

New School Resource/D.A.R.E. Officer



SRO/D.A.R.E. Officer Zach Thompson

The Cassville Police Department is proud to announce Officer Zach Thompson graduated from D.A.R.E. Officer Training on September 27, 2019. The training was held in Jefferson City, Missouri. This intensive two-week training was sponsored by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association through D.A.R.E. America. Officer Thompson is now certified to teach the D.A.R.E. program in the Cassville School system, and will be teaching the sixth grade students. The course is ten-weeks long, and there are supplement lessons that can be taught in conjunction with the D.A.R.E. material. Students who complete the program will

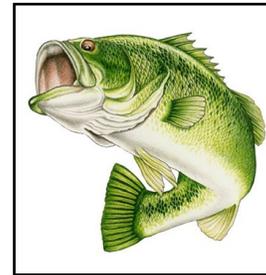
participate in a graduation ceremony.

In addition, Officer Thompson completed School Recourse Officer training in October. This week-long training was also held in Jefferson City, Missouri and sponsored through the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. This course ensures officers have the proper training to work in school settings.

Officer Thompson is also involved with after school activities and with the Youth Advisory Board.

Officer Thompson joined the Cassville Police Department as a patrol Officer in October, 2017.

Ozarks Water Watch



The Ozarks Water Watch, a nonprofit organization that works to preserve

the water quality of the upper White River Basin, has released their 11th annual Status of the Watershed report. The basin as a whole received a "C" rating as did the Table Rock watershed. A "C" rating indicates no substantial changes in water quality. The most common problem cited was high levels of nitrogen, which encourages the growth of problem algae including the toxic varieties that can harm wildlife, livestock, pets and humans.

The results of the most recent samples taken at Roaring River showed an improvement in dissolved oxygen, total phosphorus and invertebrates, but a slight increase in total nitrogen content.

The group offers these suggestions to help improve our streams and lakes:

- **Use fertilizers properly.** Test your soil to know if you even need fertilizer and what kind your soil needs. Don't apply fertilizer ahead of rain events because it can easily wash off lawns and be flushed into creeks and rivers through city storm water drains.

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Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce

Perhaps everyone in Cassville knows that the Chamber of Commerce plans and executes multiple events for the community every year. The managing director, Rachael Freeman, plans and coordinates the Spring Sidewalk Sale, The Chili Cook Off Festival and Car Show, The Fall Show, Christmas Open House, and Evening Christmas Parade. Rachael says, "Of course, there are many volunteers who help, it really takes a village." You may also know the Chamber helps with the Hillbilly Industrial Golf outing, they send representation to the Tulsa Boat Show, Opening Day of Fishing Season, and other events to serve the community.

In addition to being fun (and delicious) and bringing the community together, these events all help to strengthen the brand name of Cassville in communities around the region. They bring people and their dollars to the community and they create opportunities for networking and partnerships.

Do you also know that the Chamber works with the City of Cassville on Economic Development? Many businesses or entrepreneurs contact the Chamber to gather information about the area. In some instances, it makes sense to introduce them to Isaac Petersen, the Director of Economic Development. In his role, he may be able to help them to develop a business plan, access capital and access Federal or State programs designed to support business operating in Rural areas.

"The Chamber of Commerce has been a terrific partner," Petersen said. "The board and managing director, Rachael, work with the city, schools, other organizations and local businesses. Rachael and I stay in close contact."

There has been a lot of activity lately, recent additions to the Chamber of Commerce include:

- ◇ Young Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
- ◇ Advanced Physical Therapy
- ◇ An expansion of Roark Family Health
- ◇ Wintech
- ◇ Fulp Automotive
- ◇ Archer's Bow Targeted Marketing and Media Solutions
- ◇ Copy Cat
- ◇ Independent Paintless Dent Repair
- ◇ Higher Vision Coaching, Training, Consulting
- ◇ Simplicity Lavender

What else is new?



The Chamber is launching a new event for 2020. It is intended to bring people, and their dollars, to Cassville from other regions and states. It will include a celebration of Cassville's 175th birthday. What is this event? Trout Fest 2020! The Friday night kick off will include a flag raising ceremony, videography of Cassville's history and then fireworks. Saturday's festivities will include live music, food, entertainment, rides and games for the kiddos and much, much more.

June 5th and 6th—Save the Date!

Ozarks Water Watch

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- **Make sure your septic system is functioning properly** and pump tanks regularly. Failing septic fields can leach nutrients into ditches and eventually into waterways.
- **In urban areas particularly, pick up after your pets.**

Pet waste can easily wash into storm water drains, and flow — untreated — directly into creeks and rivers.

- **Farmers should keep their livestock out of streams.** Cow droppings are a nutrient source that encourages algae to grow and also a source of E. coli bacteria.

Cattle also trample creek banks, hastening erosion.

- **If your vehicle drips oil or other fluids, try to get it fixed.** When it rains, that oily sheen washes directly into storm water drains and into creeks.



15 Apps Parents Should Know About



MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. App users are encouraged to meet each other in person.



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails and make calls and video chats.



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app “Tinder”, however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.



LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster’s exact location. Users can earn “coins” as a way to “pay” minors for photos.



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.



GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app give users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart

phone’s GPS



TIKTOK is a mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including “stories” allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.



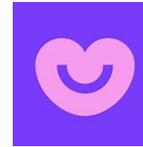
HOLLA is a self-proclaimed “addicting” video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content and more.



CALCULATOR% is only one of several secret apps used to hide photos, vides, files and browser history.



SKOUT is a locations based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account with an older age.



BADBOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message to your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user’s location so people can meet up.



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

This information was provided courtesy of the Madill, Oklahoma Police Department. There are several websites, including www.smartsocial.com, www.familyeducation.com and www.consumersadvocate.org with more information on popular teen apps, as well as information on monitoring and parental control apps.

OUR VISION:

To make the City of Cassville a hub for living, working and playing in America's real hometown.

OUR MISSION:

The City of Cassville is committed to ensuring a safe, beautiful, thriving community for residents, visitors and businesses, creating strong futures built from rich histories.

OUR CORE VALUES:

- *Customer Service
- *Excellence and Learning
- *Togetherness
- *Integrity
- *Respect
- *Innovation
- *Stewardship

OUR GOALS:

To build and maintain a strong foundation while delivering, improving and expanding City services,

To make Cassville a destination for visitors to experience the beauty of the Ozarks while making memories for a lifetime,

To support, grow and create opportunities for economic growth while maximizing our technology and networking advantage

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Fall Safety Tips

Service Your Furnace

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Use Fireplaces Safely

Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Use Caution with Space Heaters

A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

Reconsider Leaf Burning

According to information from the Environmental Protection Agency, burning leaves produces dangerous and cancer-causing chemicals. For this reason, homeowners should avoid disposing of leaves this way. If you decide to burn leaves, wear a protective mask. Burning leaves should only be attempted far away from a house or other structures on a homeowner's property. Always check the weather forecast before starting to burn leaves. This activity should not be attempted in windy conditions.

Exercise Candle Caution

Candles are a great way to give a room that warm glow, but they can also cause fires. According to the National Candle Association, almost 10,000 home fires start with improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep, and keep your candles away from pets and kids.

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