face jail time, loss of their driver licenses, and steep financial consequences such as higher insurance rates, attorney's fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job. When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators also often face tremendous personal embarrassment.

"Driving drunk is simply not worth the risk. So don't take the chance. Remember, we will be out in force and we will be watching, so "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," said Kammerlohr.

For more information, visit the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign headquarters at www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov or www.saveMOlives.com.

Cassville FBLA raises for March of Dimes



The Cassville Future Business Leaders of America recently held a change drive to raise money for the March of Dimes. March of Dimes funds lifesaving research and programs and works to end premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality. A change drive was held in the high school and middle school where first hour classes were encouraged to fill the baby bottles with change. The winning classes received a donut breakfast. The winning class in the middle school was Mrs. Kice's class who raised \$44.70. In the high school, Mr. Frederickson's class raised \$347.45 and Mrs. Henderson's class was second with \$105.01. All funds raised will be sent to the March of Dimes.

Pictured above, from left to right, are: Garrett Knight, Dillon Hess, Nicole Sutphin and Rhandi Pendergraft.



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DAVID “RYAN” BOKOR

David “Ryan” Bokor, 27, of Cassville, passed away Friday, February 27, 2015, in his home.

He was born July 28, 1987, in Brunswick, Ga., the son of David Bokor and Lynn (Parrish) Vieira who survive. Also surviving are his wife, Becka (Berry) Bokor; one daughter, Blakely Lynn Bokor, of the home; father, David Bokor and his wife, Deanna, of Waycross, Ga.; mother Lynn Vieira and her husband, Joe, of Brunswick, Ga.; mother and father-in-law Johnny and Martha Berry, Cassville; sister-in-law Reanna Berry, Cassville; three sisters, Victoria Brown and Jennifer Brown, of Waycross, Ga.; Sahre Myers, of Orlando, Fla.; maternal grandmother, Jeanette Waidelich and her husband, Gene, of Brunswick, Ga.; maternal step-grandpar-

ents, Angie Vieira and husband, Jay Murphy, of Boston, Mass.; paternal grandfather, Ervin Bokor, of Waycross, Ga.; aunts and uncles, Beryl Kime and Randy, of Purdy; Emma Brown and Dennis, of Columbia, S.C.; Arlindo Vieira, of Palm Springs, Calif., Roger Vieira, of Boston, Mass., Larry and Maria Tully, of Brunswick, Ga., Micky Bokor and wife, Suzanne, of Waycross, Ga., Steve Bokor and Lynn, of Waycross, Ga., and his dog, Zoe.

Ryan was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Iris Faye Bokor; three uncles, Alan Parrish, Mitchell Lewis Parrish and Harrison Vieira.

Four years ago he moved from Waycross, Ga., to Cassville to make his home. On October 20, 2012, he was united in marriage to Becka Berry.

Ryan received his education in Ware County, Ga., and Andrew Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga., and Crowder College. He enjoyed duck hunting, was a fan of the Georgia Bulldogs, had his black belt in Karate, Jiu Jitsu. He was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Cassville.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2015, in Bible Baptist Church, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Wes

Obituaries

Stewart conducted the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blakely’s Education Fund in care of Arvest Bank.

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MARY LYNN SQUIRES

Mary Lynn Squires, 55, of Seligman, passed away Tuesday, February 24, 2015, in her home.

She was born September 21, 1959, in Barry County, Missouri, the daughter of Roy and Vivian (McQueen) Box, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were a son, Kyle and a brother, Gary.

Surviving are one daughter, Tiffany Bowman, of Waynesboro, Va. and one sister, Kaye Porter, of Exeter.

Mary grew up in the Exeter Community and graduated from Exeter High School. For over twenty years she was employed at FASCO, retiring for health reasons. She loved her dogs very much.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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**RONALD NELSON
“RON” RICKARD SR.**

Ronald Nelson “Ron” Rickard, Sr., 78, of Shell Knob, passed away Friday, February 27, in his home. He was born February 6, 1937, in Maplewood, and was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson Rickard, Jessie (Johnson) Rickard, Ed Orth, Alice Orth-Hoehne, his step-father; Arthur Hoehne; and sister Jo Garcia.

Surviving are his wife of fifty nine years, Patricia Ann “Pat”(Hoehne) Rickard; one son Ronald Nelson “Rowdy” Rickard, Jr., and his wife, Melissa, of Billings; two daughters, Renee Jo Ray and her husband, Johnny, of Republic; Robyn Lynn Hendricks and her husband, John, of Cassville; one special adopted son, Marko Santala and his wife, Joanna, of Helsinki, Finland; one sister, Neva Rae Rasch, of Manchester; nine grandchildren and fifteen great- grandchildren.

Ron attended St. John’s Lutheran grade school and

graduated from Eureka High School in Eureka. Upon graduation he joined the United States Air Force Reserves. On August 20, 1955, in Alcorn County, Miss., he and Pat were united in marriage. In 1955, they moved to Ellisville to make their home.

In 1971 Ron and his family moved to Shell Knob to open Lakeside Auto, a parts, service station and garage. Lakeside was part of the community until he retired in 2005. In 1972, he joined Central Crossing Fire Department (“CCFD”). In 1976, he was recruited as Fire Chief and was perfect for the job coming from Ballwin Fire Protection District. He grew the fire department into what it is today and was instrumental in the establishment of the local 911 center. He was the Fire Chief for twenty-nine years before passing the torch to his grandson Rusty Rickard. Ron remained Assistant Chief and President of the CCFD Board of Directors until his passing. He was the founder and organizer of the Shell Knob 4th of July celebration, which he started in 1976. Ron was a fireman for over fifty years, having been recognized by the General Assembly for his dedication as a firefighter. Ron was also a member of the Lion’s Club for over thirty-five years. He enjoyed woodworking, mechanics, tinkering, his tractors, working with his hands, hunting, racing, camping with his family and telling stories to his grandchildren.

In 2006, Ron rediscovered his faith in God. At that point, he dedicated his life to serving God and sharing his testimony with anyone who would listen.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2015, in Lohmer Full Gospel Church, Shell Knob, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob. Officiating

was Pastor David Donaldson and Pastor Lonnie Stockton. Visitation was 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, in Lohmer Full Gospel Church.

Contributions may be made to the Central Crossing Fire Department in memory of Ron.

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LEO JEFFERSON KIRK

Leo Jefferson Kirk, 69, of Washburn, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2015, in Aurora, Colo.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2015, in War Eagle Cemetery, War Eagle, Ark., under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.



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RAYMOND EUGENE WESTON

Raymond Eugene Weston, 74, of Bentonville died February 27, 2015 at his home.

Graveside services were 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2105 at Seligman City Cemetery with Pastor Chuck Bengtson officiating. Arrangements were by Sisco Funeral Home in Pea Ridge.

Online condolences may be made at siscofuneralhome.net.





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Special thanks to the First Baptist Church of Purdy, Hospice Compassus, and Cassville Health and Rehab for your thoughtfulness and care at this time.

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The family of Debbie Phelps would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love shown to us after Debbie’s passing. We so appreciate the beautiful flowers, memorials, phone calls, cards, prayers, condolences and food.

Thank you, McQueen Funeral Home, Tony Ball, Dale Forgey, Kelly Jo Brattin, Kana Henbest, and Carolyn Haynes; the service was beautiful.

Special thanks to Ridgley Baptist Church and Jim Fohn for providing a delicious meal for our large family.

Kim & Billy Bieber & family
Travis & Erin Phelps & family



EXETER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Exeter School Board held their monthly meeting on February 11. Board President Eric O'Neill called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. with seven board members in attendance.

A motion was made and carried to approve the agenda.

Mr. Taylor gave attendance percentages for the month of December: high school: 88 percent of students were above 90 percent attendance and junior high: 96 percent of students were above 90 percent attendance.

The second quarter T2 reward will be going to a hockey game on February 20 at 7 p.m.

The district ran a trial test EOC and MAP. Administrators wanted to inundate the system with testing to see how the system would perform. On the elementary end, the third and sixth grade, grades that had never tested, were observed to see how the testing was handled.

The district is working on getting two more employees CDL licensed.

State testing information was shared at the Professional Development meeting this Thursday, February 12.

The Exeter Drama Department will be performing a One Act at Crowder on Thursday, February 12. They performed locally on February 24 at 1:30 p.m. for parents and the student body.

The Exeter FBLA went to the FBLA conference held in Monett, on Thursday, February 12.

A Speech and Debate competition was held on February 21.

FFA week was February 23 through 28.

Mr. Jordan gave the elementary report, reporting that attendance was at 92.8 percent of elementary students are above 90 percent attendance. 12 out 166 students are below 90 percent.

Mr. Jordan presented the Board with Aimsweb Data- Fall and Winter Benchmarks showing a five-year growth.

The Afterschool Program will be going on a field trip to George Washington Carver. Saturday School will be held to assist any of the older students that may need to catch up on work or receive tutoring to help them get their grades up. There are 151 students enrolled and approximately 70 are attending regularly.

A motion was made and carried to approve the consent agenda.

Dr. Raney discussed the Finance, Utility and Food Service reports with the Board.

A motion was made and carried to approve KPM as the district's auditors for the year ending June 30, 2015 audit.

A motion was made and carried to adopt MSBA Policy INC.

The Spring Regional Meeting will be held at Exeter on April 8, 2015. Registration will begin at 5:45.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

First Baptist kicks off Global impact Celebration

Gracia Burnham, a former missionary whose story of trials and triumph has been heard around the world, will be the speaker at First Baptist Church Cassville during the kick-off service for the church's Global Impact Celebration. The event is free and open to the public.

On May 27, 2001, Gracia Burnham and her husband Martin were celebrating their 18th anniversary in the Philippines, where they had served as missionaries for 17 years, when they were kidnapped by terrorists. They were held captive for 13 months until a rescue attempt on June 7, 2002, in which Martin was killed. Gracia was wounded, but also freed.

Since then, Gracia has used experiences of her ordeal to spread the word of the gospel. She has written two books, *In the Presence of My Enemies* and *To Fly Again*. Gracia has also founded the Martin and Gracia Burnham Founda-

Macedonia Free Will Perfect Attendance



Perfect Attendance Certificates for Sunday School for the winter quarter at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church of Purdy were given out on Sunday, February 22.

Pictured above with their certificates are, in the front row, from left to right: Grace Brittenham, Hayden Scott, Emily Henderson and Avery Scott. Back row: Casey Henderson, Joy Brittenham, Alli Hayes, Will Henderson, Zack Henderson and Clay Henderson.

tion, which supports Christian ministries around the world.

The event takes place on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. and childcare is provided. For more information, call First Baptist Church Cassville at (417) 847-2965. First Baptist Church is located at 602 West Street in Cassville, just off the city square.

Cassville weather radio transmitter out of service

According to a notice put out by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Cassville Weather Radio transmitter is out of service due to antenna and cable issues. The service was disrupted February 6 and is not expected to be operational

until April.

For the time being, weather radios in the Cassville area will not work until the antenna and cables are repaired. The transmitter for the Cassville area is WNG608, and the frequency is 162.500.

Local Storm Siren testing times change

The Barry County Siren Policy has been recently updated. As a result of the update, the warning sirens will now be tested on the second Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. There is no make-up testing time scheduled, so if the monthly test is canceled, it will not be made up. According to David Compton, the Director of the Barry County Office of Emergency Management (BCOEM), the policy was changed to make it as consistent as possible with the rest of the region.

The BCOEM has policies in place to activate storm spotters and the warning siren. According to the Spotter Activation Policy, storm spotting agencies are contacted when severe weather appears

to be approaching Barry County. Every effort will be made to contact the agencies 30 minutes before the weather reaches the county. Spotters are notified during a National Weather Service (NWS) thunderstorm or tornado watch, and are paged to respond non-emergency, according to their department's policy, during a NWS severe thunderstorm warning or tornado watch.

Siren Activation Policy calls for spotters to be contacted by radios or pagers of what the potentially affected area, the location of the suspected tornado, and the direction it is traveling. Spotters in the path of the suspected tornado are to

take cover immediately. Sirens in the potentially affected area will be activated.

Should a spotter sight a funnel cloud or tornado, the spotter's location, type of sighting, direction the funnel is traveling, and a damage report are to be obtained. All information is to be relayed via pagers or radios, and the storm sirens are activated for the potentially affected areas.

Sirens are also activated during severe thunderstorms with sustained winds greater than 75 miles per hour, radar indication of a tornado, the monthly siren test and the Annual Statewide Tornado Test, which is held on a date and

time determined by the NWS.

The policy also calls for a number of agencies and people to be notified immediately after spotters or sirens are activated. These include the Barry County Sheriff's Office, the municipal dispatch centers, emergency management at both county and municipal levels, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and the City Mayor in each municipality, and on duty EMS, fire and law enforcement personnel in each municipality.

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Purdy FBLA members compete at Districts, advance to State



Purdy FBLA members brought home multiple medals from the FBLA District Leadership Conference held at New Site Baptist Church of Monett on February 12. Eight Purdy competitors advanced to the state competition in 12 different events.

Top 10 District finishers from Purdy include, from left to right: Billie House, 7th in Insurance and Risk Management and 8th in Securities and Investments (state qualifier); Breanna Keeler, 10th in Agribusiness; Morgan Schilly, 3rd in Public Speaking I; Umar Akhtar, 2nd in Sales Presentation and 5th in Public Speaking II; Mikala Fletcher, 2nd in Personal Finance (state qualifier); Layne Skiles, 5th in Intro to Parliamentary Procedure (state qualifier); Andrea Humphrey, Local Annual Chapter Report (straight-to-state event); Jayse Henderson, 2nd in Client Service, 3rd in AgriBusiness (state qualifier), 5th in Computer Applications and Community Service Report (straight-to-state event); Daniel Gomez, 5th in Networking Concepts (state

qualifier) and 8th in Cyber Security; Juakin Robles, 1st in Accounting (state qualifier), 4th in Spreadsheet Applications and 6th in Business Communication (state qualifier) and Lino Perez, 1st in Help Desk (state qualifier); 1st in Networking Concepts (state qualifier) and 2nd in Database Design and Application. Carly England, an additional state qualifier in FBLA Principles and Procedures, was not available for the photograph. Additional Top 10 finishers not pictured include Zoe Brown, 8th place in Parliamentary Procedures and Abby Parsons, 10th place in Securities and Investments.

Purdy FBLA members compete under the direction of advisers Kay Wright and Ashley Brown.

Rural broadband expansion planned

Longtime members of electric cooperatives might remember with fondness the “day the lights came on.” For those who once lived without electricity that event was a life-changing experience.

Like electricity, access to high-speed internet service in this Digital Age is a requirement, not a luxury. Modern broadband Internet service has become a necessity in this digital age. It will improve educational opportunities, serve as a foundation for economic growth, and in job creation, improve global competitiveness and lead to a better way of life.

Barry Electric Cooperative began exploring the possibility of building a fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network in 2010 after numerous requests from its members. Finley Engineering, Lamar, was hired to design a full FTTH network to serve all of Barry Electric’s members as well as provide SmartGrid, SCADA and Energy Efficiency capabilities for the Cooperative.

The system design selected is a G-PON (Gigabit Passive Optical Network) design with capability for some Active Ethernet

where required. Speeds of up to 1 Gbps will be available with this design.

Barry Electric’s service area required a central office location and seven remote locations. There will be a total of eight separate build areas. A fiber ring will connect all remote areas to each other and to the central office for redundancy.

The Cooperative submitted an application to the FCC for a grant in 2014 but was not selected at that time. If the Cooperative had been successful in its application, it would have been able to build all eight areas over a three year period.

Undaunted, the directors of Barry Electric Cooperative felt that FTTH is such a critical infrastructure project that the cooperative is moving forward with a pilot project. The central office portion of the network will be built. Approximately 179 miles of fiber will be installed along with all the electronics required to provide internet, phone and possibly video to more than 1,600 members. The current plan is build the seven remaining areas as funds are available.



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On the Opening Day of trout season, 2,270 fishermen showed up at Roaring River State Park, a record number at the time.

Greg Roark, a freshman at Cassville High School was named outstanding trombonist at the SMSU Battlefield Jazz Festival.

Five Cassville High School students were invited to the St. Louis Science Symposium. They were: Anita Adams, Lu Ann Oliver, Jo Ann Oliver, Don Betts and Teresa Horner.

Senator Emory Melton proposed changes to Missouri's school fund formula with the goal of allocating more funding to the rural districts.

30 years ago

The top 10 graduating seniors at Cassville High School for 1985 were: Sandra Maertens, Cheryl Cullers, Barbie Schlichtman, Valerie Nickle, Angela Ash, Doug Hill, Suzanne Reed, Marc Edmonson, Lorie Smith and John Forkner.

Cassville High School student Kelly Horner was named Student of the Quarter by the Cassville Rotary Club.

More than 2,000 anglers attended the opening day of trout season at Roaring River State Park. Missouri Secretary of State Roy Blunt fired the opening gun.

Katie Fielding, 9, of Washburn, played in three categories of the Aurora Music Festival. The event was usually only open to participants attending fourth through eighth grades, but Katie, a third grader, was allowed to participate because of her advanced skill on the violin.

20 years ago

Gregory Beavers was hired as Cassville's new city administrator.

The Cassville High School Speech team won three district championships and tied for a fourth one at the Missouri State High School Activities Association District Tournament. The members of the team were: Derrick Lewright, Jeff Gibson, Brad Epperly, Kelley Hart, Seth Allen, Jay Bailey and Sarah Philbrick.

Five members of the Southwest Junior High School Choir were chosen to participate in the Southwest Missouri Music Education Association Honors Choir. They were: Wendy Townsend, Amber Hill, Faith Randolph, Wesley Decker and Tacy Fosse.

10 years ago

Brenda Epperly, a Cassville postal clerk, was named postmaster of the Golden Post Office.

James Hayworth and Frederick Wood, both of Cassville, and Sherrie Miller, of Lampe, all retired from the United States Postal Service.

Rachel Sheats, a teacher at Cassville R-IV, was selected to be named in *Who's Who in America*. It was the third time in three years Sheats had received the honor.

Wheaton High School senior Kacy Harper, a member of the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs Basketball team, scored her 1,000th career point. Her final career point tally was 1,089.

Copy Cat joins Cassville Chamber



Copy Cat, located at 909 Main Street, Cassville, joined the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce and celebrated with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, February 24.

Copy Cat, owned by Rod and Jana (Nations) Shetler and managed by Brenda Beck, is located at 909 N Main Street, Cassville. They are an official UPS shipping location and offer all the amenities of a full-service printing shop. Copy Run, in Branson, and Corporate and Legal Reproductions, in Springfield, are also both owned by the Shetlers. Copy Cat opened in Cassville on January 12. For more information about Copy Cat, call (417) 847-0120 or email at copycat65625@gmail.com.

Those pictured above are, from left to right, in the front row: Jim Craig, Brenda Beck, Jana (Nations) Shetler, Cheryl Williams and Amber Bishop. Second row: Mindi Artherton, Andrew Peters, Landon Fletcher, Allison Angel and Justin Gates.

Creative Arts of Shell Knob plans upcoming classes

Eunice Blazek

Creative Arts of Shell Knob (CASK) members met to discuss the success of its workshops and plan ahead for the coming months.

Nicki Hanna will lead a Egg Art Funshop on Thursday, March 12. Artists will decorate blown-out eggs for Easter. Contact Nicki at (401) 740-0268 or email her at nhdesigns@gmail.com.

The first Paint and Pour

Workshop on Thursday, March 5, is full. The next one will be held Tuesday, March 19. Please make your reservation early so there are supplies ready. This class is in the evening 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and gives you the opportunity to learn acrylic painting by following an artist as she leads you through the process. You are welcome to bring your own beverage of choice, and snacks will be provided. Call

Jo Daniels at (417) 858-0423.

Artist and teacher, Leigh Wallace, will lead a Card Collage Funshop on Thursday, April 9. Contact Jo Daniels at (417) 858-0423 for more information.

With the increase in classes, fun days are limited to the second Thursday of the month. Everyone is invited to come in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and bring whatever project you are working on. You

can come and go, bring your lunch, and we will supply coffee and companionship.

It is recommended you call for the class you are interested in and sign up well in advance for materials to be provided.

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Cassville native works to help Rwandan women out of poverty

Steve Chapman

When Melissa Stimson-Bittle lived in Cassville, she liked to help others. She was active in First Baptist Church, where she participated in a number of mission trips. Her role models were her pastor, the Rev. John Duncan, and his wife, Jennifer.

“John and Jennifer really fostered the heart of missions in our church,” she said. “Whether it be local service or serving around the world, they led by example and, to this day, serve the community.”

Now living in Reeds Spring with her husband of 13 years, Michael, Bittle continues to pursue mission

work. Bittle is the Admissions Director at the Academy of Hair Design, and it is through that position that she is helping to better the lives of women who are living in poverty in Rwanda.

Bittle, the second of two children to Bill and Marge Stimson, graduated from Cassville High School in 2000. After graduation, she went to OTC in Springfield and earned an associates degree in graphic design. Bittle worked as a graphic designer in for the Parade of Homes for eight years but left to work in the administrative side of a beauty school in 2009. For the last two years, she has been with the Academy of Hair De-

sign in Springfield.

In Rwanda, about 57 percent of the nation lives in poverty due to lingering effects from the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and a massive food shortage. About 27 percent of the families in Rwanda are headed by single women, and they are the most in danger of falling into poverty.

In 2012, the Academy of Hair Design partnered with Africa New Life Ministries, an organization founded to help end poverty in Rwanda, to open the Dream Beauty Academy in Kigali, Rwanda. Here, women with no way of providing for themselves are taught cosmetology and business skills through an 11-month program. These skills allow them to earn a living for themselves and their families.

In October 2014, Stimson went to Africa with a number of other staff members at the Academy of Hair Design to the visit the



Keila, Melissa Bittle and Francine are pictured above outside their home in Kigali, Rwanda in October 2014. Photo by Betty Krenek

Dream Beauty Academy. They spent 10 days in Kigali and had the chance to speak and work with the school's students.

They also met some of the women who had already graduated and were work-

ing in beauty salons in Kigali. According to Stimson, the Academy has powerfully affected their lives.

“A couple of the students I got to meet personally now work in a salon in their city,” she said. “They are able to make money and provide for their family whereas before they didn’t know where meals would come from. The children would be forced to go on the streets looking for food. Through their stories, you can see the heartbreak they felt for not being able to give their children basic necessities. Now, as trained, employable citizens, they can hold their heads high as they walk down the street knowing they no longer have to do illegal or immoral acts to be able to survive.”

Bittle also got to meet

and spend a day with Keila, a seven-year old girl she and her husband personally sponsor through Africa New Life Ministries. She took Keila to a worship service at a church outside of her hometown and also took her shopping. “It was the first time Keila had ever been outside of the town she lives in,” Bittle said.


Bittle said Africa has always been on her heart, and she plans to return, either this fall or in 2016. She believes the Dream Beauty Academy provides the women who attend there with something that is valuable beyond estimation.

“They have self worth, they have a goal, they feel confidence and pride,” Bittle said. “In a country that aimed to decimate a people group a short 20 years ago, these feelings don’t come lightly. Having training and someone invest in you personally are valuable opportunities for the Rwandans.”

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Pictured above are, from left to right: Gabe Hill, third grade; Timmy Groth, seventh grade; Emilio Perez, third grade; Roger King, Knights of Columbus; and Joyce Cook, Cassville Schools Special Services.

Soroptomist Potato Bake Mar. 12

The ladies of Soroptomist Club of Barry County will host a St. Patrick's Day potato bake on Thursday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cassville United Methodist Church.

Luncheon attendees will enjoy a baked potato, chili, broccoli and cheese soup and a dessert for \$7. All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Soroptomist Club of Barry County.

The Soroptomist Club of

Barry County is committed to improving the lives of women and children in southwest Missouri. The ladies of Soroptomist provide scholarships for women as well as funding to not-for-profit organizations through their Dreams in Action program.

Ramey's Supermarket will provide the baked potatoes. Dine in or carry out options will be available to all attendees.

For more information, contact Leslie Smith, Soroptomist President, at (417) 847-4258.

Miss Missouri to present SLT awards

The Southwest Little Theatre under the direction of Mr. Wyatt Hester will be presenting its 15th Annual Angel Awards in a Dramatic Monologue format hosted by Miss Missouri on Saturday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m. for the junior high awards ceremony and at 6:30 p.m. for the high school awards ceremony, tickets are \$10 per guest for this event. Tickets can be reserved by calling (417) 826-5361.

Miss Jessica Hartman, the current Miss Missouri, will host the ceremony. SLT Masters of Ceremony include: Brittney Hackett, Chase Logan, Blake Barnes and Michael Hornback. The Angel Award entertainment include SLT actors presenting a series of original dramatic monologues titled Somewhere Over the Rainbow. Junior High performers include: Mae Mae Atkinson, Lucas Cron, Destiny Dulin, Breanna Hamilton, Nathaniel Hamilton, Miranda Kellogg, Eagan Lawyer, Kathleen Long, Shelby Pike, Dakota Saunders, Carley Black, Shelby Blevins, Christina Brinkman, Alice Cannady, Keisha Corter, Devon Decker, Janaya Erwin, Lai-sha Figueroa, Katelyn Gluekert, Rachel Jimenez, Austin Moreton, Amber Reed, Kaitie Reed, Kaity Resz, Hope Robbins, Skylar Spoonemore and Faith Townsend.

High School performers include: Jymme Ash, Jay Fields, Kristen Hendrix, Savana Leonhardt, Wyatt McKeever, Amy McManus, Skylor Rausa, Trevor Guillon, Khalib Jordan, Orion Lawyer, Michael Hornback, Tyler Bernard, Sarah Catron, Brittney Hackett, Margaret Munday, Blake Barnes, Baylea Ford, Kallie

Bowman, Jessica Henderson, Alexis Kelley, Chase Logan, Kayna McNabb, John Mulkey, James Sellars, Zoe Albertson, Deecan Barnes, Dezaray Cannady, Myka Cook, Tanner Hackett, Alexa Hudgins, Blanche Kirk, Levi Moore, Carl Nagy, Payton Osburn, Austin Roberts, Brianna Roller, Heidi Sutter, Kaylea Young, Kathrine Hedden, Samantha Robbins, Darcie Colunga, James Colunga, Brianna Deason, Donald Hayworth, Mikayla Kellogg, Tanner Leonhardt, Cody Peach, Alissa Walker, Brandon Beeson, Shayla Bruno, Cheristi Cline, Whitney Curry, Sean Knighten, Sydney Leroy, Rebekah McKeever, Kaitlyn Bernard, Alex Jimenez and Kaitlyn Roberts.



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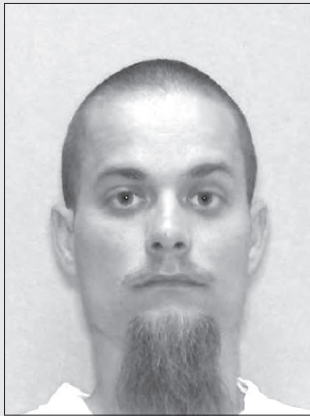
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Danny Pat West Jr.

Danny Pat West, Jr., 33, of Monett, is wanted for burglary in the first degree. He is 5' 8" and 123 pounds.



Benjamin James Christiansen

Benjamin James Christiansen, 33, of Seligman, is wanted for possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute, resisting arrest, and possession of a controlled substance. He is 5' 8" and 165 pounds.

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Barry County courts send 8 to prison in February

- Hoy Andrew Ashley, Cassville, pled guilty to two counts of DWI-Alcohol as a persistent offender, two counts of burglary in the second degree, two counts of theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000, and DWI-Alcohol as an aggravated offender from arrests originating in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Ashley's probation has since been revoked, and he has been terminated from the CRISP program. He is to serve seven years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

In September 2008, Ashley was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol after crashing his car on Farm Road 1065 in Barry County. Ashley was trapped in the car after losing control of his vehicle around a curve, hitting a ditch and overturning. The Purdy Fire Department had to cut him from the vehicle, and he was found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.14 percent.

In July 2009, Ashley broke into a residence on Schell Street in Cassville and stole a Playstation, Wii system, video games, a black diamond necklace, a diamond necklace, a converter box and controllers. The items were valued at around \$3,200.

In December 2010, Ashley was arrested for DWI-Alcohol again when he drove a U-Haul in a ditch along Highway 76 in Exeter. His blood alcohol content at that time was 0.137 percent.

- Dylan Bowlin, Monett, pled guilty to unlawful use of drug paraphernalia with methamphetamine and distribution of not more than five grams of marijuana. Bowlin received a suspended imposition of sentencing, 100 hours of community service, and five years supervised probation.

Bowlin's charges originated from an arrest in August 2014. Jailers at the Barry County Jail found a plastic bag outside the jail that contained four bricks of marijuana wrapped in duct tape. Detective Doug Henry placed a decoy bag in the same place and set up a game camera to find out who was retrieving the marijuana.

When the suspects were identified, officers found several glass methamphetamine pipes at the residence where Bowlin and two others were staying. They also found the duct tape used on the decoy bundles at the home.

Bowlin is to serve probation until Feb. 13, 2020.

- Joshua Tyler Brown, Wheaton, was found guilty by a jury of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. Brown was sentenced to seven years incarceration.

Brown was initially arrested in March 2013 when it was found that he had abused a two-year old girl by pulling chunks of her hair out, burning her buttocks and leaving a hand mark on her thigh.

- Knowland Keith Bur-

bridge, Cassville, pled guilty to assault in the second degree while operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Burbridge was sentenced to seven years incarceration with the execution of that sentence suspended, five years supervised probation and 20 days shock time in the Barry County Jail.

Burbridge was charged after the Missouri State Highway Patrol was dispatched to a wreck on Route M. Burbridge failed numerous field sobriety tests after the wreck and the Trooper found him to smell strongly of intoxicants. He also had prior DWI offenses.

Burbridge is to serve probation until Feb. 25, 2020.

- Jeremy F. Donahoo, Cassville, pled guilty to resisting arrest for a felony and tampering with the motor vehicle in the first degree. Donahoo was sentenced to four years incarceration with the execution of that sentence suspended, five years supervised probation, and he must complete the CRISP program.

In July 2014, Donahoo attempted to flee from officers questioning him. When he was caught, he was found to have five blank checks in his possession that had been stolen. Then, in August 2014, while being transported by the Barry County Sheriff's Department, Donahoo kicked the rear window out of the vehicle.

Donahoo is to serve probation until Feb. 19, 2020.

- Brandon Lee Ferrell, Aurora, pled guilty to domestic assault in the first degree. Ferrell was sentenced to five years incarceration.

Ferrell was arrested after an investigation by the Monett Police Department in October 2014. Officers were dispatched after receiving calls that someone was being abused while people were walking their daughter to the bus stop. The victim was taken into protective custody and found to have bruises, a fractured nose and seven places where Ferrell had shot her with a CO2 BB gun and the BBs penetrated her skin.

- Ginger Garner, Springfield, made an Alford plea to possession of a controlled substance. Garner was given a suspended imposition of sentencing with five years supervised probation.

In August 2014, the Missouri State Highway Patrol pulled Garner over in her vehicle on Missouri 39 south of Aurora. Garner and another person were involved in a physical altercation in the vehicle, and once they were separated, Corporal Lueckenhoff located a baggy of methamphetamine in the passenger seat. Neither would admit to possession of the drugs.

Garner is to serve probation until Feb. 18, 2020.

- Meredith Gould, Joplin, pled guilty to five counts of burglary in the second degree and four counts of theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000. Gould was sentenced to five years incarceration with the

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execution of that sentence suspended and five years supervised probation.

Gould and another person, Joseph Nolen, were connected to a series of burglaries in Barry County in the summer of 2014 after being investigated by the Newton County Sheriff's Department. DNA evidence connected them to some of the thefts in Barry County, and many of the items taken were found to be in their possession.

Gould is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2020.

- Kala Marie Huffman, Springfield, pled guilty to theft/stealing any controlled substance. Huffman was sentenced to four years incarceration with the execution of that sentence suspended and four years supervised probation.

Huffman was arrested after she stole a purse in June 2014 that contained a bottle of Clonazepam and a cell phone. Huffman claimed that someone else had stolen the purse and that she had chased him down to get it back, but hid the purse instead of returning it to the owner. When the purse was recovered, the contents were missing.

Huffman is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2019.

- Bart Richard Jermain, Seligman, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a chemical with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance and burglary in the second degree. Jermain was sentenced to four years incarceration.

Jermain's sentencing came after multiple run ins with law enforcement between 2013 and 2014. In October 2013, Jermain was found to be operating a meth lab in a shed beside his residence in Seligman and also admitted to stealing aluminum wire from a residence on Farm Road 2280 in Seligman. In October 2014, Jermain was stopped by the Barry County Sheriff's Department and had multiple precursors to manufacture methamphetamine in his possession.

- Larry D. Lucas, Jr., Cassville, pled guilty to burglary in the second degree and theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000. Lucas was sentenced to four years incarceration.

In January this year, Lucas entered into a residence on Farm Road 1065 in Purdy and stole a wood burning stove valued at around \$550.

- Derek R. Mettlach, Pierce City, pled guilty to burglary in the first degree. Mettlach was sentenced to five years incarceration with the execution of that sentence suspended and five years supervised probation.

In February 2014, the Monett Police Department was dispatched to a burglary in progress on Bond Street. Mettlach had kicked in the front door of the apartment and tried to steal electronics. The residents pushed him out, but then Mettlach broke in through a window and crawled back in.

Mettlach is to serve probation until Mar. 24, 2020.

- Orville Alexander Miller

III, Monett, pled guilty to distribution of a controlled substance. Miller was sentenced to five years incarceration.

In July 2013, Miller sold methamphetamine to an undercover police officer in Monett.

- Ronald E. Misener, Jr., Purdy, pled guilty to two counts of theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000. Misener was given a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

The Monett Police Department investigated a stolen miniature motorcycle taken from a residence on Farm Road 1070 in Monett in February 2014. During the investigation, they found a cell phone belonging to Misener. Misener was in possession of the motorcycle but denied having stolen it.

Misener is to serve probation until Feb. 18, 2020.

- Kendall Munday, Cassville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Munday was given a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

In March 2014, Munday and another suspect were in possession of hypodermic needles and spoons that tested positive for morphine.

Munday is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2020.

- Benjamin Wade Paine, Purdy, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and burglary in the second degree. Paine was give a suspended imposition of sen-

tencing and five years supervised probation.

In June 2013, Paine admitted to being the owner of a glass meth pipe found during a traffic stop by the Cassville Police Department. Later that month, Paine also stole a transmission and transfer case from a barn on Farm Road 1062 in Purdy.

Paine is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2020.

- Richard G. Rickman, Republic, pled guilty to domestic assault in the second degree and endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. Rickman was sentenced to five years incarceration with the execution of that sentence suspended and five years supervised probation.

In August 2014, Rickman was caring for his 20 month-old son at his home in Aurora. Under a change of venue, the case was moved to the Barry County courts. Rickman admitted to officers that he had thrown his 20 month-old across the room where he hit his head on a dresser and lost consciousness for five to ten minutes. Rickman called the child's mother and stated that something had fallen on his head. It was three hours before the baby was taken to the hospital. He had to

be placed in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Cox Hospital in Springfield for a subdural hemorrhage and intracranial bleeding.

Rickman is to serve probation until Feb. 11, 2020.

- Christopher Sanford, Monett, pled guilty to resisting arrest for a felony. Sanford was sentenced to two years incarceration.

In November 2014, the Monett Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle that was leaving a residence known for drug activity. The car fled, and eventually hit a fence, pole and utility building. Sanford then fled on foot.

- Jacob Lynn Sargent, Cassville, pled guilty to statutory rape in the first degree, statutory sodomy in the first degree and endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree as a first offense of sexual misconduct. Sargent was sentenced to seven years incarceration.

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Cassville 30K Classic and Crystal Springs races set

Lee Stubblefield
On Saturday, April 4, the Cassville 30K Classic and Crystal Springs 2-Mile races return for a second edition. Last year, these races were held for the first time as a fundraiser for the Cassville Wildcats Cross Country program.

Once a staple of the Missouri racing scene, the 18.64 mile distance disappeared for decades before being resurrected in Cassville last spring. Most of the state's 30K overall and age-group records were set prior to 1984.

Along with the 30K classic, Coach Chris Shore will also host the Crystal Springs 2-Mile race.

The 30K race course is a double out-and-back loop from the Wildcat field house north to a point past the Merl's Chapel bridge on Highway Y and back. The two-mile is run on an out-and-back course from

the Wildcat field house to a point just past the old bridge on Crystal Springs road and back

Both courses are certified by the USA Track and Field Association and are eligible for state and national records.

The race date is set for Saturday, April 4, 2015. The 30K race starts at 7:30 a.m., and the 2-Mile starts at 7:45. Race Day entry fees are \$35 for the 30K, and \$25 for the 2-Mile.

Runners should check in at the Football Fieldhouse at least 15 minutes prior to the start of their race

Awards are given to the overall male and female champions, and to the top three runners in each age group.

Race details and forms are available on the Ozark Mountain Ridge runners website.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Cassville Wildcats Cross Country program.

Wildcat wrestlers compete in Reeds Spring Tournament

On Saturday, February 21, the Wildcat Takedown Club attended the Reeds Spring Open Tournament. The WTC wrestlers brought home metals in each division.

Division 1: Camden Runnels 35 lbs. 2nd place, Adam Keen 45 lbs. 4th place, Rylen Holman 50 lbs. 4th place, Colton Roark 55 lbs. 2nd place, Lucas Keen 55 lbs. 5th.

Division 2: Jaeron Ganoung 60 lbs. 4th place, Evan Butler 65 lbs. 1st place, Tristan Thompson 70 lbs. 3rd place, Connor Annecharico 130-145 lbs. 2nd place.

Division 3: Cutter Hicks 85 lbs. 4th place, Logan Whisman 90 lbs. 4th place, Brennen Cieslinski 90lbs. 1st place, Christian Tidwell 120 lbs. 5th place, Gabriel Hunter 90 lbs. 4th place, & Evan Faulk 205 lbs. 1st place.



Pictured above, front row, left to right, are: Lucas Keen, Tristan Thompson, Evan Butler, Jaeron Ganoung, Colton Roark, Adam Keen, Camden Runnels and Rylen Holman.

Back row: Christian Tidwell, Connor Annecharico, Gabriel Hunter, Cutter Hicks, Logan Whisman, Brennen Cieslinski and Greg Keen.

Lady Wildcats survive Carthage comeback

Lee Stubblefield

On paper, it was a mild upset, a 5-seed sneaking past a 4 in a district opener. For Cassville's girls, the 45-43 squeaker over Carthage in the first round of Class 4 District 12 action at Webb City was monumental.

"This was a big win for our kids," said Cassville's Chris Shore. "I was really proud of them."

The Lady Wildcats led by 14 at the end of three periods but had to withstand a furious late rally that saw the Lady Tigers pull within a single basket. But Cassville's

girls never lost their composure or the lead.

Devyn Callahan led the Cassville effort with 13 points. Raeghan Blisard and Madi Stokes each added 8 in the game. The Lady Wildcats limited Carthage's Maya Williams, who poured in 51 in a game against Nixa, to just 19 points.

Cassville advances to play top-seeded McDonald County in semifinal action on Thursday at 4 p.m. Carthage 70, Cassville 46

In the Class 4 District 12 boys bracket, Carthage dumped Cassville, 70-46.

With only four wins on the season, Cassville was a heavy underdog going into this fray. The Wildcats opened with a flurry to take a 10-6 lead, but Carthage poured on a 30-9 run to douse any upset hopes.

Pierce City controls Class 2 District 12

The host Pierce City Eagles and Lady Eagles controlled the Class 2 District 12 Tournament.

The Pierce City girls defeated Purdy in the finals, 47-43, while the boys downed Miller, 81-65, in their championship game.

Purdy had beaten Southwest, 67-51, in a girls semifinal, and Miller dropped the Southwest boys in their semifinal clash, 73-66.

Class 1 District 5 at Willard

Walnut Grove eliminated Verona, the last standing Ozark 7 team, 82-52 and claimed the Class 1 District 5 championship.

Southwest Middle School volleyball begins

The Southwest Lady Trojans open the middle school volleyball season Friday night by hosting Purdy.

A total of 19 7th and 8th graders are out for the sport, according to Coach Steve

Voyak, who enters his 12th season in Washburn.

"Weather has been a little tough on our practice schedule, but all teams are dealing with that," Voyak said. "All the players have been work-

ing hard learning fundamentals and teamwork."

Members of the team include: Maggie Robbins, Heather Windes, Lili Out-house, Mariah Munday, Lacey Reeves, Shaylin Hendrix, Jacey Ball, Alexis Thomas, Maddie Blackburn, Skyler Spoonemeyer, Karlea Black, Carley Holder, Allison Curry, Makenzie Smith, Rylie Hill, Shelby Blevins, Shelby Pike, Breanna Hamilton and Kristin Teague.

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Funding available for emergency food/shelter

OACAC has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Barry County has been chosen to receive \$12,549.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army;

and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. A local board will determine how the funds awarded to OACAC are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to re-

ceive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are private a voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

OACAC has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Cassville UMC, Central Community UMC and Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Gail Reed, 700 E. Hwy. 248, Cassville, (417) 847-2140 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is March 12.

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Shank is to serve probation until Mar. 24, 2020.

• Brent W. Stahl, Springfield, pled guilty to two stealing related offense as a third offense (stealing, buying, receiving, robbery). Stahl was sentenced to four years incarceration with the execution of that sentence suspended and five years supervised probation.

On two separate occasions, Stahl entered Ramey in Cassville and walked out with large amounts of alcohol without paying for them. In May 2010, he stole \$581.60 worth of alcohol. In June of that same year, the total was \$553.64.

Stahl is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2020.

• Robert Joseph Stanphill, Seligman, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Stanphill was given a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

In January 2013, The Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force investigated a site in Seligman where the remnants of meth labs had been dumped. At the site, there were receipts in a bag for the purchase of pseudoephedrine from the Cassville Walmart. When Walmart's logs were checked, Stanphill was one of the two men who purchased the medication.

Stanphill is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2020.

• Travis Thompson, Cassville, pled guilty to theft/

stealing any credit card. Thompson was sentenced to four years incarceration with the execution of that sentence suspended and four years supervised probation.

In November 2013, the Monett Police Department investigated a stolen EBT card. Thompson had been staying with the victim who was missing the EBT card, two knives, a cell phone and \$50 in cash. The card was used in Springfield for \$119.

Thompson is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2019.

• Joelle L. Wearly, Monett, made an Alford plea to forgery. Wearly was given a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

In June 2014, Wearly stole a check from the victim and tried to cash it in the amount of \$2,300. Wearly was identified by bank staff and had written her own name on the check.

Wearly is to serve probation until Feb. 17, 2020.



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Pictured above is the Cassville FFA at the Area 11 FFA Banquet. Members who received awards are, from left to right, in the front row: Dakota Townsend, Area FFA Degree; Hunter Madison, Area FFA Degree and third place Poultry Production Proficiency Award; and Keenan Roller, Area FFA Degree. Back row: Deidre Westpheling, first place Agricultural Services Proficiency Award; Taner Wright, first place Beef Production Proficiency Award; Will Edmondson, Area FFA Degree; Parker Dunker, Area FFA Degree; Taylor Sanders, Area FFA Degree, second place Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Award and second place Wildlife Management Proficiency Award; Colton Dilbeck, Area FFA Degree; and Delane Hopkins, Area FFA Degree.

Golden Harvest meeting

The Golden Harvest Club will meet on Tuesday, March 10. The meeting will be held at the Rowdy Beaver Restaurant on Highway 112 at noon. Members will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for March.

There will a speaker provided by James Brasel.

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Cassville PD to crack down on teen seat belt usage

The Cassville Police Department announced they are joining forces with state-wide law enforcement March 15 through March 31 for an aggressive youth seat belt mobilization to crack down on Missouri's seat belt law violators and to reduce high-way fatalities.

Only 67 percent of Missouri's teens wear their seat belts when driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Eight out of ten teens killed in traffic crashes are unbuckled.

Under the Graduated Driver's License (GDL) law, teens are required to wear

their seat belt as it's a primary offense, meaning they can be pulled over solely for not wearing their seat belt.

"Local motorists should be prepared for stepped up seat belt enforcement," stated Sgt. Donald Privett. "We'll be out there to remind you seat belts can and do-save lives," he concluded.

Seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

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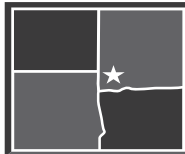


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Cassville Library events

• Bingo will be held at the Cassville Branch Library on Thursday, march 5, at 6 p.m.

• Tinker Bell and the Legend of Never Beast, rated G, will be shown at the library on Friday, March 6, at 4 p.m. Bring your own snacks.

• A yoga practice is held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

•Picking the Right Flower is the meeting topic of Front Porch Conversations with Garden People on Thursday, march 12, at 7 p.m.

• During March, the Cassville Branch Library will be collecting new, unopened personal hygiene products to donate to the Cassville Community Food Pantry.

McClintock MU's Dickinson Scholar

Trevor McClintock, Cassville, was selected as a Dickinson Scholar at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR).

The Dickinson Scholars Program allows qualified students to spend a week in January visiting with Kansas City agribusiness firms. This experience provides an opportunity for students to clarify their career goals and see how the subjects they learned in the classroom apply in business settings.

“Being able to participate in the Dickinson Scholars Program was somewhat of a blessing in disguise,” McClintock said. “ The trip helped me decide to pursue a career in auditing with an agricultural firm since it would combine my love of numbers and my love of agriculture. Overall, the whole trip helped open my eyes to all the wonderful agribusiness firms that are located just in the state.”

McClintock, a 2013 graduate of Cassville High School, is a sophomore at MU studying accounting and agricultural economics. In addition to being a Dickinson Scholar at MU, McClintock is involved in several campus organizations including the Collegiate Farm Bureau, Student National Agri-Marketing Association and Agriculture Future of America. Additionally, he is president of the MU Agribusiness Club. He is the son of Kim and Lisa McClintock.

MU is the largest and oldest university of the state's major public, land-grant research institutions.



Purdy FBLA raises money for March of Dimes



The Purdy High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter achieved great success in its annual March of Dimes campaign, raising \$501.79 in donations. Purdy FBLA secretary and project chairperson Andrea Humphrey coordinated the distribution of decorated baby bottles to all first hour classes in grades 7 through 12, as well as the collection and counting of money. Classes competed against one another for a donut and juice breakfast reward. Coach Ashley Brown's middle school volleyball class won in the 7th and 8th grade division. Mr. Clint Dillow's Ecology class took the prize in the high school division. The Purdy FBLA chapter operates under the direction of advisers Kay Wright and Ashley Brown.

Cassville Show Choir takes first in Nevada Festival



The Cassville High School Show choir competed in the Nevada Classic Show Choir Festival on Saturday, February 21. Cassville Centerstage won first place in Class 3. Cassville choirs are directed by Mary Richmiller.

Pictured are the juniors in the choir with their new trophy. From left to right, in the front row: Brooke Cornell, Ryann Stewart, Kiley Wolf and Jena Hilburn. Back row: Jakob Bredeson, Allen Lambel, Leigh Cox, Sam Paddock, Cheyenne Black, Jaci Evans, Jackson Kirk, Allen Boston and Drake Thomas.

Barry County Republicans meeting Mar. 10

The Barry County Republican Club will have an early meeting for the month of March. They will be meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Shell

Knob at Steak Inn.

They will have a guest speaker, Pat Tracy, from the Lawrence County Republican Club. She will speak and sell tickets for their Lincoln

Days event in Mt. Vernon on Saturday, March 21.

There will also be a speaker to talk about the current state of Republican politics in Missouri and the nation.

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