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MERCY AWARD

Who: Caden Swearingen
What: Presented Values in Action award by the Mercy Healthcare system during a special awards ceremony in Springfield on Sept. 23
More: Swearingen's grandfather an inspiration

Swearingen honored for community values

Cassville man's grandfather a role model in care industry

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Caden Swearingen, of Cassville, was a recipient of Mercy Health's 2025 Values in Action Award for the southern Missouri region that includes Thayer, Hollister, Branson and Springfield, during a special ceremony held in Springfield on Sept. 23.

Swearingen, one of 12 recipients of the annual awards, works as a medical assistant for Shell Knob Family Medicine, a Mercy Clinic.

Swearingen's practice manager, Melissa Stanley, nominated him for the honor because he exemplifies the Mercy values of "dignity, justice, service, excellence and stewardship," she said.

"Not only has [Caden] grown tremendously in his role as an MA, but he also brings an undeniable joy to his fellow caregivers and patients," Stanley stated in the nomination she submitted to Mercy's selection committee.

Stanley also noted Swearingen's work as a "true leader" in Shell Knob and the surrounding communities, because of "his passion for bringing people together" and "playing a hands-on role in organizing and supporting community events, such as the Cassville Community Christmas, a [community] lemonade stand and the establishment of the Cassville Firefighter Auxiliary."

"He has a remarkable ability to connect with people from all walks of life, making them feel valued and cared for," Stanley said.

Swearingen credits his grandfather, Fred Whisenhunt, of Butterfield, with being one of the most influential role models in his life and in his healthcare journey.

Whisenhunt, a retired home health RN for the Mercy Healthcare system, began pursuing a nursing degree in the late 1980s, when acceptance into a nursing program was extremely competitive. He was in his early 40s at the time.

"There were 20 openings available for the 160 applications they received,"

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'Ding-dong, ding-dong, that is their song'

Cassville FUMC bell choir rings in 25 years of music
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The bell choir at First United Methodist Church in Cassville is marking 25 years of performances, a milestone built on

decades of practice, community support and a willingness to learn a unique musical craft.

What began in 2000 as an idea among church musicians has become a fixture of holiday services and a cherished part of the local congregation's worship experience.

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"I heard the College of the Ozarks bell choir when I went to Tan-Tara for the Missouri music Educators Association Conference and thought how

nice it would be for the church," Starchman said. "That much have been about January of 1998. That put the bee in my bonnet, but I didn't know anything about them."

Starchman and two fellow musicians traveled in 2000 to a music workshop at the University of Missouri-Kansas
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A Merry Christmas to all!



Santa Claus waves and wishes a Merry Christmas to attendees lining Main Street at the annual Cassville Christmas Parade. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

2 Shell Knob men killed in wreck

Vehicle goes off roadway on Stallion Bluff Road

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Two men were killed and another seriously injured in a wreck at 10:52 p.m. on Friday on Stallion Bluff Road, three

miles north of Shell Knob.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a male was driving a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado southbound when his vehicle ran off the roadway on a curve, struck a tree and overturned. Driver information s pending further investigation.

Two men, a 24-year-old and a 48-year-old, both of Shell Knob, were pronounced dead at the scene at 11:51 p.m. by Gary

Swearingen, Barry County Coroner. Both men were transported to Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

A third male, 30, of Franklin, Neb., suffered serious injuries and was transported to Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

These are the 123rd and 124th fatalities of the year for Troop D of the Patrol, which covers 18 counties in southwest Missouri, including Barry.

A-2-Z Glass Mobile Service announces opening of 3rd location in Cassville

A-2-Z Glass Mobile Service, a trusted name in auto glass repair and replacement since 1992, is proud to announce the opening of its third location in Cassville. The expansion marks a significant milestone for the company, founded and owned by Bruce Heman, a Sarcoxie native and longtime resident of Aurora.

What began as a one-man mobile operation more than three decades ago has grown into a multi-location service provider known for its craftsmanship, customer care and community-centered values. With existing locations in Aurora and Sarcoxie, the addition of the

Cassville shop strengthens the company's footprint in southwest Missouri and enhances its ability to serve customers quickly and efficiently.

In 2022, A-2-Z Glass Mobile Service completed construction of its flagship shop in Aurora, a turning point that accelerated growth and demand. According to Heman, the company's expansion reflects both community support and the increasing need for reliable auto glass service in the region.

"We're excited to bring A-2-Z Glass Mobile Service to Cassville," Heman said. "Adding a third location allows our team to support more cus-

tomers at a higher level, provide faster turnaround times, and offer even more competitive pricing. We now have the ability to leverage multiple regional suppliers and warehouse hubs, including access to distribution centers in both Missouri and Arkansas, which improves availability and value for our customers."

A-2-Z Glass Mobile Service specializes in auto glass replacement, rock "chip" repair, ADAS camera recalibration, as well as in-shop and mobile service for residential, commercial, and fleet vehicles. The team operates with a commitment to friendly service, honest pricing,

and high-quality installation work backed by over 30 years of industry experience.

To celebrate the opening, A-2-Z Glass Mobile Service will host a public open house event in January 2026, inviting community members, business partners, and customers to tour the new shop, meet the team, and enjoy refreshments and giveaways. Additional event details will be released later this year.



NEWS BRIEFS

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at FUMC

The Cassville United Methodist Church will host a candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Please join with others as the church welcomes Christ into our world. All are welcome at the service at the church, located at 601 Gravel Street in Cassville.

Capps Creek Road District meeting

The Capps Creek Special Road District will meet in regular session on Dec. 18 at noon at the home of Garry and Pam Bartkoski, located at 5086 Farm Road 2057 in Monett. The public is welcome to attend.

FUMC's Christmas Card to Cassville on Dec. 14

All are invited to the Christmas Card to Cassville at 6 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Cassville United Methodist Church, located at 601 Gravel Street. This annual free event will present an evening of music and celebration featuring various musical solos and ensembles, including the handbell choir. Refreshments will be served following the event. More than 200 nativity scenes will be available for viewing from 1-6 p.m.

Christmas Dinner at Senior Center on Dec. 19

The Cassville Senior Center, located at 1111 Fair Street in Cassville, is hosting its annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be live music and a gift giveaway.

SHINE Ozarks Homeschool Co-Op Expo on Thursday

The SHINE Ozarks Homeschool Co-Op Expo will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Washburn First Baptist Church. The event will offer information about the Co-Op and how families may utilize it.

Cassville Branch Library in December

The following events will be held at the Cassville Branch Library through December: Dec. 10, Teen Painting, 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 11, Steam Club, 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 12, Reindeer Centerpiece, 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 13, Christmas Rag Tree, 10 a.m., and Crochet Club, 10 a.m. to noon; Dec. 16, Tot Time, 9:30 a.m., and Storytime, 10 a.m.; Dec. 17, Youth Paint, 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 18, Kids Movie, 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, Crochet Club, 10 a.m. to noon; Dec. 23, Storytime, 10 a.m., and Homeschool program, 11 a.m.

Santa and Friends event in Eagle Rock

The Eagle Rock Branch Library and Friends of the Library will host the Annual Santa and Friends event on Saturday from 3-4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Center, located at 27824 Hwy. 86. There will be cookies for children to decorate, crafts to make and a visit from Santa.

Cassville Farmers' Market open on Saturdays

The Cassville Farmers Market is open weekly on Saturdays on the Barry County Courthouse Square, from 8 a.m. to noon. Vendors are offering eggs, vegetables, hand-made crafts, baked goods and more. Those interested in becoming a vendor may contact Chad Sprinkle at 417-846-3539.

Wheaton Depot Museum open

The Wheaton Depot Museum is open from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays for individuals to come in and see exhibits. For more information, people may call 417-846-3146.

Lessons offered before Seligman's Saturday dances

The Seligman Chamber of Commerce country dances at the Seligman Chamber Event Center are every Saturday from 7-10 p.m. No alcohol is allowed. Admission is \$10 per person, and 18-and-under are free. There is a potluck, 50-50 drawing and door prizes. Free dance lessons will also be given from 5-6 p.m. For more information, people may call 479-903-3640.

OATS rides available in Barry County

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. People may call the local OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in the Barry County area. People may also visit the OATS website at oatstransit.org to view local schedules under "Bus Schedules," then click on the county of service. OATS Transit is hiring drivers statewide to continue serving riders. Openings are listed on the OATS website.

Washburn kicks off Christmas parade season



Washburn Parade Winners

School:

- 1st: Southwest Band
- 2nd: Southwest FBLA
- 3rd: Southwest FFA

Religious:

- 1st: Mission Baptist Church
- 2nd: Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- 3rd: Prairie Hill Baptist Church

Antique:

- 1st: Paul Farms
- 2nd: Lindell Mitchell
- 3rd: Jim Roe

Business:

- 1st: Barry Electric and Co-op
- 2nd: Ride for Life
- 3rd: People's Community Bank

26 inducted into Beta Club



Cassville Intermediate School recently held its Elementary National Beta Club induction ceremony. On Sept. 29, 26 students were inducted into the National Beta Club at Cassville Intermediate. These students were selected for membership based on their academic standing and character. The mission of the club is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. "It is exciting to see how, in four years, our Beta has expanded, and to see how many students show enthusiasm for wanting to join Beta and serve our community," said Michelle Harvey, Beta sponsor. The following students were inducted: Lucian Bauman, Wylee Bradley, Kaylie Clemons, Ellie Ennis, Emersyn Farris, Mick Fields, Avery Greek, Alex Harris, Paityn Joeckel, Evelyn Landstad, Carter Littler, Lily Lowe, Reef McIntyre, Rya McIntyre, Iris Messinger, Tarek Miller, Henley Mumau, Emma Privett, Melonee Rawlings, Emma Grace Rayburn, Gabriel Ritchie, Azalea Rydberg, Lakelynn Senters, Sophia Tate, Brynn Weldy, and June Wingo. Contributed photo



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Pictured are the largest and smallest bells that are part of the Cassville First United Methodist Church's bell choir, which will perform on Sunday in the church's Christmas Card to Cassville, which begins at 6 p.m. Contributed photo

Bells: 4 members play all 25 years

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City to learn more about handbells. The event featured tables filled with bells from numerous churches, giving them a firsthand look at the instrument. Their early attempts at ringing, however, made clear how much technique was required.

"They invited everybody to go to a bell and play," Starchman said. "And then we realized there was a lot more technique to playing than what we had. I don't know if I made four or five notes in that whole time we were up there. It was like, 'Oh, there went my note; oh no, there went the other note.'"

After returning home, the church worked with a Warwick bell company representative and began fundraising. Each bell in the set was purchased with donations, and a personal history was added to the choir's equipment.

"Each bell has a designation of a person that the bell was purchased in memory or in honor of," Starchman said. "That's how we began to get our first three octaves of bells."

The choir's early days were guided by its first director, Christine Samuel, who brought experience from College of

the Ozarks. Four founding members — Starchman, Linda Phipps, Charli Jo Ledgerwood and Chuck Miner — remain involved today on the 13-member choir, contributing continuity as well as institutional knowledge of technique and performance.

As the choir grew, changes in leadership helped the group expand its abilities. When Starchman eventually became director, the choir added more bells.

"Now, we have four and a half octaves," Starchman said. "We have around 30 bells total."

Membership has naturally shifted as people move, join or take breaks. Some longtime participants arrived with prior bell experience, while others learned everything from scratch, though all who have been in the choir have been able to read music or rhythm. The group continues to welcome new ringers as openings arise.

Christmas remains the choir's busiest and most anticipated season, and preparation begins well before December. The group's holiday selections include secular classics like "Silver Bells" and "White Christmas," as well as oth-

er religious tunes. Over the years, the complexity of the music has pushed both seasoned and new players to improve their precision. "Carol of the Bells" serves as both a favorite and a particular challenge.

"Carol of the Bells... that's probably our biggie," Starchman said. "It is still complex, especially when you have new members."

Musical skill in rhythm is especially important, Starchman said. While each player is typically responsible for only two notes — including sharps and flats — understanding timing is essential to blending with the ensemble.

Beyond reading notes, handbell musicians must learn physical techniques unique to the instrument, including malleting, damping and reading specialized musical symbols. These skills, Starchman said, help elevate the choir's sound.

The congregation has consistently responded with enthusiasm, Starchman said, especially during the holidays. The choir performs monthly during the regular season from September through May, offering music that resonates with churchgoers.

"We've had really great comments and reception," Starchman said. "People love it. At one time, we had a children's bell choir, and they were mostly teenagers."

The community is invited to hear the choir perform on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church's Christmas Card to Cassville. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 601 Gravel St. Refreshments will be served following the event. Also, more than 200 nativity scenes will be available for viewing from 1-6 p.m.

Cassville Community Christmas spreads copious cheer



Audrey Hoover, 4, of Exeter, colors a craft at the third annual Cassville Community Christmas, organized by the Cassville Community Collective, on Friday at the Family Life Center in Cassville. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Kiley Stringer signs with her family at the third annual Cassville Community Christmas, organized by the Cassville Community Collective, on Friday at the Family Life Center in Cassville. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Rowan Arndt, who turns 3 soon, and Roper Arndt, 2 months, both of Cassville, took a photo with Santa on Friday at the third annual Cassville Community Christmas, organized by the Cassville Community Collective. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

Emma Swearingen, 5, of Cassville, smiles as she interacts with the Grinch on Friday at the third annual Cassville Community Christmas, organized by the Cassville Community Collective. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Kennedy Phillips, 4, of Exeter, oohs and aahs as she accepts a marshmallow-filled cup of hot chocolate at the third annual Cassville Community Christmas, organized by the Cassville Community Collective. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

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COMMENTARY

PUBLISHER'S VIEW



KYLE TROUTMAN

4 down, 2 to go

Christmas may be the busiest day of the year for Santa Claus, but for a small-town journalist like myself, the first couple Saturdays in December rival any day of the year.

This past Saturday, I did a mini tour of the county throughout the day. It began in Washburn at 10 a.m. with the first parade of the holiday season. While it may be the smallest in size, Washburn's parade has a quality of quaintness and hometown living not quite the same as anywhere else.

Plenty of candy was tossed, stuffed animals were handed out, multiple tractors and classic cars made their way from North Street to Church Street, packing a ton of fun into just a couple blocks.

The highlight of the Washburn Parade is clear — the hometown performance by the Southwest Trojans Marching Band. Led by long-time Director Glenda Dalton, who has been in charge of the Trojans' sound since my wife, Jordan, was on the drumline in high school, the band not only plays excellent Christmas music, but has a unique formation performance unlike any other band in the area.

The size and length of Washburn's parade is just perfect to be able to make it to Purdy's parade at 11 a.m. Even though I have been in Cassville for more than a decade, this year was my first time attending the parade in Purdy, and I loved it!

The Purdy band sounded great, and color guard was impressive, and the length of the parade slightly surprised me. However, there is one thing that set Purdy apart in my mind — candy. Sure, candy is thrown at every parade, but in Purdy, the sheer amount of candy (and quality and variety of bite-sized pieces) was incredible.

There was so much candy thrown at some groups of children that they stopped picking it up during the parade and waited until the end to clean up.

As if four parades in one day wasn't enough, I found time in between Purdy's and Exeter's parades to stop in at Cassville High School to shoot a full round of the boys wrestling tournament. The Wildcats this year have more potential than any year before, and it showed on Saturday with a blowout team win and five individual titles.

This year's squad, with its seasoned group of seniors, will be a gift that keeps on giving well into February.

After getting a solid set of wrestling shots, I made my way to Exeter for parade number three. Exeter mirrors Washburn in many ways, but with a few more entries. Plenty of classic cars made their way down Front Street, and the cheery afternoon was marked by a number of floats or entries that had been in Washburn or Purdy's parade earlier in the day, and the second time Santa lofted Christmas greetings from atop a fire truck — always a classic.

After Exeter, I finally got a bit of a break before capping the evening with the biggest parade of the day, Cassville's. I'm not sure what I like most about our hometown march. Is it that we had three bands? Is it the massive variety of floats? Is it Santa on his sleigh at a reasonable height better for photos?

It's all of those things. It's also how packed the square is, and how many people yell out from the sides of the street to me as I make my way back and forth from the square to Fohn Funeral Home to get photos and videos of all the high points of the parade.

Simply put, Cassville's parade is a lot of fun, though it's also a lot of work and a lot of steps. I would bet I cover as much ground as the parade participants do, just in a space of about half a mile.

The only major negative of the Cassville parade is that I always have to work it, so I never get to spend it with my kids. Instead of being there to help catch candy and offer a Merry Christmas to Santa, I catch all the action afterward via videos Jordan takes.

This year, our youngest was the most excited about the parade she had ever been, shouting Merry Christmas to anyone and everyone who will listen, including many times at the many Grinches throughout the parade and even louder to Santa at the end.

This Saturday, we'll head to Seligman for its parade, then to Wheaton, a family favorite, to finish out the season. While I don't get to hang out with the family in Cassville, it's a different story in Wheaton. We usually pick a good spot on Main Street and I get my photos while spending time with the family.

The highlight of Wheaton's parade, other than Santa and Mrs. Claus on a classic fire truck, is always the float that tosses bouncy balls down the street. If you've never gone, it's a good one.

Happy candy hunting to all as the final parades come a'calling. I hope to see you there!

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COMMUNITY VOICES

A Christmas slowed by grace

December is the time of year when faith asks me to breathe, but life asks me to hurry.

My heart wants peace, but my calendar demands performance. Christmas doesn't enter quietly anymore. It seems to crash into our lives with noise, color and urgency. I find myself staring down a holiday to-do list longer than a receipt at the grocery store.

There's the Christmas tree to trim, the wreath to hang, lights to untangle, cards to address, and gifts to buy. Traditions call out to us. I feel compelled to dust off Grandma's handwritten recipe card and bake her timeless fruitcake cookies. Don't leave out work deadlines, parties, family gatherings, and church events from the mix. Christmas can begin to feel less like a season and more like a sprint.

I'll admit it, I try to outsmart December. I shop early. If I find the perfect gift in July, I will snatch it up and save it for Christmas gifting. This year, I thought I really had it figured out. I carved out four golden, glorious days off work, an almost mythical stretch of uninterrupted time. My plan was ambitious and beautiful. I would write all the Christmas cards, finish shopping, decorate the house and start wrapping gifts.

Then, just as I headed into my "holiday headquarters," I felt it, the scratchy tickle in my throat. You know the one.

Despite amplified doses of vitamin C and zinc, the flu showed up uninvited, like the Grinch in the night and stole my well-laid plans.

Instead of decking the halls, I spent my four unrecoverable days off work bundled in blankets, buried in Kleenex, and surviving on soup, ginger ale and crackers. Not one card was written.

Not one decoration was unpacked. Not one gift was wrapped. When you're sick, you can't hustle. You can't pretend you're in control. You can only be, think, pray and rest.

And, that's when the uncom-



JANET MILLS

fortable truth surfaced. December is the month when I say I want to draw closer to God and also the month when my schedule makes that hardest to do. We tend to crowd December with good and meaningful things, but sometimes we pile them so high there's no room left for the very reason we are celebrating.

I realize much of my December motivation is rooted in love for others by a desire to reach out through cards, gifting, meals and kindness. That's all beautiful. But I also wonder, why do we cram into one month what our hearts long to do all year?

As I lay there coughing through TV Christmas movies and trying to ignore an undecorated living room, God gently shifted my gaze. Christmas was not, in fact, in jeopardy because my tree was still in its box. Faith is not measured by wrapping paper or wreaths. Peace does not arrive in a department store.

The miracle, the real one, still came quietly in a manger, just as it always has.

As director of our local food pantry, I observe how the winter months bring an increase in need. While many families plan feasts, others quietly fear the grocery bill. While we're busy choosing gifts, some are choosing between medicine and groceries.

The pantry shelves move faster in December, and the stories grow heavier. Also appearing in December is generosity which shows up in beautiful ways. Donations appear and volunteers rush in with helping hands.

People remember hunger in December, and I thank God for that.

My bout with the flu forced me to slow down and in doing so, it redirected my heart. I realized how easy it is to fill December with activity and still miss Christ entirely. Jesus did not arrive in a rush. He came gently, humbly, quietly and not to a schedule, but to a stable.

When I let go of my frustration over unboxed ornaments, tree lights and unfinished plans, a bit of peace replaced the pressure I was feeling. I stopped measuring Christmas by productivity and started watching for presence.

Revising our focus with a more Christ-like perspective can lead us to see that kindness and service are not just a seasonal intention. Generosity is not simply a holiday tradition. Compassion is not meant to be stored in ornaments and unpacked once a year. It's meant to be lived.

Perhaps the greatest gift we can give this Christmas is not something wrapped in paper, but something woven into our calendar in the form of time given, hands offered, hearts opened. Maybe simplification is the most faithful act we can make this season. We can release unrealistic expectations. We can shorten the to-do list. We can quiet the noise.

We can show up, not just for parties, but for people.

Light doesn't need December to shine. Love doesn't need a calendar to matter. If love fuels our journey instead of obligation, even setbacks become sacred and illness can become instruction. Stillness and silence can provide a sanctuary directing us toward the manger which holds our ultimate hope.

The invitation remains open, not just this month, but every day of the year.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I heard the College of the Ozarks bell choir when I want to Tan-Tara for the Missouri music Educators Association Conference and thought how nice it would be for the church. That much have been about January of 1998. That put the bee in my bonnet, but I didn't know anything about them."

— JUDY STARCHMAN, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR, ON HOW THE CHOIR CAME ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO

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50 years ago
Dec. 17, 1975
— **CHURCH PEW PROJECT NEAR WASHBURN**
The arrival of new pews for Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Washburn will complete construction of the new church building on Highway 37, with hopes of holding services by Christmas.
— **WILDCAT JVS UNDEFEATED, VARSITY SPLIT**
Cassville's junior varsity ran its record to 4-0 while the varsity split two games, losing to Nevada and defeating Anderson. JV scoring was led by Steve Vaughan and John Cowherd, while varsity leaders included Jeff Carr and Mike Morris.
— **IN KOREA**
Staff Sgt. Wayman L. Murphy of Purdy was cited for outstanding performance at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.
— **BARRY COUNTY COURTROOM FUNDING**
The Barry County Circuit Court approved renovation plans totaling \$48,000 with state and federal funding assistance to improve courtroom space and conditions.
— **HUD PROJECTS BID CALL SET**
Bid dates were announced for HUD-funded projects in Purdy and Monett, with additional projects planned in Cassville, Exeter, Wheaton and Seligman.

40 years ago
Dec. 18, 1985
— **FDIC CLOSED EXETER BANK, REOPENED BY NEW OWNERS**
Farmers State Bank of Barry County was closed Friday, Dec. 13, by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for "ineffective management." Federal authorities awarded a charter to Security Bank of Southwest Missouri, which reopened Saturday. Gary Acker of the Crane community was named to head the new operation, appointing Kenneth Wyatt as chief executive officer. The closing ended months of speculation involving financial reverses of H. Robert Laughrey. State officials cited loan problems, lack of a chief executive officer and lack of a blanket bond. Security Bank assumed about \$4 million in deposits across 2,500 accounts and agreed to pay the FDIC a premium of \$75,312.40.

30 years ago
Dec. 13, 1995
— **CHARLEY BAKER RETIRES AS CARETAKER OF THE COURTHOUSE**
Charley Baker's hands have touched every square inch of the Barry County Courthouse. For the past 18 years, he has stripped paint, refinished woodwork, polished door knobs and buffed the floors of the county's 82-year-old seat of justice. This week, Charley will retire from his position as county maintenance supervisor. A reception will be held in his honor on Thursday at

the courthouse from 1 to 3 p.m. Friends and family will have an opportunity to honor Charley for his hard work and dedication. They will also have a chance to view courthouse renovations completed under his supervision. Since Charley began working at the courthouse, he has been a man with a mission. He has toiled long hours to restore the courthouse to its original glory. Over the years, Charley has "practically redone" the entire interior of the courthouse. His greatest challenge was uncovering the cherry trim, railings, banisters and doors, which now shine because of his efforts. When Charley arrived on the scene, the entire interior of the courthouse had been spray painted a pale shade of green. It took him years to strip off the layers of paint and restore the woodwork to its natural russet beauty. In addition to stripping and re-staining 70 doors, Charley also refinished all the brass knobs and hardware. He has also repaired and refinished most of the furniture in the courthouse. "I had a vision of what I wanted to do here," Charley said. "It was a challenge, and now I feel like I completed my mission." Charley's assignment began in 1977, when his hobby of restoring old homes and furniture caught the attention of county commissioners Dick Sanders, Lige Frost and Nolan McNeill. They went to Charley and asked him if he could "start cleaning the place up." Charley agreed and began working at the courthouse part-time while still running his accounting business, Baker Bookkeeping. In 1982, Charley retired from accounting and returned to repairing and renovating the courthouse full time. Charley is most proud of the circuit courtroom. He refinished the jury chairs, the railings, the large table in the front and the backdrop that hangs behind the judge's bench. "I'm real proud of this room," Charley said. During his tenure, Charley has uncovered a lot of history. He has tried to salvage each new find and place it in one of two large display cases he restored on the courthouse's second floor. Each case contains old fixtures, door knobs, office equipment, newspaper clippings, bottles and other items of historical interest discovered in the courthouse by Charley. "I've pretty well kept up with the history," Charley said. One of Charley's preservation projects included restoring a table and chair, circa 1883, which were salvaged from the original courthouse built in 1856. According to local historians, Civil War documents were signed on this table, now displayed

in the courthouse. Charley also has overseen all the major renovation projects completed at the courthouse. He said he will continue to work with the county commission on an advisory basis for future projects. His co-workers at the courthouse are sad to see him retire. "I don't know what we're going to do without him," said Misha Hull, county collector. "He'd do anything we needed done." Circuit Clerk Dick Sanders also appreciated Charley's hard work. "We've had people from all over the country comment on how nice our courthouse looks," Sanders said. "Charley turned things around and shaped the courthouse up." Even the Christmas tree, which now sits proudly in the middle of the courthouse's two-story foyer, is Charley's creation. He built it from plywood and the branches of 25 artificial Christmas trees. "The county has spent a lot of time and money to get the courthouse to this point," Charley said. "The people of the county ought to be proud of this place. I hope they will maintain it." Postscript: Charley is leaving the courthouse in good hands. He has been training a man to take his place for the past three months. Beginning next week, John Stakley will become the new caretaker of the courthouse.
— **CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS 1996 BUDGET TOTALING \$1.9 MILLION**
Cassville aldermen adopted a \$1,929,830 operating budget at their Monday meeting, following a hearing with only two reporters in attendance. No one from the general public was present. The 1996 budget, which predicts \$1,963,930 in revenues, is \$250,000 higher than last year's revised budget. Thirty-two percent of the operating budget (\$352,758) has been designated for the police department, and 20.3 percent (\$223,735) will go into the general operating fund. The city has allocated another 21 percent of the budget (\$230,955) for street improvements. Other expenditures listed in the budget by department for the general operating fund are: municipal court, \$42,334; fire, \$31,817; code enforcement, \$34,434; parks and recreation, \$147,892; and municipal airport, \$5,755. Expenditures budgeted for the water and sewer departments are \$472,624 and \$385,026 respectively. Only \$2,500 has been allocated for economic development. Major capital projects laid out in this year's budget are listed by department. Water department: chlorination system, \$58,500; water main replacement, \$45,000; water tower renovation of two older tanks, \$45,000; and light duty



50 YEARS AGO: IN DEEP THOUGHT — With a little hair twisting, Tracey Marbut, 3, of Seligman, gets her thoughts together in a conversation with Santa Claus. Democrat file photo



50 YEARS AGO: HOW ABOUT THAT SMILE — Jay Henderson, 4, of Purdy, has to be pleased with his talk with Santa....look at that smile. Democrat file photo
pickup, \$10,500. Sewer department: liquid waste disposal truck, \$75,000; and inflow/infiltration and lagoon sludge disposal, \$80,000. The water and sewer departments also will share the cost of a \$32,000 dump truck. Police department: police cruiser, \$17,500. Code enforcement: light pickup, \$10,500. Parks and recreation: greenway trail development, \$74,000; and park development, \$10,000. Streets targeted for improvement this year are Eighth Street from Gravel to Sky, High Street, Sky Street, Oak Street and Mountain Street, and 13th Street from Vine to the whistle near the bridge. These streets will be completely reconstructed and widened. Administrator Greg Beavers said increases in city employee salaries reflect a 2.5 percent cost of living allowance. In other business, the council approved a bid of \$6,357.31 from Tap-Jac to construct a gazebo in the city's newest park; annexed property owned by Johnny Eggleston; paid bills totaling \$33,546.34; and discussed codification of the city's code book and ordinances.

Exeter to name Miss Merry Christmas Thursday



Exeter High School's Miss Merry Christmas Ceremony will be held on Thursday after the junior varsity boys game basketball game, which starts at 5 p.m. From left: sophomore Reyna Aldridge, senior Zeandrea Brown, junior Jessika Peters and freshman Ella Yang. Contributed photo

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OBITUARIES



TONI MARIE HILL

Toni Marie Hill, 75, of Exeter passed away Saturday, December 6, 2025, at Solace House of the Ozarks in Joplin, Mo. She was born September 16, 1950, in Las Animas, Colo., the daughter of Floyd "Buck" and Leona (Hight) Coursey, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was a brother. Survivors include her son, Gary Hill of Exeter, Mo.; brothers, Ed Coursey of Joplin, Mo. and Steve Coursey of Gentry, Ark.; sisters, Diana Shields of Joplin, Mo., Sue Smith and husband Rick of Wyandotte, Okla., and Joan Werth of Commerce City, Colo.; one grandchild and one great grandchild. She attended school in Neosho, Mo., graduating from Neosho High School later attending cosmetology school in Joplin,

Mo. She was employed by La-Z-boy and Dollar General in Neosho for several years before moving to Exeter, where she had lived the last six years. She was of the Christian faith. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Contributions may be made to Solace House of the Ozarks in memory of Toni.

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DEBRA EARHART

Debra Earhart, 69, of Cassville, Mo., passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at Cassville Health and Rehab in Cassville, Mo. No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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JERRY JOE HILTON

Jerry Joe Hilton, 86, of Verdigris, passed away on November 17th, 2025, at his home. He was born on June 25th, 1939, to Ulus and Naomi Hilton in Cassville, MO. Jerry served 3 years in the Army and 7 years with the National Guard. He married Joanie Wilson on July 24th, 1981, and they had one child, James.

He worked as a Railroad Conductor and retired from BNSF Railroad in 2002. He was an avid horseman and enjoyed attending the grand and great-grandchildren's ports events. He also enjoyed flying and painting.

Jerry is survived by his wife Joanie, son James Hilton, Tulsa, OK., daughters Cindy Jankovich, son-in-law Tim, Dallas, TX. and Karen Roach, son-in-law Johnny, Claremore, OK. Grandchildren Josh (J.R.) Roach, Claremore, OK., Alyssa Tatham, and husband Travis, Pryor, OK., Jakob Goodman, Albuquerque, NM., and Michael Jankovich, Dallas, TX. and great-grandchildren Halle, Blake and Tate Tatham, Jett and Jayton Roach. He was preceded in death by his parents Ulus and Naomi, brother Jimmy Hilton and sister Janice Jaques.

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JACK NICKOLS

Jack Nickols formally of Cassville Missouri passed away November 30th, 2025 following a brief illness. He was born January 20, 1944 in Purdy, Missouri. He attended SMSU and received a degree in education. After a brief career in teaching he had a diverse work history having held many jobs over the years including MFA sales, owner of a local Sears catalog store, concessionaire of Roaring River State Park for 13 years, owner of Backcountry Outfitters in Springfield, and most recently ending his career as a successful real estate agent in Cassville. Since

retiring and moving to the Springfield area he has been very active in the Sac River Cowboy Church. He was preceded in death by his parents Loren and Blanche Nickols of Purdy, a brother Charles Nickols of Oklahoma, a sister Nancy Thomas of Purdy, and a son Jason Nickols of Springfield. He is survived by his wife Bonita Nickols of Springfield, a son Jeff Nickols of Strafford and his wife Rebecca and their children Lydia Nickols, Zach and Grace Shappley and his first great granddaughter Alice Shappley. He is also survived by his son Drew Nickols of Washburn and his wife Andrea and their children Owyn and Garrett. Jack was a kind, God loving man. Always ready to help and lend a hand. He will be greatly missed by friends, family and all that knew him.

Jack had his memorial service at the Cowboy Church, on December 5, 2025.

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ALTINA LYNN PIASECKI

Altina Lynn Piasecki, 70, of Golden, Mo., passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at her home.

She was born October 6, 1955 in Wichita, Kan., the daughter of Robert and Frances (Dickinson) Owen, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband Don Piasecki, and a brother, Lanson Owen.

Survivors include her daughters, Tammy Epps and husband Earl of Clearwater, Kan., Tonya Harrod of Wichita, Kan., and Trisha Epps and husband Aaron of Hutchinson, Kan.; brother, Randy Owen and wife Dena of Wichita, Kan.; sister, Karina Boyd of Wichita, Kan.; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She grew up and attended school in Wichita, Kan graduating from Wichita South High School. She then attended Wichita Technical College where she earned a degree in drafting.

She was employed by the Boeing Company in Wichita as a flight test mechanical-electrical designer for 36 years from where she retired in 2013. She and Don moved to the Golden area after her retirement. She was of the Christian faith.

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

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ANNA SUE (ROLLER) ROSE

Anna Sue (Roller) Rose, born January 26, 1946, the only child of Carl and Lura Belle (Stockard) Roller, passed into her heavenly home on December 6, 2025, at the age of 79.

Anna Sue graduated from Southwest R-5 in 1963 before relocating to Springfield, Missouri, where she attended Draughn Business College. She went on to hold several secretarial positions prior to returning to Washburn, Missouri. There, she owned and managed the P.Q. Mart for eight years and later served as Washburn City Clerk for five years. After retiring, Anna Sue continued to put her talents to use working many years as a bookkeeper for SOS Homes.

On January 22, 1988, she married the love of her life, Bill Rose. Together they operated a dairy farm for seventeen years, working side by side and building a life filled with dedication and partnership.

Anna Sue loved her grandchildren dearly and took immense joy in being part of their lives. She enjoyed traveling whenever she had the chance, and on most evenings, you could find her happily watching Wheel of Fortune.

She is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, Bill Rose; her children: Jamey Bland and his wife Julie of Washburn, Missouri; Stephanie Farnum and her husband James of Pineville, Missouri; and Mandy Petree and her husband Jared of Morrison, Oklahoma.

She leaves behind ten grandchildren: Tony Bland and his wife Amanda; Preston Farnum; Ethan Petree and his wife Taylor; Brady Petree; Andrea (Bland) Porter and her husband Ben; Christine Papas and her husband Adam; Heather Farnum; Violet Farnum; Sophia Farnum; and Kylee Skaggs and her husband Graham.

She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren: Alec Papas, Ava Papas, Stevie Jean Petree, Renlynn Hopper Farnum, Winston Skaggs, August Skaggs, Tynison Harrison, Adylene Harrison, and Lilly Brewer; her mother-in-law Shirley Rose; and sister-in-laws Virginia Sue Gunnels of Cassville, Missouri, Sharon Kay Vanzandt and her husband Raymond of Exeter, Missouri, and Patricia Rose of Miami, Oklahoma. And several other children who were not hers but knew her as grandma and Nana Sue

and she loved them all. Anna Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Lura Belle (Stockard) Roller; her stepmother, Vivian Roller; her father-in-law, Jimmie Rose; and her brother-in-laws, Joe Gunnels and Steven Rose.

Anna Sue will be remembered for her warmth, her work ethic, her devotion to family, and the love she poured into everyone around her.

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at White Funeral Home and Crematory, with Pastor Ray Holland officiating. Visitation will take place two hours before the service. Interment will follow at Kings Cemetery in Seligman, Missouri.

Memorials may be made to Kings Cemetery and entrusted to White Funeral Home and Crematory.

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

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LOGAN MICHAEL PRICE

Logan Michael Price, 24, of Shell Knob, Missouri, passed away on December 5, 2025, in Shell Knob. He was born on November 20, 2001, in Springfield, Missouri, to Mike and Alisha (Baird) Price. Logan graduated from Cassville High School in 2020.

Logan lived life with a quiet strength and a genuine heart. He loved driving around in his truck with the music turned up, exploring trails on Razors, and sharing evenings outside around a bonfire. Casa Maya was one of his favorite places, and the crew knew his order the moment he walked through the door.

He was deeply dedicated to the Central Crossing Fire Department, which held a special place in his life. Above all, Logan adored his nieces and nephews loving them more than anything in the world.

A hardworking and committed young man, Logan took great pride in his career as a crew leader in marine construction, building docks with passion and excitement. Each completed project filled him with enthusiasm, especially the big ones. His trucks were also a huge part of who he was and reflected his personality and style.

Although shy, Logan's heart was pure, generous, and full of love. He touched many lives simply by being himself.

Logan is survived by his parents Mike and Alisha Price; one sister, Kelsey McCormick and her husband Jared; one brother, Caden Price and his fiancé Alyzea Myers; three nephews Braxton Adams, Harrison McCormick, and Harlan McCormick; three nieces, Braylee Cahalan, Elora McCormick, and baby Elliyns that is soon to be here. Maternal grandparents, Brad and Julie Baird; Paternal grandmother, Suzan White.

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scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Lohmer Full Gospel Church in Shell Knob, Missouri, with David Donaldson officiating. Visitation will take place two hours prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Central Crossing Fire Department and entrusted to White Funeral Home and Crematory.

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SHIRLEY FAYE SMITH

Shirley Faye Smith, 84, of Exeter, Mo. passed away Monday, December 1, 2025, at Freeman Hospital West in Joplin, Mo.

She was born December 7, 1940, in Eureka Springs, Ark., the daughter of Orval and Bertha (Bohannon) Plouch, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, James “J.I.” Smith, and an infant son, Stephen James Smith.

Survivors include her son, Mark Smith and wife Marcy of Wheaton, Mo.; daughters, Charree Kelly and husband Jim of Wheaton, Mo. and Donna Musick and husband Jeff of Purdy, Mo.; sister, Kay Kelley of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

She grew up and attended school in Eureka Springs, Ark., graduating from Eureka Springs High School as the salutatorian with the class of 1958.

She dedicated several years to FASCO Industries in Cassville from where she retired in 2007.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Graveside services were held Friday, December 5, 2025 at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter, Mo., under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul Wahlert conducted the services.

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Caden Swearingen, left, of Cassville, was presented with a Values in Action award by the Mercy Healthcare system during a special awards ceremony in Springfield on Sept. 23. Swearingen, one of 12 recipients in the southern Missouri region, works for Shell Knob Family Medicine, a Mercy clinic. Swearingen's grandfather, Fred Whisenhunt, right, of Butterfield — a retired home health nurse for Mercy — accompanied him to the awards ceremony.

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Swearingen: Pursuing certification

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Whisenhunt said.

When Whisenhunt was approved for a slot in Crowder College's second class of nursing students in Neosho in 1990, he suspects the decision was based on his gender, although nobody ever confirmed that suspicion.

“I was one of three males chosen,” he said.

Unlike some of his earlier endeavors, nursing offered Whisenhunt long-term rewards.

After high school, Whisenhunt enlisted in the Navy, but received an early discharge for medical reasons. He then pursued and acquired a Bachelor's degree from then-Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State) in 1977, with plans to become a teacher. He quickly discovered the field was saturated.

“A person couldn't buy a teaching position,” he said. “So, I went to work for Wells Aluminum in Monett. There, it was kind of a joke that so many of us had college degrees that didn't really count for anything, when it came to getting a job.”

Whisenhunt worked in a supervisory role for Wells for about 10 years, when he was told that his entire department was being dispensed with. Once again, he found himself unemployed.

“I'd always been interested in medicine,” Whisenhunt said. “So, I decided to pursue a nursing career. I've always liked going to school, so the thought of more classes didn't bother me.”

Whisenhunt graduated from the Crowder College's nursing program in 1993, and went to work for what was then South Barry County

Hospital in Cassville. He kind of walked into the job, he said.

“When they heard I was going to nursing school, they begged me to go to work for them after I graduated,” he said. “I worked on the floor as a respiratory therapist for a while, then they put me in charge of maintenance, housekeeping and durable medical equipment.”

Although Whisenhunt filled the roles that were asked of him, he reached a point where, one day, he told the hospital administrator that the jobs he was doing weren't what he went to school for.

When an opening in Home Health Care came along, Whisenhunt stepped into a role that felt like a custom fit. The next years were spent mostly on the road, covering a broad swathe of southwest Missouri.

“I visited an average of about five patients a day,” Whisenhunt said.

Whisenhunt watched South Barry County Hospital transition to St. John's, then to Mercy throughout the duration of his career.

He retired in 2020 to kick back on his farm, where he keeps company with his wife, Jean, who stood by his side through his undulating careers.

“As long as we had money coming in to pay the bills, I didn't care where he worked,” she said.

Swearingen said, while growing up, he watched his grandpa (Fred) live out what it means “to care for others with compassion, patience and dedication.”

“He's the kind of medical professional and role model I strive to be,”

Swearingen said.


When Swearingen attended Mercy's Values in Action award ceremony in Springfield, in September, he was allowed to take one guest with him. He chose his grandfather, Fred Whisenhunt.

“I feel truly honored to have been selected for this award from Mercy,” Swearingen said, “and I'm grateful to the Shell Knob community and my coworkers for welcoming me with open arms.

“I'm grateful to call Mercy Clinic Shell Knob home,” he said.

Swearingen plans to pursue his Medical Assistant certification through Mercy and enroll in nursing school at a later date.

Barry County Health Corner



Show Me Healthy Women provides for free cancer screenings

Show Me Healthy Women (SMHW) offers free breast and cervical cancer screenings for Missouri women who meet age, income and insurance guidelines.

SMHW began in 1992, and is Missouri's implementation of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP). SMHW is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and several national, regional and local partner organizations. There are provider locations throughout the state, including local public health agencies, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, private physician offices and not for profit health centers.

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Age Guidelines: Women Age 21-64 are eligible for cervical cancer screening services, clinical breast exam (CBE) and diagnostic follow-up for abnormal results. Women Age 40-64 are eligible for breast and cervical cancer screening services, clinical breast exam (CBE) and diagnostic follow-up for abnormal results. Women Over Age 64 who do not have Medicare Part B may also receive services through the program.

Income Guidelines: Clients must have a household income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines. Adjusted gross income on tax return or net amount on pay stub determines income eligibility.

Women with MO HealthNet, Medicare Part B or HMO health coverage are not eligible for SMHW.

If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment, please call the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114. We are open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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WILDCATS TAKE AIM AT BIG GOALS ON THE MAT



Cassville's Logan Parsons completes a pin of his opponent in round three of action at the Cassville Boys Tournament on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Cassville sets sights on first team trophy at state

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Cassville's boys wrestling team enters the winter eyeing major achievements behind a veteran core and a senior class intent on finishing its run with a statement.

Fortner said the program starts each year by setting expectations, and this group wasted no time establishing high targets.

"Every year, I have the team fill out team and individual goals for the upcoming season," Fortner said. "I met with the seniors to go over our team goals for this season and they are setting some high goals, which I love. This year for team goals, the seniors put down conference champs, undefeated dual season, and a team state championship."

The Wildcats, who took first place in their 9-team home tournament on Saturday with five first-place finishers, will lean heavily on a long list of returning varsity contributors. Fortner said state-caliber athletes anchor the squad, giving the Wildcats both depth and proven success.

"Tristan Thompson, Colton Roark, and Riley James, all seniors, return with a long list of state accolades, including several state placers, and Colton returns as the state champ," he said. "Jesse James, a junior, is a returning state qualifier for us this season. Ethan Sizemore, one of our senior leaders, is returning as a state qualifier from the previous season."

"I've got a tough senior class that has goals of doing special things this year, it will be on them to lead their team to achieve those goals."

Fortner said experience runs deep through the roster, with upperclassmen and sophomores alike returning to familiar roles.

"Boni Lopez, a junior, is a varsity returning starter," he said. "Rylen Holman, also a junior, is a varsity returning starter. Kole Fry is a junior and looking to return to the varsity lineup. Logan Parsons and Braydyn Sizemore are sophomores who wrestled in the varsity lineup as freshmen."

"Carson Hutchens and Brylar Berank are also



Cassville's Brylar Berank avoids danger and works his way to a pin in a match at the Cassville Boys Tournament on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

returning and have spent time in the varsity lineup as freshmen. Mason Rillstone, a junior, returns after wrestling a full season in the varsity lineup last season."

The program also has new faces pushing to break into the varsity lineup. Fortner said the team added seniors with prior experience and freshmen with strong youth backgrounds.

"We have several newcomers wrestling this season, but the ones with past wrestling experience are seniors Josh Crawford and Noah Uria, who are working hard in the room to break our lineup," he said. "We also have freshmen in Kellen Weldy, Tyler Hodge and Tyler Annecharico who have been wrestling at a young age and have youth accolades that they are bringing into their high school campaign."

"I have high expectations for these freshmen and they have a good group of upperclassmen to show them the way to success."

Leadership will be a cornerstone for Cassville, and Fortner said the senior class has the experience and motivation to guide the team.

"Our senior leaders will play a big role in this year's team success," he said. "They have all been varsity starters since their freshmen year and have several accolades throughout their high school campaign."

Leading the team will be seniors Colton Roark, Tristan Thompson and Riley James — a trio affectionately known as "murderer's row" wrestling in back-to-back-to-back weights in their past three years.

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Young and hungry: Lady 'Cats take second in first tourney

Cassville returns state qualifier, sports squad of 10

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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With 10 wrestlers out for the season, the Cassville High School girls wrestling team enters the winter focused on youth, leadership and momentum from last year's state run — and the Lady Wildcats started off solid with a runner-up finish their 7-team home tournament on Friday.

Casey Parsons, Cassville girls wrestling coach, said one of the central storylines is the return of state medalist Analeigh Winchell following her fourth-place finish a year ago.

"Any state match is tough, but we knew going into the state championship tournament Analeigh was going to have to depend on her wrestling skills, technique and mental state of mind since she was 24 pounds lighter than most of the girls in her weight class," Parsons said. "Analeigh was able to stay out of her head and let that first match go while using it as fuel to push forward to make the podium."

Parsons said expectations are high for Winchell, who took first at 170 pounds in the tournament on Friday, as she begins her junior campaign.

"I expect her to be at the top of that podium this year and to be a leader for our team," Parsons said. "With her state tournament experience, she will be able

to motivate the other girls."

Winchell begins the season at a higher weight but may adjust as the year progresses.

"She will start the year at 155, but I look for her to drop to 145 or 140," Parsons said.

Three returning varsity wrestlers anchor the lineup behind Winchell, covering a wide range of weights and experience.

"Allison Deaver, a sophomore, will return this season and will wrestle 100 or 105," Parsons said. "Anna Vanderhoe, a sophomore, will return this season and will wrestle 140 to 155 range."

Parsons said the team also brings back sophomore Molly Pickett in the varsity group.

Leadership will be a key component for a roster Parsons described as young but eager.

"Analeigh and junior Isabella Bauman will be our leaders this year," Parsons said. "We are a young team, both in age and experience, so I am looking to these two young ladies to motivate and help push our team."

Parsons said Winchell's high-level experience will be a steadying force throughout the season.

"Analeigh has the experience and knowledge at the next level of wrestling while always being willing to help anyone in the wrestling room," Parsons said.

Bauman's return brings both ability and energy back onto the mat.

"Bella will add experience on the mat



The Cassville girls wrestling team took second place in the Cassville Girls Scramble 2025 on Friday at home. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

along with the positive reinforcement for all the girls," Parsons said. "They both bring enthusiasm and encouragement to the team."

Parsons said Bauman's offseason stood out after she recovered from an injury that cost her last year.

"Bella is going to be a key aspect to our lineup, she is returning after an accident

put her out last season," Parsons said. "She came back into the wrestling room motivated and ready to work hard."

Bauman is not the only returner making strides.

"Anna Vanderhoe is also bringing some experience to our team," Parsons said. "She looks to make some big moves

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Girls Wrestling

Boys Basketball

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| 12/11 | Cassville/Aurora/Wyandotte | Away | 5:00 pm |
| 12/13 | Nixa Girls Invite | Away | 10:30 am |
| 12/16 | Cassville/Fayetteville/Green Forest | Home | 5:00 pm |
| 12/19-20 | Lady Mustangs Christmas Clash | Neutral | |
| 1/2-3 | Diamond State Duals | Away | |
| 1/9 | Monett Tournament | Away | |
| 1/13 | Joplin | Away | 1:30 pm |
| 1/16 | Branson Tournament | Away | |
| 1/20 | Cassville/Reeds Spring/Hollister | Away | 5:00 pm |
| 1/21 | Big 8 Girls Tournament | Home | 5:00 pm |
| 1/22 | McDonald County | Away | 6:00 pm |
| 1/27 | Seneca | Home | 5:00 pm |
| 1/29 | Monett | Away | 6:00 pm |
| 2/5 | Rogersville/Bolivar | Away | 5:00 pm |

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| 12/12 | Reeds Spring | Away | 7:15 pm |
| 12/16 | Springfield Catholic | Home | 7:30 pm |
| 12/18 | Diamond | Home | 7:15 pm |
| 12/29-31 | Berryville Holiday Tournament | Away | |
| 1/6 | Aurora | Away | 7:15 pm |
| 1/9 | McDonald County | Away | 7:15 pm |
| 1/12-17 | 59th Annual Crane Invitational | Neutral | |
| 1/19 | Hollister | Home | 8:00 pm |
| 1/23 | Neosho | Away | 7:15 pm |
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Girls Basketball

Boys Wrestling

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| 12/11 | Blue Eye | Away | 7:00 pm |
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| 1/20 | Springfield Catholic | Home | 7:15 pm |
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| 1/26 | Lamar | Home | 7:00 pm |
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| 12/11 | Aurora | Away | 5:00 pm |
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| 12/16 | Cassville/Fayetteville/Green Forest | Home | 5:00 pm |
| 12/19-20 | Harrisonville Tourney | Away | |
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| 1/20 | Cassville/Reeds Spring/Hollister | Away | 5:00 pm |
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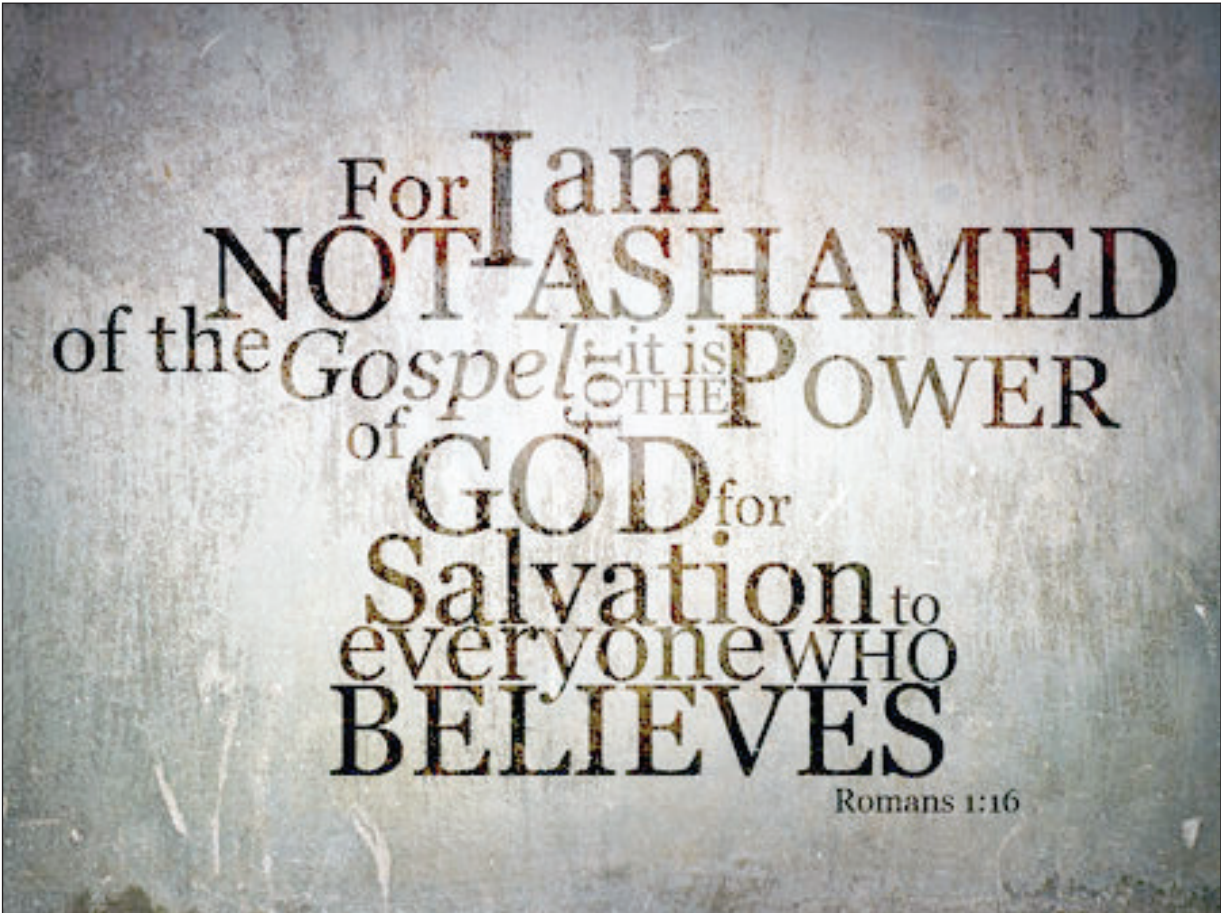
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Craig Williams
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By Kami Stanton
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

JOE STEPHENS
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Case No.:
25BR-DR00179

Now on this 14th day of November, 2025, comes Petitioner, STANLEY JOSEPH WALSH by and through his attorney, BLAKE B. FIELDS, and submits to the Court his Petition filed herein, which is duly verified by Affidavit, praying for a change, according to law, of said Petitioner's name from STANLEY JOSEPH WALSH to STANLEY JOSEPH PARKS and due consideration being had in the premises, and the Court being satisfied that the desired change would be proper and not detrimental to the interests of any other person; that no money judgments are pending or unsatisfied.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

In The Matter of:
STANLEY JOSEPH WALSH
Petitioner,
Case No.:
25BR-DR00179

JUDGMENT

Now on this 14th day of November, 2025, comes Petitioner, STANLEY JOSEPH WALSH by and through his attorney, BLAKE B. FIELDS, and submits to the Court his Petition filed herein, which is duly verified by Affidavit, praying for a change, according to law, of said Petitioner's name from STANLEY JOSEPH WALSH to STANLEY JOSEPH PARKS and due consideration being had in the premises, and the Court being satisfied that the desired change would be proper and not detrimental to the interests of any other person; that no money judgments are pending or unsatisfied.

IT IS ORDERED that the State of California amend the Birth Certificate of STANLEY JOSEPH WALSH to STANLEY JOSEPH PARKS.

IT IS ORDERED that the prayer of said Petition be granted, and that said Petitioner's name be and hereby is changed from STANLEY JOSEPH WALSH to STANLEY JOSEPH PARKS and that a copy of this Order be spread upon the records of this Court which is now accordingly done.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that public notice of such change of name be given by publication, according to law.
SO ORDERED, this 14th day of December, 2025.
Robert Foluke
Judge
1st insertion 12/3/25 47-49

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The Ash Road District will have (1) Commissioner available for election in the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election.
Road Commissioner for a term of 3 (Three) years.
The opening date for candidate filing is December 9, 2025 and the closing filing date is December 30, 2025
Candidates may file for this office at the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, Cassville, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.
The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Barry County Clerk's office will be closed December 24-25-26, 2025
Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file.
Only insertion 12/10/25 48

ELECTION NOTICE EAGLE ROCK, GOLDEN, MANNO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FILING DATES

The Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano Fire Protection district hereby notifies the public that the opening filing date line for which the general election which will be held on April 4th – 7th 2026, Has been set to begin December 9th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. and closed December 30th, 2025.
There is one (1) four-year term board of director position to be filled. Candidates may file for this office at the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry county clerk, Cassville, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file. In addition to completing a declaration of candidacy, interested persons will also be required to complete an affidavit of tax payments.
Only insertion 12/10/25 48

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND FILING DEADLINE

The Exeter Special Road District will have (1) Commissioner available for election in the April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election.
Road commissioner for a term of three (3) years
The opening date for candidate filing is December 9, 2025 and the closing filing date is December 30, 2025.
Candidates may file for this office ate the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, Cassville, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Barry County Clerk's Office will be closed December 24,25,26, 2025.
Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file.
1st insertion 12/10/25 48-49

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND FILING DEADLINE FLAT CREEK SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

The Flat Creek Special Road District will have one (1) Commissioner position available for election in the April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election.
One (1) Road Commissioner for a three (3) year term will be available.
The opening date for candidate filing is December 9, 2025 and the closing filing date is December 30, 2025.
Candidates may file for this office at the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, Cassville, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm (closed December 24-26). The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Candidates will be listed on the ballet in the order in which they file.
Only insertion 12/10/25 48

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The Jenkins Road District will have (1) Commissioner available for election in the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election.
Road Commissioner for a term of 3 (Three) years.
The opening date for candidate filing is December 9, 2025 and the closing filing date is December 30, 2025
Candidates may file for this office at the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, Cassville, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.
The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Barry County Clerk's office will be closed December 24-25-26, 2025
Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file.
Only insertion 12/10/25 48

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND FILING DEADLINE MCDONALD ROAD DISTRICT

The McDonald Road District will have one (1) Commissioner position available for election in the April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election.
One (1) Road Commissioner for a three (3) year term will be available.
The opening date for candidate filing is December 9, 2025 and the closing filing date is December 30, 2025.
Candidates may file for this position at the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, Cassville, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm (closed December 24-26). The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Candidates will be listed on the ballet in the order in which they file.
Only insertion 12/10/25 48

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The Mineral Springs Road District will have (1) Commissioner available

for election in the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election.
Road Commissioner for a term of 3 (Three) years.
The opening date for candidate filing is December 9, 2025 and the closing filing date is December 30, 2025
Candidates may file for this office at the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, Cassville, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.
The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Barry County Clerk's office will be closed December 24-25-26, 2025
Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file.
Only insertion 12/10/25 48

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The White River Special Road District #7 will have (1) one Commissioner available for election in the April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election. Election will be for:
Road Commissioner for a term of (3) three years.
The opening date for candidate filing is December 10th, 2025 and closing date is December 31, 2025.
Candidates may file for this office at county office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, in Cassville, MO, between the hours of 8am and 4pm. The office may be closed should inclement weather occur.
Barry County Clerk's office will be closed December 24-25, 2025.
Candidates will be listed on the ballot in order in which they file.
Only insertion 12/10/25 48

PROBATE

IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of DOUGLAS L FORD, Deceased.
Case Number:
25BR-PR00166

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DOUGLAS L FORD, Decedent:
On November 7, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of DOUGLAS L FORD, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.
The personal representative's name and business is:
JENA CLAYTON,
717 N MYRTLE ST ,
PIERCE CITY, MO 65723.
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
HARRY D. SCHWARTZ,
PO BOX 276
CASSVILLE, MO 65625, 417-847-2734

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: 26-JUN-2025
Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,

Deputy Probate Clerk
Date of first publication: November 19, 2025
Date of second publication: November 26, 2025
Date of third publication: December 3, 2025
Date of fourth publication: December 10, 2025
Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
1st insertion 11/19/25 45-48

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF MARY JANE BOLLINGER, deceased
Case No.
25BR-PR00169

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL ESTATE)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY JANE BOLLINGER, Decedent.
On NOVEMBER 17, 2025, a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.
All creditors of the decedent, who died on JANUARY 22, 2025, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.
Receipt of this notice shall not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.
Date of first publication is:
December 3, 2025.
Date of second publication is:
December 10, 1025
Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker, Deputy Probate Clerk
1st Insertion 12/03/25 47-48

IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of MICHAEL JOHN CASHMAN, Deceased.
Case Number:
25BR-PR00178

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION - NON-RESIDENT FIDUCIARY)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MICHAEL JOHN CASHMAN, Decedent:
On November 25, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MICHAEL JOHN CASHMAN, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri. The personal representative's name and business address is:
STEPHEN CASHMAN, 2643 CANDLEWOOD DR., FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72743

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address, and phone number is:
HARRY D. SCHWARTZ;
PO BOX 276
CASSVILLE, MO 65625; 417-847-2734
The non-resident personal representative's
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LEGALS



Cassville's Kellen Weldy takes down an opponent at the Cassville Boys Tournament on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Boni Lopez and Noah Uria battle at the Cassville Boys Tournament on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Wildcats: Hope to stay mentally strong in high-pressure situations

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Fortner said Sizemore, as a state qualifier last year, will also play a hefty role in leadership.

“They have put in the work throughout their high school careers and this year they’re going to top it off with individual and team success,” Fortner said. “They are seasoned, and they want tough competition.”

Still, mental growth will be a major focus, particularly in high-pressure match situations.

“Confidence and belief when they get in those tough moments will be key,” Fortner said. “Some of them are there, but we have several who have never been in those big moments.”

The season opened in front of the home crowd at the Cassville Boys Tournament. Fortner said throughout the rest of the year, the Wildcats will face a difficult, competitive slate, but that challenge is intentional and designed to prepare them for February.

“We have a tough schedule by design,” he said. “I believe it challenges us to prepare us for postseason wrestling.”

A shared history also defines this group, as many seniors have competed alongside each other since early childhood.

“We have a group of kids who are now seniors that have been wrestling together since they were little kids,” he said. “They are a close group of friends that have wrestled from their youth in big tournaments until now.”

With the season underway, Fortner said the Wildcats are ready to compete and expect to bring plenty of excitement to the mat.

“We can’t wait to get after it this year,” he said. “They’re going to be exciting to watch.”

Results from Cassville Boys Tournament on Saturday include:

120: Boni Lopez (3-0) placed 1st and scored 14.5 team points.

- Round 2 - Boni Lopez 3-0 won by tech fall over Gabe Watson (Fayetteville High School) 2-1 (TF-1.5 2:31 (15-0))
- Round 3 - Boni Lopez 3-0 won by tech fall over Noah Uria 1-2 (TF-1.5 1:27 (15-0))
- Round 5 - Boni Lopez 3-0 won by tech fall over Antony Serrano (Green Forest High School) 0-3 (TF-1.5 1:41 (16-0))
- 120: Noah Uria (1-2) placed 3rd.
- Round 1 - Gabe Watson (Fayetteville High School) 2-1 won by fall over Noah Uria 1-2 (Fall 3:18)
- Round 2 - Noah Uria 1-2 won by fall over Antony Serrano (Green Forest High School) 0-3 (Fall 2:39)
- Round 3 - Boni Lopez 3-0 won by tech fall over Noah Uria 1-2 (TF-1.5 1:27 (15-0))
- 126: Trevor Garnett (3-2) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Odai Al hameli (Fayetteville High School) 3-2 won by fall over Trevor Garnett 3-2 (Fall 5:21)
- Round 2 - Trevor

- Garnett 3-2 won by fall over Nhu Nguyen (Fayetteville High School) 0-4 (Fall 3:23)
- Round 3 - Trevor Garnett 3-2 won by decision over Aidan McAtee (Reeds Spring) 2-3 (Dec 8-3)
- Round 4 - Chance Wilderman (Frontenac HS) 4-1 won by tech fall over Trevor Garnett 3-2 (TF-1.5 2:23 (17-2))
- Round 6 - Kaysen Morrison (Frontenac HS) 1-3 won by no contest over Trevor Garnett 3-2 (NC)
- Round 7 - Trevor Garnett 3-2 won by fall over Kaysen Morrison (Frontenac HS) 1-3 (Fall 1:03)
- 126: Michael Winchell (0-4) placed 4th.
- Round 2 - Trace Messick (Vinita) 4-1 won by fall over Michael Winchell 0-4 (Fall 2:08)
- Round 3 - Kaysen Morrison (Frontenac HS) 1-3 won by fall over Michael Winchell 0-4 (Fall 4:00)
- Round 4 - Jared Hooe (Shiloh Christian School) 4-0 won by fall over Michael Winchell 0-4 (Fall 1:43)
- Round 6 - Aidan McAtee (Reeds Spring) 2-3 won by no contest over Michael Winchell 0-4 (NC)
- Round 7 - Aidan McAtee (Reeds Spring) 2-3 won by fall over Michael Winchell 0-4 (Fall 1:38)
- 132: Rylen Holman (5-1) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Rylen Holman 5-1 won by fall over Brayden Colon (Reeds Spring) 3-3 (Fall 2:37)
- Round 2 - Carson Osburn (Vinita) 5-2 won by fall over Rylen Holman 5-1 (Fall 1:55)
- Round 3 - Rylen Holman 5-1 won by fall over Jaxon Stout (Monett) 3-3 (Fall 5:28)
- Round 4 - Rylen Holman 5-1 won by fall over Kaidin Walden (Frontenac HS) 1-4 (Fall 1:12)
- Round 5 - Rylen Holman 5-1 won by fall over Than Htay (Green Forest High School) 0-5 (Fall 0:28)
- Round 6 - Rylen Holman 5-1 won by no contest over Aaron Crook (Vinita) 3-4 (NC)
- Round 7 - Rylen Holman 5-1 won by fall over Aaron Crook (Vinita) 3-4 (Fall 3:45)
- 132: Hayden Jereczek (0-4) placed 12th.
- Round 1 - Hunter Daniels (Fayetteville High School) 1-4 won by fall over Hayden Jereczek 0-4 (Fall 0:40)
- Round 2 - Dante Ungene (Monett) 3-2 won by fall over Hayden Jereczek 0-4 (Fall 0:48)
- Round 4 - Kruz Pickle (Frontenac HS) 5-0 won by fall over Hayden Jereczek 0-4 (Fall 1:01)
- Round 5 - Aaron Crook (Vinita) 3-4 won by fall over Hayden Jereczek 0-4 (Fall 0:19)
- 138: Kellen Weldy (3-1) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Kellen Weldy 3-1 won by fall over Carter Hubbard (Fayetteville High School) 0-3 (Fall 1:36)
- Round 3 - Kellen Weldy 3-1 won by decision over Kyle Sloan (Frontenac



- HS) 2-2 (Dec 17-14)
- Championship Bracket - Kellen Weldy 3-1 won by fall over Kole Fry 2-3 (Fall 4:54)
- 1st Place Match - Kade Adams (Monett) 5-0 won by decision over Kellen Weldy 3-1 (Dec 13-11)
- 138: Kole Fry (2-3) placed 4th.
- Round 1 - Kade Adams (Monett) 5-0 won by fall over Kole Fry 2-3 (Fall 5:47)
- Round 2 - Kole Fry 2-3 won by fall over Ronnie Jo Clouse (Reeds Spring) 2-2 (Fall 3:51)
- Round 3 - Kole Fry 2-3 won by fall over Robert Tucker Russell (Shiloh Christian School) 1-4 (Fall 2:12)
- Championship Bracket - Kellen Weldy 3-1 won by fall over Kole Fry 2-3 (Fall 4:54)
- 3rd Place Match - Kyle Sloan (Frontenac HS) 2-2 won by fall over Kole Fry 2-3 (Fall 2:18)
- 144: Logan Parsons (4-1) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Logan Parsons 4-1 won by fall over Nav White (Fayetteville High School) 2-2 (Fall 3:44)
- Round 2 - Logan Parsons 4-1 won by fall over Jaxon Eastin (Vinita) 1-5 (Fall 0:59)
- Round 3 - Logan Parsons 4-1 won by fall over Chris Spears (Monett) 3-2 (Fall 1:18)
- Championship Bracket - Logan Parsons 4-1 won by fall over Jaquin Acosta (Fayetteville High School) 1-3 (Fall 1:09)
- 1st Place Match - Kadyon Allerton (Reeds Spring) 4-0 won by fall over Logan Parsons 4-1 (Fall 1:52)
- 144: Zaiden Hall (0-3) placed 7th.
- Round 1 - Kadyon Allerton (Reeds Spring) 4-0 won by fall over Zaiden Hall 0-3 (Fall 1:11)
- Round 2 - Jaquin Acosta (Fayetteville High School) 1-3 won by fall over Zaiden Hall 0-3 (Fall 1:22)
- Consolation Bracket - Jaxon Eastin (Vinita) 1-5 won by fall over Zaiden Hall 0-3 (Fall 5:02)
- 157: Dylan Sorenson (1-4) placed 12th.
- Round 1 - Travion Rickey (Vinita) 4-4 won by fall over Dylan Sorenson 1-4 (Fall 1:05)
- Round 2 - Wyatt Polen (Frontenac HS) 5-1 won by fall over Dylan Sorenson 1-4 (Fall 0:44)
- Round 4 - Braydyn Sizemore 5-1 won by fall over Dylan Sorenson 1-4 (Fall 0:19)
- Round 5 - Jayden Allan (Vinita) 3-4 won by fall over Dylan Sorenson

Cassville's Braydyn Sizemore acrobatically avoids danger in a match at the Cassville Boys Tournament on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

- 1-4 (Fall 2:22)
- 157:: Josh Crawford (4-2) placed 4th.
- Round 1 - Josh Crawford 4-2 won by fall over Patrick Bell (Fayetteville High School) 2-4 (Fall 1:49)
- Round 2 - Josh Crawford 4-2 won by fall over Robin Montin (Vinita) 0-5 (Fall 3:06)
- Round 3 - Josh Crawford 4-2 won by decision over William Flowers (Fayetteville High School) 4-2 (Dec 8-7)
- Round 4 - Josh Crawford 4-2 won by fall over Draven Davis (Reeds Spring) 1-4 (Fall 0:36)
- Round 5 - Scott Sloan (Frontenac HS) 6-0 won by decision over Josh Crawford 4-2 (Dec 8-1)
- Round 6 - Wyatt Polen (Frontenac HS) 5-1 won by no contest over Josh Crawford 4-2 (NC)
- Round 7 - Wyatt Polen (Frontenac HS) 5-1 won by fall over Josh Crawford 4-2 (Fall 1:38)
- 157: Braydyn Sizemore (5-1) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Braydyn Sizemore 5-1 won by fall over Wyatt Polen (Frontenac HS) 5-1 (Fall 5:58)
- Round 3 - Braydyn Sizemore 5-1 won by fall over Jayden Allan (Vinita) 3-4 (Fall 1:37)
- Round 4 - Braydyn Sizemore 5-1 won by fall over Dylan Sorenson 1-4 (Fall 0:19)
- Round 5 - Braydyn Sizemore 5-1 won by fall over Travion Rickey (Vinita) 4-4 (Fall 1:58)
- Round 6 - Scott Sloan (Frontenac HS) 6-0 won by no contest over Braydyn Sizemore 5-1 (NC)
- Round 7 - Scott Sloan (Frontenac HS) 6-0 won by major decision over Braydyn Sizemore 5-1 (MD 10-1)
- 165: Tristan Thompson (5-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Tristan Thompson 5-0 won by fall over Drew Long (Frontenac HS) 2-3 (Fall 1:19)
- Round 4 - Tristan Thompson 5-0 won by fall over Naruto Langinbelik (Green Forest High School) 1-4 (Fall 1:00)
- Round 5 - Tristan Thompson 5-0 won by fall over Liam Leghari (Fayetteville High School) 3-2 (Fall 1:02)
- Round 6 - Tristan Thompson 5-0 won by fall over Wyatt Reed (Monett) 2-3 (Fall 0:49)
- Round 7 - Tristan Thompson 5-0 won by fall over Cason Irvin (Shiloh Christian School) 4-1 (Fall 1:46)
- 175: Colton Roark (6-0)

- placed 1st and scored 27.5 team points.
- Round 1 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by fall over Wyl Dennis (Fayetteville High School) 4-2 (Fall 0:21)
- Round 2 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by tech fall over Christopher Calhoun (Monett) 3-3 (TF-1.5 2:46 (17-2))
- Round 3 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by fall over Mason Rillstone 4-2 (Fall 0:29)
- Round 4 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by fall over Da Moo (Green Forest High School) 0-5 (Fall 0:16)
- Round 5 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by fall over Casey Jones (Green Forest High School) 1-4 (Fall 1:56)
- Round 6 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by no contest over Alec Douglas (Frontenac HS) 3-1 (NC)
- Round 7 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by fall over Alec Douglas (Frontenac HS) 3-1 (Fall 1:05)
- 175: Mason Rillstone (4-2) placed 4th.
- Round 1 - Mason Rillstone 4-2 won by tech fall over Christopher Calhoun (Monett) 3-3 (TF-1.5 4:52 (16-1))
- Round 2 - Mason Rillstone 4-2 won by disqualification over Casey Jones (Green Forest High School) 1-4 (DQ)
- Round 3 - Colton Roark 6-0 won by fall over Mason Rillstone 4-2 (Fall 0:29)
- Round 4 - Wyl Dennis (Fayetteville High School) 4-2 won by fall over Mason Rillstone 4-2 (Fall 1:17)
- Round 5 - Mason Rillstone 4-2 won by fall over Da Moo (Green Forest High School) 0-5 (Fall 0:30)
- Round 6 - Mason Rillstone 4-2 won by no contest over Daniel Sang (Green Forest High School) 0-4 (NC)
- Round 7 - Mason Rillstone 4-2 won by fall over Daniel Sang (Green Forest High School) 0-4 (Fall 1:00)
- 190: Zachary Myers (4-0) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.
- Round 2 - Zachary Myers 4-0 won by fall over Rylan Relph (Frontenac HS) 2-2 (Fall 0:39)
- Round 4 - Zachary Myers 4-0 won by fall over Walker Johnson (Fayetteville High School) 0-4 (Fall 0:46)
- Round 5 - Zachary Myers 4-0 won by fall over Logan Cole (Monett) 3-1 (Fall 2:19)
- Round 6 - Zachary Myers 4-0 won by no contest over Henry Reed

- (Monett) 5-1 (NC)
- Round 7 - Zachary Myers 4-0 won by fall over Henry Reed (Monett) 5-1 (Fall 1:18)
- 215: Brylar Berank (4-2) placed 4th and scored 15.0 team points.
- Round 2 - Brylar Berank 4-2 won by fall over William Cepeda (Green Forest High School) 0-4 (Fall 0:00)
- Round 3 - Brylar Berank 4-2 won by fall over Tyler Annecharico 2-3 (Fall 2:39)
- Round 4 - Bentley Cardenzana (Reeds Spring) 4-2 won by decision over Brylar Berank 4-2 (Dec 11-9)
- Round 5 - Presley Klingman (Fayetteville High School) 3-3 won by fall over Brylar Berank 4-2 (Fall 3:25)
- Round 7 - Brylar Berank 4-2 won by fall over Andrew Adams (Fayetteville High School) 1-4 (Fall 0:27)
- 215: Tyler Annecharico (2-3) placed 4th.
- Round 1 - Presley Klingman (Fayetteville High School) 3-3 won by fall over Tyler Annecharico 2-3 (Fall 1:56)
- Round 3 - Brylar Berank 4-2 won by fall over Tyler Annecharico 2-3 (Fall 2:39)
- Round 4 - Tyler Annecharico 2-3 won by fall over William Cepeda (Green Forest High School) 0-4 (Fall 3:16)
- Round 5 - Bentley Cardenzana (Reeds Spring) 4-2 won by fall over Tyler Annecharico 2-3 (Fall 3:56)
- Round 6 - Tyler Annecharico 2-3 won by fall over Andrew Adams (Fayetteville High School) 1-4 (Fall 0:45)
- Round 7 - Tyler Annecharico 2-3 won by no contest over Kade Morriset (0-4 (NC)
- 285: Ethan Sizemore (5-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Ethan Sizemore 5-0 won by fall over Will Fullbright (Vinita) 3-2 (Fall 1:12)
- Round 2 - Ethan Sizemore 5-0 won by fall over Aidon Ford (Green Forest High School) 1-4 (Fall 0:06)
- Round 3 - Ethan Sizemore 5-0 won by fall over Aiden Tillman (Fayetteville High School) 2-3 (Fall 0:20)
- Championship Bracket - Ethan Sizemore 5-0 won by fall over Gabriel Homewood (Monett) 3-2 (Fall 2:42)
- 1st Place Match - Ethan Sizemore 5-0 won by fall over Will Fullbright (Vinita) 3-2 (Fall 0:32)



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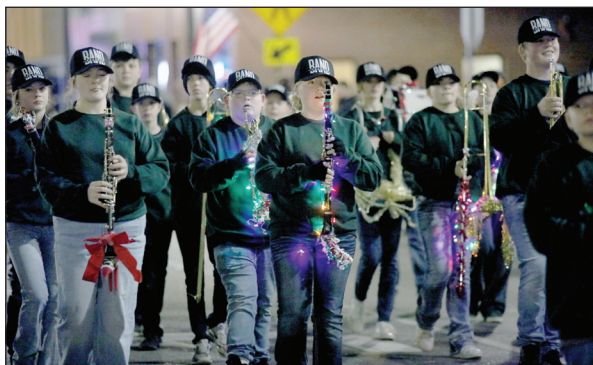
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Lady Wildcats: Willingness to work will be factor in season's success

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this season after her freshman year. With more mat time and experience, I have high expectations for her," Parsons said.

Another key wrestler, AJ Deaver, enters the season hungry after narrowly missing a trip to Columbia last year.

"AJ missed qualifying for state by one match last year, so she is looking to redeem herself," Parsons said.

Fresh faces will also play a major role in shaping Cassville's depth, particularly in the middle weights.

"Some newcomers to the mat, freshmen Hopelyne Thompson, Gracey Farsungchin and Estrella Garcia, are looking to make the varsity line up," Parsons said. "Hopelyne is the only one with experience, but these three freshman are motivated and looking to make our varsity line up stronger in those middle weight classes."

Parsons said she expects the group to make an immediate impact.

"The three freshman I just mentioned because of their athletic abilities and dedication to getting better each day," Parsons said.

Overall, Parsons said this year's group brings intangible strengths that can elevate the team

beyond its youth.

"This year's team is motivated, willing to learn, and wants to be in the wrestling room," Parsons said. "These girls push each other daily to get better and work harder."

Those qualities, Parsons said, could become deciding factors as the season unfolds.

"We may be a young team but we have a group of girls willing to put the work in each day and that is how they are going to reach their goals for the year," she said.

For Parsons, success will depend on mindset, commitment and daily improvement.

"For this to be a successful season, the girls need to maintain their motivation, positive attitudes and dedication to the sport and the team," she said. "Learn from mistakes and learn something from each match to be better for the next match."

Parsons said team-wide growth will come from veterans stepping up and younger wrestlers closing gaps quickly.

"We will have to keep pushing each other; my girls with experience are stepping up and helping the younger girls improve on the mat each day," she said.

Results from the Cassville Girls Scramble 2025 on Friday include:

105: Isabella Bauman (4-0) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Isabella Bauman 4-0 won by fall over Jaelee Wihour (Wyandotte) 1-3 (Fall 1:27)
- Round 2 - Isabella Bauman 4-0 won by fall over Hayden Wright (Holden) 4-3 (Fall 1:28)
- Round 3 - Isabella Bauman 4-0 won by medical forfeit over McKenna Hartsell (Holden) 2-1 (M. For.)
- Round 4 - Isabella Bauman 4-0 won by fall over Katie Houtz (Reeds Spring) 0-4 (Fall 0:25)

110: Allison Deaver (5-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Allison Deaver 5-0 won by fall over Primrose Paw (Green Forest High School) 0-5 (Fall 0:24)
- Round 2 - Allison Deaver 5-0 won by fall over Ella Hart (Wyandotte) 3-2 (Fall 0:59)
- Round 3 - Allison Deaver 5-0 won by fall over Camryn Storkson (Aurora) 1-4 (Fall 0:36)
- Round 4 - Allison Deaver 5-0 won by fall over Emmaleigh Broward (Wyandotte) 3-2 (Fall 0:40)
- Round 5 - Allison Deaver 5-0 won by fall over Addison Brooks (Holden)

6-4 (Fall 1:26)

125: Hopelyne Thompson (1-2) placed 3rd and scored 5.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Ansley Steinbach (Wyandotte) 2-1 won by fall over Hopelyne Thompson 1-2 (Fall 2:19)
- Round 2 - Mila Turpin (Holden) 5-2 won by fall over Hopelyne Thompson 1-2 (Fall 1:25)
- Round 4 - Hopelyne Thompson 1-2 won by fall over Brooke Holman (Green Forest High School) 0-3 (Fall 0:11)

130: Gracey Farsungchin (0-2) placed 3rd and scored 3.0 team points.

- Round 2 - Ady Yoder (Holden) 5-1 won by fall over Gracey Farsungchin 0-2 (Fall 0:26)
- Round 4 - Naomi Orellana (Monett) 1-1 won by fall over Gracey Farsungchin 0-2 (Fall 1:14)
- 135: Emma Roney (1-4) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Layla Seiz (Holden) 4-5 won by fall over Emma Roney 1-4 (Fall 1:49)
- Round 2 - Halyn Schneider (Wyandotte) 2-3 won by fall over Emma Roney 1-4 (Fall 0:45)
- Round 3 - Emma Roney 1-4 won by fall over Valeria Maravillas (Green Forest High School) 0-5 (Fall 0:20)
- Round 4 - Mackenzie

Kugler (Reeds Spring) 4-1 won by fall over Emma Roney 1-4 (Fall 1:50)

- Round 5 - Case Parnell (Aurora) 5-0 won by fall over Emma Roney 1-4 (Fall 1:27)

140: Molly Pickett (1-3) placed 5th and scored 2.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Zoe Bohstedt (Reeds Spring) 1-3 won by fall over Molly Pickett 1-3 (Fall 1:35)
- Round 2 - Olivia Kingsley (Reeds Spring) 2-2 won by fall over Molly Pickett 1-3 (Fall 1:05)
- Round 4 - Addie McGowen (Wyandotte) 4-0 won by fall over Molly Pickett 1-3 (Fall 0:37)
- Round 5 - Molly Pickett 1-3 won by fall over Penny Caldwell (Holden) 2-5 (Fall 4:57)

145: Estrella Garcia (0-2) placed 3rd and scored 3.0 team points.

- Round 2 - Chloe Randall (Wyandotte) 1-1 won by fall over Estrella Garcia 0-2 (Fall 2:56)
- Round 5 - Jasmine Koehler (Aurora) 2-0 won by fall over Estrella Garcia 0-2 (Fall 0:39)

155: Anna Vanderhoef (1-1) placed 2nd and scored 8.0 team points.

- Round 2 - Anna Vanderhoef 1-1 won by fall over Alexa Robles (Monett) 0-2 (Fall 0:24)
- Round 5 - Bobbie Diibon (Holden) 5-2 won by fall over Anna

Vanderhoef 1-1 (Fall 3:31)

170: Analeigh Winchell (5-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Analeigh Winchell 5-0 won by fall over Leanny Sandoval (Monett) 2-3 (Fall 1:37)
- Round 2 - Analeigh Winchell 5-0 won by fall over Amethyst James (Monett) 3-2 (Fall 2:00)
- Round 3 - Analeigh Winchell 5-0 won by fall over Elaina Shiels (Wyandotte) 3-2 (Fall 0:11)
- Round 4 - Analeigh Winchell 5-0 won by fall over Mistie Hughes (Green Forest High School) 0-5 (Fall 0:12)
- Round 5 - Analeigh Winchell 5-0 won by fall over Fatima Deleon (Green Forest High School) 2-3 (Fall 0:26)

190: Alexis Lands (2-2) placed 3rd and scored 13.0 team points.

- Round 2 - Taylor Hubbard (Holden) 5-3 won by fall over Alexis Lands 2-2 (Fall 2:26)
- Round 3 - Alexis Lands 2-2 won by fall over Maria Perez (Green Forest High School) 1-3 (Fall 0:15)
- Championship Bracket - Arianna Galarsa (Monett) 4-1 won by fall over Alexis Lands 2-2 (Fall 0:27)
- 3rd Place Match - Alexis Lands 2-2 won by fall over Taylor Thieman (Wyandotte) 2-3 (Fall 3:15)