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School, city elections set

Two bond issues,
law enforcement
tax on ballots

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Two schools boards and one city will see contested elections on April 7, and three more entities have bond or tax issues going to voters.

There will be no election in the Cassville, Exeter and

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Southwest school districts, as the number of individuals who filed match the number of open seats.

In Cassville, three incumbents, Chad Yarnall, Chad Johnson and Jon Horner, will each remain on the board. The same applies for Exeter incumbents Stacy Hall, Lance Eaton and Kelly Lee.

At Southwest, incumbents Terry Meek and Doug Henry will remain on the board, and newcomer. Valerie Pippin will take a seat vacated by long-time board member Ruth Henderson, who declined to refile.

In Purdy, two of the three incumbents refiled in Nathan Lamp and David Young, while Levi Roden declined to refile. Two challengers, Kaley Thigpen and David Wormington, will vie for the three available seats along with Lamp and Young.

Wheaton has six individuals who filed for three open seats. Incumbents Josh Kinnaman, Tony Ball and Lewis Royer all refiled, challenged by Elizabeth

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GOVERNOR RECOGNITION

Who: Travis Hilburn, of Cassville
What: Recognized as special guest at Gov. Mike Kehoe's State of the State address
For: Efforts with National Guard to clean up portions of St. Louis following tornado

Governor honors Cassville man

Hilburn a special guest at State of the State address

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A Cassville man was a special guest at Gov. Mike Kehoe's State of the State address on Jan. 13, recognized for his efforts in helping with tornado clean-up in St. Louis in May 2025.

Travis Hilburn, of Cassville, is a First Sergeant in the Missouri National Guard and served along with Cpt. Glenn Longhibler in the command team responsible for providing critical engineer support. Leading the 220th Engineering Company out of Festus, Hilburn and Longhibler directed 32 volunteer soldiers in coordinating debris removal operations, removing hundreds of truckloads of wreckage.

"Their leadership played a vital role in stabilizing the community and laid the groundwork for recovery that continues today in St. Louis," Kehoe's special guests listing said.

Hilburn, who has more than 20 years of service in the U.S. Marines and National Guard combined, said the recognition at the address was fleeting, but left an impact.

"It wasn't huge, but it was huge for me to be at the capitol," he said. "I've met several governors over the years, but this was the first time I was ever invited to the capitol building, and that was significant."

Hilburn said he and Longhibler had the opportunity to visit with Kehoe for a time, reminiscing about their experiences at the clean-up site last May.

"The governor got on a machine with one of our younger soldiers and worked it with him, so we reminisced about that and visited about the neighborhood we were in because Gov. Kehoe is from that area," Hilburn said.

Hilburn said the tornado did significant damage, not as extensive as the 2011 Joplin

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2 injured in Highway 76 wreck

Vehicle slides, strikes another on hill east of Cassville

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Two Washburn men were injured in a wreck at 7:37 a.m. on Jan. 21 on Highway 76, 7.4 miles east of Cassville.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 16-year-old female, of Cassville, was driving a 2002 Ford Explorer westbound when her vehicle slid and struck an eastbound 2000 Chevrolet Suburban, being driven by a 35-year-old male, of Washburn.

The driver of the Suburban and a passenger in the vehicle, another 35-year-old male, of Washburn, each suffered injuries. One suffered serious injuries and was transported to Mercy Hospital in Springfield, and the other suffered minor injuries and was transported to Cox Monett Hospital.

The driver of the Explorer was not injured.

It is unknown if any of the individuals were wearing safety devices, and both vehicles were totaled.



First responders use an implement to free an individual from a vehicle following a wreck on Highway 76 on Jan. 21. Contributed photo



NEWS BRIEFS

Book collection now at Bayless-Salyer house

The Barry County Genealogical and Historical Society book collection is now located at the Bayless/Salyer house on the corner of 9th and Townsend streets, behind the Post Office. This collection includes genealogical and historical information on states (including Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma), immigration and migration, the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Native Americans and African Americans. It also has a vast collection of local family histories. The research room is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For all other times, people may call Norma Terry at 417-827-6585, or Lynna Spellman at 417-827-9676.

Voter registration ongoing for April elections

For those who are not current registered voters of Barry County and who wish to vote in the April 7 General Municipal Election, the last day to register to vote is Wednesday, March 11, 2026. People may register to vote at the County Clerk's Office or the Monett Chamber of Commerce. Registered voters should notify the Clerk's Office of any change of address or name. Photo ID is required to vote in the April General Municipal Election. Absentee voting is ongoing at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two-week in-person, no-excuse absentee voting begins March 24. If unable to vote in person, voters may send a written request to the office of: Joyce Ennis, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625, or fax to: 417-847-5311. The Office will need: name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four digits of Social Security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee and signature. Those who live in the Monett area may can go by the Monett Chamber Office and fill out the absentee application. They will fax it to the Barry County Clerk's office. Absentee applications are also available at sos.mo.gov. For more information, people may call the Barry County Clerk's Office at 417-847-2561, opt: 3, or email jennis@barrycountyclerk.com or ajohnson@barry-countyclerk.com.

Pierce City Fire Protection District to meet

Notice is hereby given that the Pierce City Fire Protection District will conduct its monthly meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Pierce City Fire Station, located at 2543 Farm Road 2225, Pierce City, MO 65723. Items to be discussed will be the finances, station maintenance and monthly calls. The public is welcome to attend.

Pioneer Road District to meet

The Pioneer Road District Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Wheaton Volunteer Fire Department building, located at 407 E Hurlbut in Wheaton.

Weekly library events on tap

The following events will be held at the Cassville Branch Library: Thursday, Move 'N' Groove Low Impact Exercise, 11 a.m., signup requested, Teen Paint, 3:30 p.m.; Friday, Snowman Craft, 5:30 p.m., sign-up required and small supply fee will be charged; Saturday, Crochet, 10 a.m. to noon, Cassville Card Craze (Card Games) 10 a.m.

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.

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.

Single-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 248 injures 2

Pickup goes off roadway, overturns near Jenkins

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Two Cassville residents were

injured in a wreck at 5:26 a.m. on Jan. 21 on Highway 248, one mile west of Jenkins.
According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 50-year-old female, of Cassville, was driving a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado eastbound when her vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway and over-

turned.
The driver and a passenger, a 52-year-old male, also of Cassville, each suffered minor injuries. Both were transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville.
Both occupants were wearing safety devices, and the vehicle sustained extensive damage.



Travis Hilburn, right, First Sergeant in the Missouri National Guard, poses for a photo with Gov. Mike Kehoe, right middle, First Lady Claudia Kehoe, left middle, and Cpt. Glenn Longhibler, left. Hilburn and Longhibler were special guests at the State of the State address, honored for tornado cleanup efforts in St. Louis in May 2025. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Honor: Leading 32 soldiers was rewarding

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tornado, but similar.
“There were a number of houses totally destroyed and tons of trees knocked down,” he said. “It was significant damage. I as with the Highway Patrol when the Joplin tornado happened and was there at 6 a.m. the day after helping dig people out and recover bodies. [In St. Louis], we worked 10- to 12-hour days for over a week, and we had a tornado warning while we were there and i had to evacuate all my people expeditiously.”
Hilburn said he spoke to numerous residents during that time, most of whom were greatly appreciative of the help.
“Most people were appreciative, bringing us food almost every day,” he said. “They were very grateful.”
Leading his group of 32 soldiers, ages 17-55, was also a rewarding experience.
“The challenge with that is it’s a very diverse bunch,” Hilburn said. “We have people from every background, location and demographic. There are kids from the inner city in St. Louis and kids who grew up on farms milking

cows. Sometimes, with diverse groups, it’s tough to get cohesion, but the wonderful part is we can relate to anyone and cover the spectrum of personalities.”
Hilburn said from his role, he was also able to see the benefits to his unit.
“I saw them get a sense of how serious these kinds of events can be to the average public,” he said. “We see photos in the newspapers and images on TV, but it’s not real until you have your boots on the ground and can see the harm it does to people just like us. It brings out the good in everybody.”
Hilburn said those lessons, among others, can translate to friends and neighbors at home.
“What people here can get from this is finding out the National Guard is not beyond reach,” he said. “We are here to help the people of the state of Missouri, regardless of where you live, what you look like or where you’re from. The Guard is here for you and is made up of people just like you. We’re from every corner of the state and everywhere in between.”



First Sgt. Travis Hilburn and Cpt. Glenn Longhibler take their seats at the State of the State address recently, where they were honored as special guests for tornado cleanup efforts in St. Louis in May 2025. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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Health Corner



Safe sleep program available

The Barry County Health Department hosts free safe sleep education sessions for new and expecting parents and caregivers. These events provide hands-on demonstrations, expert guidance, and even free portable cribs for families in need that meet certain requirements.

Every year, thousands of infants in the U.S. lose their lives due to sleep-related incidents, including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and accidental suffocation. However, by following safe sleep recommendations, these risks can be significantly reduced.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends placing babies on their backs for both naps and nighttime. Infants should sleep alone on a firm, flat surface, such as a crib or bassinet with a fitted sheet, and without soft bedding, pillows, or stuffed toys. By keeping the baby's sleep area in the same room as caregivers for at least the first six months can also lower the risk of sleep-related deaths.

If you have any questions regarding the Barry County Health Departments Safe Sleep program please give us a call at 417-847-2114.

Publisher's note: This article is courtesy of Barry County Health Department, located at 90 Barry County Drive in Cassville. The Department may be reached at 417-847-2114.

Election: In Wheaton

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Goetz, Nikki Allen and Rodney Allen.

Regarding city council positions, Wheaton is the only city with an election, as incumbent Kurt Hoemann in the West Ward refilled, challenged by Jon Brattin. East Ward Alderman Brandon Shockley refilled with no challengers.

In Cassville, North Ward Alderwoman Taylor Weaver and South Ward Alderman Justin Gates both refilled with no challengers. In Exeter, Incumbent Teresa Alverson refilled, and incumbent Tara Justice did not. Justice's seat will go to newcomer Karrie Lewis, the only other person to file.

In Washburn, at-large incumbents Antony Bland and Connie Deans refilled with no challengers. Seligman East Ward incumbent Richard Carter and West Ward incumbent Kenneth Greene also refilled with no challengers.

The same occurred in Purdy, with East Ward Alderman Heath Postlewait and West Ward Alderwoman Heather Vannote retaining their seats with no challengers.

Two cities and one school district also have bond or tax issues on the ballot.

In Seligman, the city

is seeking approval of a \$10 million bond "for the purpose of extending and improving the City's combined waterworks and sewerage system, including acquiring land and rights of way, the cost of operation and maintenance of said combined waterworks and sewerage system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City of Seligman, Missouri from the operation of its combined waterworks and sewerage system, including all future improvements and extensions thereto."

The Wheaton school district is also prosing a bond issue, to the tune of \$2 million, "for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school sites, buildings and related facilities, including infrastructure and safety improvements; and refunding outstanding lease obligations, and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof. If this proposition is approved, the debt service levy of the school district is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.8300 per \$100 of assessed valuation."

Per state statute, both bond proposals require

Suspicious vehicle deemed misunderstanding

No charges filed after incident at Cassville daycare

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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A call to police about a suspicious vehicle at a Cassville daycare has been investigated and determined to be a misunderstanding.

Sgt. Garrett Marshall, with the Cassville Police Department, said police were dispatched recently to Tabá's Tiny Town daycare, housed on the bottom floor of the Pythagoras Lodge No. 383 in Cassville.

Marshall said when police arrived

on the scene, witnesses reported a van with two male occupants and possibly a female occupant was parked outside the daycare. One of the males allegedly approached a mother who was picking up her child, and when the mother secured her child in her vehicle and got in herself, the man who approached them "left in a hurry." Witnesses said the van had been parked at the front of the Lodge, then moved down to the daycare entrance.

The woman followed the van and reported the license plate, allowing Washburn and Barry County authorities to make contact with the van's owner.

The owner said he was in the van with his step-son, who was interest-

ed in joining the Freemasons, who meet at the Lodge. He said they approached the woman to ask if any of the Freemasons were available and were told they were at a daycare, so they got back in the van and left.

"After interviewing him at the Cassville Police Department, I think this was all a misunderstanding," Marshall said.

Witnesses who called authorities were concerned the individuals in the van may have been attempting a kidnapping.

Marshall said police watched the area for a few hours, and no further incidents occurred. He also advised the owner of the van to not go back to the daycare.

Purdy Homecoming crowning on Friday



Purdy High School will crown its 2026 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Tip-Off at a special coronation between junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball games on Friday. The JV contest versus Blue Eye begins at 6 p.m. This year's Homecoming theme is "Stars of Purdy." Candidates include, front row, from left: freshman Karla Perez Hernandez, sophomore Brooklyn Phelan, junior Emily Maddocks and senior Lucy Lee. Back row: freshman Dexton Moller, sophomore Daniel Aldaba, junior Jackson Lee and senior Simon Walker. Contributed photo









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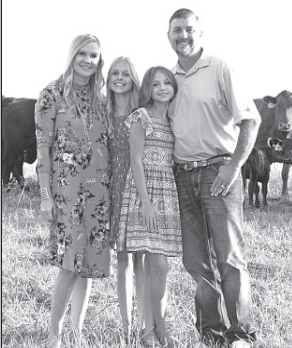
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Share some recipes?

Last week, a new subscriber to our publication asked me a question I hadn't heard in a while: Do you put recipes in it?

Historically, newspapers — small community ones especially — offered a weekly concoction with the flavor of whatever community it covered. We'd printed recipes in the Democrat and the Monett Times while I was editor of both, but instead of local flavor, it was most often the recipe of the day from www.allrecipes.com, whatever that was.

After leaving the Times to become publisher of the Democrat, the recipe was one of the first things I cut. Why print some mumbo jumbo from a website when I could run another local story or make a photo that much larger?

I clocked the question from our new subscriber but didn't give it much thought for a few days. Then, on Saturday, I was two hours into a pot of chili as the snowfall flurried outside the kitchen window and I thought, I wonder what other people in the community are making right now?

My chili, which I have mentioned in columns before, is an adaption of my old boss Jacob Brower's famous Election Night chili. It's a touch spicy, a touch sweet, and though I know I may get some guff for it — my chili has no beans.

Bean argument aside, chili is a winter weather staple in our household, as is potato soup and the chicken enchiladas we made a week prior. They are meals that warm the ribs, but eating together as a family, also warm the soul.

As I continued finishing off the chili, I thought I could get an answer to that question from earlier. We have 13,000 followers on Facebook, mostly local — and they're all stuck at home.

I put up a basic call out: "Round these parts, we make chili when it snows. What's your winter weather staple? Share your best dinner plate photos and recipes with us and the community!"

As expected, the community did not disappoint. Nearly 90 comments later, Barry County's favorites were clear.

Soup (or stew) was the clear number one choice. From chicken noodle to potato to lasagna to beef vegetable to chicken tortilla to taco, the variety of colorful crockpots filled with such a variety of soups showed the varying tastes of our neighbors even when the base is the same.

Along with many others making chili, chicken and dumplings and ham and beans were also popular dishes.

On the more unique side, one community member shared a photo of her sourdough loaf, which was a hefty side to her chicken and sausage gumbo, baked potato soup and chicken gnocchi soup. Another shared a photo of their Tuscan chicken pasta.

Cinnamon rolls also made a couple appearances, as did lasagna with a side of Texas toast.

My favorite, however, was a loaf of bread submitted by Crowder Cassville professor Terry Held. Though he did not say what it was, an astute viewer picked it out as German rye. I would have eaten any of the meals people submitted photos of, but the brown, ridged crust and bits of flour looked incredibly inviting.

Judging from the engagement between followers, I'd say the post was a success. A publisher friend of ours in the Ozark Press Association has a whole magazine, similar to our Trout Times and Through the Years, but is based entirely in local traditional Ozark recipes.

If engagement online can translate to print, bringing back a local recipes section would be something I believe our readership would enjoy.

If you are an at-home chef with hometown recipes you'd like to share, email me at kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com. I have guest columnists, like Terry and Janet Mills in this issue, and a handful of local preachers that provide devotionals for the church page.

Why can't we have a few who contribute regular recipes as well? I think we can, and I hope to hear from chefs who want to share!

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COMMUNITY VOICES

The new old age: When retirement becomes reinvention

For generations, retirement came with a familiar picture. You worked hard, you reached your mid-60s, and then you slowed down. Maybe you spent more time at Roaring River. Maybe you expanded your garden. Maybe those woodworking or sewing projects took on a new life.

Maybe you finally rested. In towns like Cassville, this rhythm made sense. It followed the traditional trajectory of school, work and retirement. That sequence of life honored labor and rewarded endurance.

But, our world has quietly changed. We are living longer than any generation before us. In 1950, the average American life expectancy hovered around 68 years. Today, it is closer to 79. That rocking chair on the porch can only fulfill who you are for a short time. Maybe it's time to rediscover all those talents and skills you have yet to tap.

That extra decade of life — or two — has transformed retirement from a short victory lap into a long and open chapter of life. And when you suddenly find yourself with 20 or 30 years ahead of you, the old model of "work, stop, rest forever" begins to feel less practical and more unfinished. This season of life we once called retirement may be more than a swan song; it could very well be a golden vista of reinvention. An exciting new chapter with unlimited possibilities.

This is where a new idea has entered our cultural vocabulary: unretirement. It doesn't mean dragging people back into exhausting schedules or denying anyone a well-earned rest. It simply recognizes that many retirees are choosing to thrive in new ways. Some are motivated by a new income, new experiences, or the opportunity to develop new skills, but all seek a deeper purpose. National surveys now show that roughly one in three retirees works part-time or full-time, with millions more actively seeking opportunities to stay engaged.

The reasons are not hard to understand. Some are financial. Inflation stretches fixed incomes thinner each year. Healthcare costs do not shrink. Many people simply discover that their savings were designed for a shorter retirement than the one they are actually living. But, money is not the whole story.

Talk with retirees, and you hear another theme repeated: boredom, restlessness and a quiet loss of identity. For decades,



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work structured time provided social contact and gave people a sense of usefulness. When that disappears overnight, the freedom can feel surprisingly empty. Humans were not built solely for leisure. We were built to contribute, to solve problems, to help others, to feel needed. This truth carries special weight in rural communities like Cassville, where the citizenry are "can-do" people.

Small towns survive on shared effort. We volunteer at ballgames. We coach youth teams. We fix fences, help neighbors, serve on boards, organize food drives, and staff community events. When older adults disengage completely, Cassville doesn't just lose labor; we lose wisdom, mentorship and continuity. Our community loses a meaningful voice for who we are and who we will become. Yes, all of us shape the future of our great community, each and every living soul.

Unretirement, in this sense, is not a trendy reinvention. It is a return to something deeply familiar: staying useful in ways that fit the season of life you're in. For some, that means part-time work. For others, it looks like volunteering, mentoring younger workers, substitute teaching or serving on nonprofit boards. For many, it means learning something new altogether.

This is where education quietly becomes one of the most powerful tools of reinvention. At Crowder College, it is not uncommon to see adult learners sitting beside recent high school graduates. We call them non-traditional students. And their numbers are growing every year. Some are retraining for new careers. Some are building digital skills they never needed before. Some are finally pursuing interests that had been postponed by decades of raising families, running businesses, or working long shifts. I have students in my writing class who are writing family memoirs, developing writing chops strong enough to write a novel.

Learning does something important in later life. It keeps the mind flexible. It restores confidence. It creates new social net-

works. And perhaps most importantly, it opens doors to second and third acts that look nothing like the first.

A retired tradesman might become an instructor. A former office worker might pursue healthcare certification. A lifelong reader might finally try writing. A farmer might learn new business or technology tools. These are not fantasies. They are already happening quietly across campuses and at Crowder.

What unretirement ultimately challenges is the idea that aging means shrinking. Instead, it suggests something more hopeful: that later life can become a period of selective focus. You don't have to do everything anymore. You get to choose what matters most. You get to decide how your experience will be used.

This shift also benefits younger generations. When older adults remain visible and engaged, they pass down skills that cannot be taught in textbooks: patience, judgment, resilience, and perspective. Multigenerational workplaces and volunteer organizations consistently perform better because wisdom and energy meet in the same room.

In a time when loneliness is rising across all age groups, this matters more than we realize.

Perhaps the most important change unretirement invites is internal. It asks a simple but profound question: Who am I becoming now? Not who you were when you started your career. Not who you were when you raised children or built a business. But who you are in this new season, with experience behind you and time ahead of you.

For some, the answer will still be rest, and that is honorable. But for many others, it will be contribution, creativity, learning, service or mentorship. Cassville has always understood that communities are not built by age categories. They are built by people showing up.

So, maybe retirement was never meant to be an ending at all. Maybe it was meant to be a transition, a bridge between what we have done and what we still have to offer. The real question is not when we stop working.

It is how we keep becoming.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The challenge with that is it's a very diverse bunch. We have people from every background, location and demographic. There are kids from the inner city in St. Louis and kids who grew up on farms milking cows. Sometimes, with diverse groups, it's tough to get cohesion, but the wonderful part is we can relate to anyone and cover the spectrum of personalities"

— TRAVIS HILBURN, ON LEADING A GROUP OF GROUP OF 32 SOLDIERS, AGES 17-55, IN TORNADO CLEANUP EFFORTS IN ST. LOUIS IN MAY 2025

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50 years ago

Feb. 4, 1976
— GOING UP WITH SHOE LINE PRODUCTION HERE

A year ago at this time, employment for the area didn't look too good. Jumping-Jacks Shoes, at that time Cassville's largest employer, was working only four days a week. Cutbacks were underway due to a general economy slowdown and influx of foreign shoes on the domestic markets in this country. Today, it's a different story according to Jerry McCaffery, company vice president and general manager for the Cassville and Monett manufacturing facilities. "The market is there this year and our shoes, both current and new lines, are being received well," he said recently. Larry Crotser, superintendent of the Cassville plant, echoed the same attitude about the entire production season. Right now the company is in the process of adding to the manufacturing staff at Cassville and Monett, with numbers talked at 275 in Cassville compared to 238 at this time last year. At the same time, the Cassville plant will be increasing production from 3,600 pairs a day to a projected roll-off of 3,900 per day. Crotser noted the four-day slowdown of production last year ran into the month of March. This year, U.S. Shoe Corporation, parent company of Jumping-Jacks, has projected to employees no let-up in manufacturing through August. Quality production at the Cassville plant is still an important factor in Jumping-Jacks' scheme of things, according to Crotser. He said lines of new trial shoes were being manufactured here and would be presented by the company in upcoming shows in the East.

— JAYCEE CHARTER PROGRAM ATTRACTS STATE OFFICERS

State and regional officers of the U.S. Jaycees were in Cassville Saturday evening for charter presentation programs for the new chapter here, according to John Bartkoski, president. Heading the speaker list was Dennis Henson of Cape Girardeau, state president, with Bob Holbert of Springfield, regional director, also present. The charter presentation program was a dinner affair at Town House Restaurant. The program included master of ceremonies Chip Kammerlohr, with Rex Stumpff giving the invocation. Officers of the newly chartered organization include John Stringer, first vice president; Kammerlohr, second vice president; Raymond Fischer, secretary; and Vaughn Smith, treasurer. Cassville's newest civic club had 26 members at the charter program.

— THREE PROJECTS IN COUNTY ON ROADS LETTING

Three road projects in Barry County are scheduled for improvement this year, according to Robert N. Hunter, chief engineer of the Missouri Highway Department. The projects are among those in bid calls for Feb. 27 in Jefferson City. All three call for plant mix bituminous surfacing for a total of 19 miles and include Route 37 through Cassville, Route 248 and Route 39. Individually, the projects are outlined as follows: a plant mix bituminous surface leveling course 22 feet wide, together with any incidental work on Business Route 37 from 0.8 miles south of Route 37 northwest of Cassville southerly to Route 112 in Cassville, the total length being 2.603 miles; a plant mix bituminous surface leveling course 20 feet wide, together with any incidental work on Route 39 from Route 248 southeast of Jenkins southerly to 0.34 miles north of Route 76, the total length being 7.425 miles; and a plant mix bituminous surface leveling course 20

feet wide, together with any incidental work on Route 39 from Route TT southeasterly to Route 248 southeast of Jenkins, the total length being 8.816 miles. If construction bids are awarded later this month, work will commence with weather breaks this spring. Hunter noted combination bids will be permitted on the three projects. Supervision of the scheduled work will be under the Joplin District Office of the department.

40 years ago

Feb. 5, 1986
— HALF COUNTY SALES TAX ISSUE PASSED; ROADS GET HELP, REVENUE BEATEN

Barry Countians approved Proposition Two on their sales tax ballot Tuesday, giving roads and bridges a financial boost. At the same time, and for the second time in just over three months, voters turned down a one-half cent sales tax for general revenue and tax reduction. Totals on the vote had Proposition One failing by 153 votes, 1,925 in favor and 2,078 opposed. Proposition Two passed by 401 votes, getting 2,212 in favor and 1,811 against. Just over 4,000 of the county's 16,000 registered voters went to the polls in spring-like weather Tuesday. By contrast, the November sales tax issue attracted just under 2,450 voters. In November, the general revenue-tax rollback feature failed by 75 votes and the road-bridge issue was defeated by 22 votes. Presiding Judge Lloyd Dilbeck of the county court said Tuesday night it was very doubtful the issue would be resubmitted again this year. He said the court would review current budget proposals when they were returned from Jefferson City and would make further cuts if necessary. Court action last month reduced operation budgets of all officials by 20 percent. Court attitudes have been that further cuts, as necessary, would be made to maintain a balanced budget. Court action in coming weeks will probably result in borrowing funds for operations against anticipated revenues next year. To close out 1985, the county borrowed over \$200,000 and shifted funds until revenue was available to meet payrolls and various obligations. Officials said while the issues attracted more voters this time around, the general revenue portion was beaten by about the same margin. The road issue will mean about \$500,000 additional money annually for 26 districts when collections begin this July. In other county votes Tuesday, Purdy's school district approved a \$200,000 bond issue for various improvements, 528 yes votes and 157 no. Monett schools also approved an issue to use available funds for improvement projects, 579 to 136. Purdy road district voters decided a dissolution issue, voting 242 in favor and 257 against.

— CITY WOULD INCREASE PARK BY SEVEN ACRES

Cassville's existing 11-acre park area would be expanded by an additional 7.3 acres if a grant request is successful. Mayor Rolland Meador said this week Cassville had been approved for a second-phase request for funds from the Missouri Inter Agency Council for Outdoor Recreation. The fund, administered by the Department of Natural Resources, is being asked to match \$30,000 in local revenue sharing funds for land purchase and additional park and recreation improvements. City Clerk Jo Ledgerwood and engineer George Ulmer will complete the second-phase requests. Ledgerwood said the plan proposed paving parking lots, street improvements, lighting of a multi-use court, fencing, playground and equipment additions, and the acquisition of 7.3



50 YEARS AGO: AND SOON THERE WILL BE TWO — This telephoto shows work in progress in putting a new 150,000-gallon water tower in place for Cassville. The tower will be used by contractors to hoist sections of the water storage facility into place. To give some size of the project, a crewman is standing on a tower platform with the bottom of the present tower in the background. Completion of the project will finish a water improvement program that included a new well at the FASCO Plant and line extension in the south part of town. The new tower is located directly south of the present tank. Contracts on the entire project were funded by a \$270,000 bond issue passed in May 1974.

Democrat file photo

acres in the area of Flat Creek adjoining the park area. City officials said Cassville's request for the funds would be under a March 3 deadline.

— Business changes in and around Cassville

Three business changes and improvements are noted in the Cassville area this week. Jeff Cooper has repurchased Cassville Gun and Pawn from Nolan Lassiter and is moving the business back into its old location in the Edmondson-Turner building at the intersection of Highways 248-112 in south Cassville. Bud Reid of Cassville has leased property from Mr. and Mrs. Ron McGrath in south Cassville. After improvements, it will be used as a real estate office. The property is the former Ernest German residence on South Main. At Hilltop, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huspek have started construction of a new facility for their Hilltop Package Store at the intersection of Highway 112-76-86. The metal structure will contain 5,400 square feet, and when the 60-by-90-foot structure is ready, the present building will be demolished.

— POPCHOKE NAMED NAVY SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Robert R. Popchoke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Popchoke of Exeter, was designated an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist while serving at Naval Guided Missiles School, Dam Neck, Va. To earn the insignia, Popchoke demonstrated superior knowledge and proficiency in his shipboard watch stations, especially during emergency and battle conditions. Other requirements included being in the top categories of leadership and performance, having 24 months aboard ship and passing an oral examination by his commanding officer. A 1982 graduate of Exeter High School, he joined the Navy in February 1985.

30 years ago

Jan. 31, 1996
— BUTTERFIELD BOARD PROPOSES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT

grant money is March 15. Skisbiski said the trustees told him they had little money available to finance the project. He will suggest to the board that they place a revenue bond issue on the April ballot. Bonds will be used to help finance the project and would be paid for by users of the new sewer system. Other funding possibilities include a low interest loan through Rural Economic Community Development, formerly the Farmers Home Administration, or through a grant from the Department of Natural Resources' State Revolving Fund. The engineer said preliminary plans call for a system designed to serve Butterfield's 160 current water users plus meet the needs of projected growth over the next 20 years. Growth projections will be based on census and DNR guidelines. A specific location for the lagoon has not been chosen. Skisbiski said it would probably be located somewhere on the east side of town where the bulk of the residents live. Village Clerk Mary Boyd said Butterfield's 240 residents are currently using private septic tank systems.

— VETERAN AGENT RECEIVES TOP AWARD FROM STATE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Barry County Conservation Agent Charles Marrs has been named Conservation Agent of the Year for 1995. Marrs was chosen for the recognition by his peers. Marrs, 54, became a conservation agent in 1967 after working with the Kansas City Police Department for two years. The Freeman native has been stationed in the county for his entire 29-year career with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Marrs said he has been offered promotions but chose to stay in this area because of the local people he serves. "I love visiting with the farmers, trappers and hunters in the rural areas," Marrs said. "It's fascinating work." In addition to his regulation enforcement duties, Marrs serves as a hunter education instructor and a field training agent. He also writes newspaper articles and appears on radio and television programs to inform citizens about conservation issues and laws. Conservation Agent Bill Gray, a member of the award selection committee, said Marrs is an excellent example of what it takes to be an outstanding conservation agent. "He is a great asset to the department," Gray said. "He has a demanding assignment of working in an area with a trout park, which requires a lot of contact with the public. He has to be a public ambassador helping people and taking care of any problems that occur." Marrs was recognized as the Protection Division's Southwest Region Agent

of the Year in 1972 and 1995. He received the Conservation Agent of the Year award at the Protection Division Conference held last week at the Lake of the Ozarks. "It's a great honor," Marrs said. "It was flattering and just a little embarrassing."

— SCH OFFICIALS EXPECT PATIENT REVENUE OF \$8.3 MILLION IN 1995

South Barry County Hospital officials have approved a 1996 budget plan, which projects total patient revenue of \$8.3 million. That estimated total is 11 percent higher than 1995 patient revenue, which totalled just over \$7.5 million. Debbie Stubbs, the hospital's chief executive officer, said 1996 budget figures were based on eight main budget assumptions. She said the hospital is expecting emergency room revenue to increase by 15 percent and outpatient revenue to rise by 14 percent. Part of the growth will occur because of the hospital's expansion project, Stubbs said. She is also expecting revenue from hospice services to double. Home health revenue figures included a five percent increase and medical clinic revenue should increase by 15 percent, Stubbs said. Inpatient revenue is expected to stay the same, following an industry-wide trend where outpatient revenue exceeds inpatient revenue. Chief Financial Officer Keith Daniels said last year 62 percent of total revenue was derived from outpatient care, while inpatient care accounted for 38 percent. Total patient revenue will be offset by a large uncollectible amount, which Daniels expects to total 10 percent of gross revenue. Daniels said the hospital's "bad debt" skyrocketed in 1994 and remained at that high level in 1995. "The hospital cannot deny people care because of inability to pay," Stubbs said. "At this point, we don't turn anyone away." She added that the hospital tries to collect a deposit for emergency room care, uses a collection agency and helps patients try to get Medicaid or Medicare. Stubbs said the hospital hopes to expand its medical clinic hours so that medical needs could be assessed in the clinic rather than in the emergency room, which would lower the cost to the patient. Budget figures for the new year call for net revenue of \$6,099,524 and total expenses of \$5,635,746. After operating income is deducted and miscellaneous revenue added, the hospital expects to finish the year with a net income of \$648,828, slightly higher than last year's net of \$581,771. A complete breakdown and comparison of revenue and expenditures in 1995 and 1996 is included in the accompanying chart.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

Meet Rolly! She is a beautiful pit mix. Her date of birth is Sept. 16, 2025. Rolly was abandoned with her two siblings, but they are hoping to find their forever people soon. Adopters can complete an application at www.havenoftheozarks.org/adopt. No appointment is needed. The Haven is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. All Haven of the Ozarks pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. For more information, people may email havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or call at 417-835-3647. Contributed photo



OBITUARIES



JAMES LAWRENCE
“JIM” HOUSER

James Lawrence “Jim” Houser, 92, of Monett, Mo., passed away Monday, January 19, 2026, at his home.

He was born on October 19, 1933, in Philadelphia, Penn., born to Myra and Delbert Henry Houser. Preceding him in death were his parents and first wife, Molly Alice Rogers.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; five children, Stacy (Tami) Houser, Mona (Dave) Entwistle, Bryan Houser, Scott (Ana) Houser, and Bill (Lisa) Houser; stepchildren, Dan (Angela) Brubeck, Clint (Ruth) Brubeck, Jessica Eisenhower, Linda Brubeck, Maria Brubeck, and Mario Brubeck; three brothers, Charles, Don, and Paul Houser; 18 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren.

He attended Mesquite High School, then Baylor University. More schooling followed Baylor at Golden Gate Seminary in Calif., where Jim received a master’s in counseling. Followed by Golden Gate Seminary at the University of Utah on a National Science Foundation grant, and he also attained a Master of Education from Texas Wesleyan University in 1959. In 1965, he and Molly with four of their five children traveled to and served in many towns in Kenya and Tanzania, including Kisumu, Kenya where their last child was born. After, Jim worked for Baylor University to teach Swahili, which he did for about 18 years.

In July of 2025 he moved to Missouri where he reconnected and married Carol. Molly was a dear friend to Carol, as was Jim to Roger. Jim was especially passionate about two things: Africa and preaching.

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

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RUTH ANN
KOONS

Ruth Ann Koons, 89, of Washburn, Mo. passed away Friday, January 16, 2026 at Roaring River Health and Rehab in Cassville, Mo.

She was born January 3, 1937 in Columbus, Ohio the daughter of Loretta Dean, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, James Earl Koons; brother, James William Dean; granddaughter, Amber Bee and great grandson, Michael James Rogers.

Survivors include her son, David Penton of Ohio; daughter, Patricia Simmons and husband Stephen of Washburn, Mo.; two grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

She grew up and attended school in Columbus, Ohio graduating from Central High School. Considered a telephone pioneer, she was employed by Ohio Bell as a drafting engineer, retiring after 30 years of service. After moving from Ohio in 1996 she lived in Ark. and then moved to Washburn where she had lived for 17 years. She was a member of Mission Baptist Church.

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

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TERESA RUTH
“TERI” SMITH

Teresa Ruth “Teri” Smith, 69, of Seligman, Mo. passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas in Rogers.

She was born on December 18, 1956, in Sioux Falls, S. D., the daughter of Delbert and Wilma Irene (Bruton) Overman, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Russell Smith; brothers, Christopher Overman, Delbert Overman and Billy Scuddy and sister, Candace Overman.

Survivors include her wife, Catherine Brothers of Seligman, Mo.; sons, Rodney John Rasmussen and wife Jennifer of Fairview, Texas, Delbert Rasmussen and wife Kara of Fort Pierce, Fla. and stepson, Elijah Brothers of Aurora, Mo.; daughters, Trasa Boudreau and husband James of Washburn, Mo., Fawnya Wauters and husband Daniel of Fort Pierce, Fla. and stepdaughter, Joy Skelton and husband Jason of Seligman, Mo.; brothers, Kenneth Sharp of Seligman, Mo. and Bucky Barger and wife Tammy of Washburn, Mo.; sisters, Deborah Ball of Vista, Calif., Roxanne Robinette of Independence, Mo., Toni Tombleson of Independence, Mo., Tonya Sisco of Seligman, Mo., Brenda Rainey of Monett, Mo. and Fetina Havens of Cassville, Mo.; 15 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren with one on the way.

She lived most of her live in this area. She attended school in Washburn, graduating from Southwest High School. She was employed by Tyson Foods Incorporated as a lead person for over 20 years.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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Purdy City
Council finds
conflicting
policy

Practice of
applying utility
deposits to
bills creates
shortage

BY MURRAY BISHOFF
Special to the
Cassville Democrat

While reviewing records at the council’s Jan. 14 meeting, the Purdy City Council ran into a case where policy and practice did not agree.

The issue surfaced when a renter walked away from an unpaid bill. Under current practice, Mayor Brian Bowers said utility deposits, for customers of good standing, have been absorbed to pay the bills of a customer after one year. Bowers wanted to see that practice changed for renters.

After reviewing the language of the ordinance governing the policy, attorney Toni Hendricks stated the policy did not match the ordinance. She noted the ordinance directed deposits should be refunded, which should be done through a check from the city, not as a credit on a bill.

Moreover, Hendricks discouraged treating homeowners and renters differently. However, she supported keeping deposits from renters in an escrow account for just such situations.

“This ordinance has been the bane of our existence,” Hendricks said. “We need the utility clerk to be part of this conversation. We’re making some assumptions [how this happened]. Let’s work with her, figure out how to fix it, and bring this back to the council.”

No ordinance had been drafted as a proposed solution.

The only major action taken at the meeting was renewing the loan used to pay off the \$29,874.86 outstanding debt on the truck used by the public works department. The loan, not covered by a public vote, must be renewed annually rather than simply passed on to the next city council. The loan would continue at the same rate of interest. Payments have run around \$700 a month, requiring its renewal three more times before the debt is retired.

Clerk Sasha Gomez updated the council on progress by the firm General Code updating the city’s municipi-

pal code. Gomez noted that with recent action by the Missouri General Assembly, the firm had 200 questions about codes that may require editing. Changes in state law, such as the city’s disturbing the peace ordinance, may match the state’s version. In that case, the firm encouraged the city to adopt the state’s version as its own and number it accordingly. Hendricks indicated the city still needed to have such ordinances on its books as city statutes.

“Most of the crimes can be streamlined under state statutes,” said Police Chief Jackie Lowe. “Dogs, the livestock ordinance, and proper burning will have to be clarified.”

When completed, the revised city code book will enable staff to type a keyword into the computer and all related ordinances will be identified. Completion is expected by May.

Council member Heather VanNote reported the city has multiple quotes for building a website to provide the public with information on city activities and the city code. She planned to make additional calls to find out details, such as who would handle maintenance.

In department reports, public works foreman Kevin Cook said one of the chlorine pumps on the big well had failed and a new one installed. He expected the new sewer pump to arrive by the end of the month.

Records showed 81 percent of water pumped into the city’s system reached water meters in December. That was an improvement Cook could not explain but was pleased to accept.

Police Chief Lowe reported wrestling with eight different dog issues during the past month. In one case, two dogs dug under a fence. In another, a German shepherd broke a chain and hurtled a big wooden fence. That dog attacked another dog and bit the other dog’s owner. The German shepherd’s owner received a citation for having a dog at large.

Lowe also dealt with chickens that had flown over a fence and a cow on Hwy. C.

After observing a vehicle stopped in the road on Dec. 8, Lowe subsequently arrested the driver, Pedro Martinez Alvarez, 70, of Sedalia, for driving with a revoked license and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Officer Russ Nichols returned to work after several months on medical leave. He collided with a utility pole on Dec.17, causing what was characterized as significant damage to the city’s white patrol car.

Bills for the month totaling \$58,199.13 were paid, including the quarterly well tower inspection by Utility Service Company.

It was reported the Country Corner convenience store would change ownership this month.

The next meeting was scheduled for Feb. 11.

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Slipping, sliding, smiling in the snow



Charlotte Zinn, 5 months, of Purdy, made her first snow angel on Saturday after 7.5 inches of snow fell in the Barry County area. Contributed photo



Cameron Hutson, 8, enjoyed shoveling snow for fun on Saturday. Contributed photo

Rilynn Crain, 12, and Hadley Crain, 7, lasted about 20 minutes in the snowy conditions on Saturday, enjoying as much sledding time as possible. Contributed photo



Cohen Santos, 7, Javan Santos, 10, and McKenna Santos, 10, of Cassville, enjoyed playing in the snow over the weekend. Contributed photo



Brixton Brown, 11 months, and Raeleigh Brown, 11, of Exeter, enjoyed being pulled in a sled together over the weekend. Contributed photo



Amari Beasley, 2, of Cassville, enjoys playing in the 7.5 inches of snow that fell from Friday through Sunday in the Barry County area. Contributed photo



Ryker Thomas, 2, of Cassville, enjoyed playing in the snow over the weekend. Contributed photo



Ezekiel Butler, 4, and Roman Butler, 6, both of Cassville, made snow angels in the 7.5 inches of snow that fell over the weekend. Contributed photo



Zaylee Randall, 5, of Exeter, enjoyed sledding through the 7.5 inches of snow that fell over the weekend. Contributed photo



Elizabeth Mrstik, 11 months, enjoyed her first snow with Kaden Mrstik, 7, of Exeter. Contributed photo

2026

Valentine Shop & Hop

Saturday, February 5

5-7:30 p.m. for most businesses

Sixteen local businesses are bringing out their best to help make your Valentine's Day special. Antiques, jewelry, local hand-made items and unique finds will be available. Shops have several exciting discounts and promotional items, as well as refreshments. A Major Grand Prize Gift Basket is being assembled, including items from participating businesses. People may put their name in the pot at each business they visit. The more people visit, the more opportunity there is to win. The drawing will take place on Feb. 6. Some shops will also have individual drawings.

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16 bring home Big 8 medals

3 boys win titles,
Winchell voted
Wrestler of the
Year

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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The Cassville boys and girls wrestling teams posted impressive showings at their respective Big 8 Conference Tournaments, reeling in a total of 16 top-three finishes.

CASSVILLE WRESTLING
What: 16 medals for boys and girls in Big 8
Boys: Three champions, 10 total top-three finishes
Girls: Two champions, Winchell voted Big 8 Wrestler of the Year

The Wildcats took second place as a team at the tournament in McDonald County, boasting three champions: Rylen Holman at 126 pounds, Colton Roark at 175 pounds and Ethan Sizemore at 285

pounds. Holman pinned his way through the bracket, as did Roark aside from one medical forfeit. Sizemore earned a decision in the first round, two pins and a decision in the final round to take the top heavy-weight spot.
Additional top-three finishers for the boys included: second place, Boni Lopez at 106 pounds, Braydyn Sizemore at 150 pounds and Riley James at 190 pounds; third place, Michael Winchell at 120 pounds, Kole Fry at 132

pounds, Kellen Weldy at 138 pounds and Zachary Myers at 215 pounds.
The Lady Wildcats hosted the Big 8 Tournament and took third place as a team with two champions. Isabella Bauman, at 100 pounds, pinned both her opponents to take top honors, and Analeigh Winchell, at 155 pounds, pinned three opponents to take first.
Winchell was also voted Big 8 Wrestler of the Year for her performance.

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Lady Wildcats move to 12-5

The Cassville girls basketball team completed a three game week, playing Monday at Forsyth, Tuesday at home against Springfield Catholic and Thursday at Pleasant Hope. The Lady Wildcats ended the week 3-0 and moving their record on the season to 12-5. Cassville now moves back to conference play for their next three games, starting with hosting Lamar and Seneca at home this week. Cassville defeated Forsyth, 48-19, with Alex Holycross putting up 17 points, Taylor Kennedy scoring 9, Briley Artherton adding 8, Aubrey Stoufer contributing 5, Audrey Kennedy scoring 4, Tomi Blankenship logging 2, Sammi Stockton getting 2 and Aubrie Atkinson getting 1. The Lady Wildcats defeated Springfield Catholic, 53-33. Taylor Kennedy led in scoring with 23, Holycross added 11, Artherton scored 11, Audrey Kennedy added 6 and Stoufer got 2. Finally, Cassville defeated Pleasant Hope, 65-17. Audrey Kennedy led with 20, Artherton scored 11, Holycross added 10, Scott scored 10, Taylor Kennedy contributed 6, Stoufer scored 5 and Addy Ramaeker added 3.

Middle school teams get wins

The Cassville Middle School boys basketball teams continued their strong conference play last week with wins over Lamar and Seneca. The seventh-grade team opened the week with a solid 32-22 victory over Lamar. Cassville followed that performance with a dominant showing against Seneca, earning a 45-13 win by applying defensive pressure and converting scoring opportunities throughout the game. The eighth-grade squad also put together an impressive week. Cassville defeated Lamar 41-28 before closing the week with a commanding 47-8 win over Seneca. The Wildcats controlled the tempo in both games, using balanced scoring and strong team defense to secure the victories. With the two wins, the seventh-grade team now stands at 6-2 overall and 3-0 in conference play. The eighth-grade team improves to 7-1 on the season and remains undefeated in conference action at 3-0 coming into this week.

Lady Trojans take Lady Bear Classic title

The Southwest girls basketball team (14-4) took the top prize at the Lady Bear Classic last week, besting Exeter, 50-25, Galena, 59-18, and Verona, 50-20. The championship performance extended the Lady Trojans' win streak to seven, dating back to Jan. 6. Southwest was scheduled to host Billings (with Hurley) on Monday, and will host East Newton on Friday this week.

Trojans riding 3-game streak

The Southwest boys basketball team (6-11) is looking to extend a three-game win streak this week. On Thursday, the Trojans bested Golden City, 78-68, moving the streak to three after wins over Sarcouxie, 60-57, and Verona, 74-32, the week prior. Southwest was scheduled to play Lighthouse on Tuesday, and the Trojans will host Purdy on Feb. 3.

Wheaton boys string together wins

The Wheaton boys basketball team (9-8) is riding a three-game wave after getting a 66-30 win over Hurley on Friday, adding to wins over Thomas Jefferson and Northeast Vernon County the week prior. The Bulldogs were scheduled to host McAuley Catholic on Tuesday and will host New Heights Christian on Friday.

Lady Bulldogs entering home swing

The Wheaton girls basketball team (8-10), fell to Billings (with Hurley), 60-49, in its only game last week. The Lady Bulldogs entered a four-game home swing this week, scheduled to

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Wildcats fall in last two games, host Seneca Friday



Cassville's Spencer Drollinger fights for a rebound in a Jan. 19 loss to Hollister. The Wildcats fell in the contest, 63-54, then fell to Neosho on Friday, 83-26. Cassville hosts Seneca (1-12) on Friday, then travels to Monett for the Barry County BasketBrawl on Feb. 3. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Aiden Whittington puts up a shot in a contest against Hollister on Jan. 19. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Tyson Bohmke lets a running jumper loose in a Jan. 19 contest at home against Hollister. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



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1/29	Monett	Away	6:00 pm
2/5	Rogersville/Bolivar	Away	5:00 pm
2/20-21	Class 1, District 3 Tournament	Buffalo High School	

Girls Basketball

1/29	Seneca	Home	7:00 pm
2/2	Monett	Away	7:00 pm
2/5	Ash Grove	Away	7:15 pm
2/9	East Newton	Home	7:00 pm
2/12	Mt. Vernon	Away	7:00 pm
2/20	Nevada	Home	7:00 pm
2/24	Neosho	Away	7:00 pm
2/26	Carl Junction	Home	7:30 pm

Boys Basketball

1/30	Seneca	Home	7:15 pm
2/3	Monett	Away	7:15 pm
2/6	Skyline	Home	6:00 pm
2/10	East Newton	Home	7:15 pm
2/13	Mt. Vernon	Away	7:15 pm
2/17	Southwest	Home	7:15 pm
2/20	Nevada	Home	7:15 pm
2/26	Forsyth	Away	7:00 pm

Boys Wrestling

1/29	Monett	Away	6:00 pm
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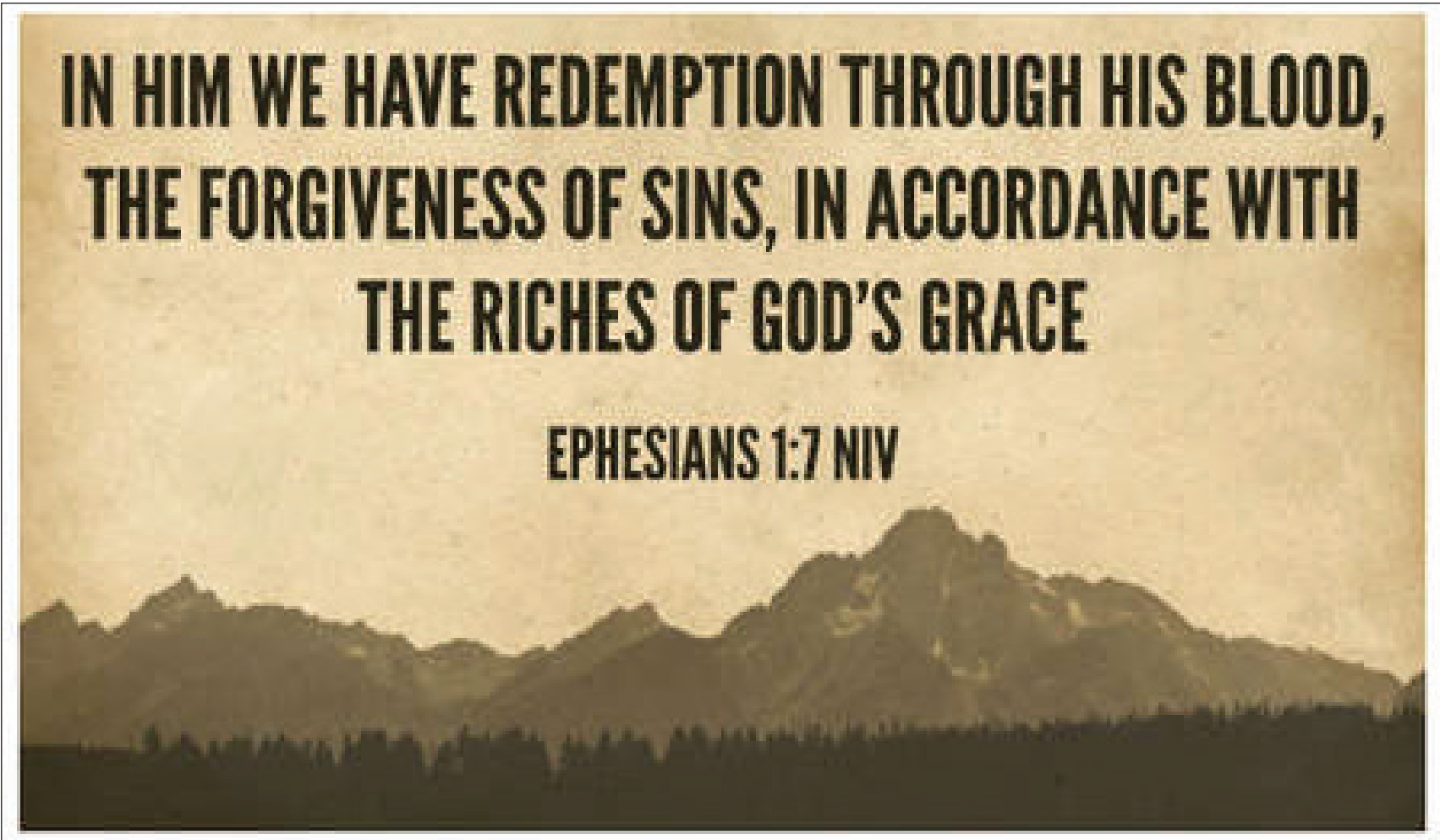
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE
JOSILYNE CREASON, Plaintiff,
VS.
JASON MAYBERRY d/b/a MAYBERRY CONSTRUCTION, INC., Defendant.
Case No. 25BR-CC00085

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The State of Missouri to JASON MAYBERRY, d/b/a MAYBERRY CONSTRUCTION, LLC.
You are hereby notified that an action has commenced against you in

CITY OF CASSVILLE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (MODIFIED CASH BASIS) FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025									
	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue		and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charge for Services	Operating Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Primary Government Business-type Activities	Total		
Governmental activities:									
General Government	\$ 761,434	\$ 291,547	\$ 6,529	\$ -	\$ (463,358)	\$ -	\$ (463,358)		
Police and Court	1,317,971	20,347	291,547	-	(1,006,077)	-	(1,006,077)		
Streets	589,485	1,256	-	-	(588,228)	-	(588,228)		
Parks and Storm Water	641,913	-	-	-	(641,913)	-	(641,913)		
Building Inspection	4,402	51,720	-	-	47,319	-	47,319		
Airport	141,055	63,782	-	53,508	(23,765)	-	(23,765)		
Economic Development	57,721	-	-	-	(57,721)	-	(57,721)		
Capital	377,511	-	-	192,850	(184,661)	-	(184,661)		
American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total governmental activities	3,891,490	428,653	298,076	246,358	(2,918,403)	-	(2,918,403)		
Business-type activities									
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Total business-type activities	2,306,678	1,830,029	(2,441)	-	-	(479,090)	(479,090)		
Total Primary Government	\$ 6,198,168	\$ 2,258,682	\$ 295,635	\$ 246,358	(2,918,403)	(479,090)	(3,397,493)		
General Revenues									
					3,649,392	-	3,649,392		
					49,932	-	49,932		
					4,134	-	4,134		
					186,360	-	186,360		
					(2,792)	17,792	15,000		
					246,027	36,558	282,585		
					85,272	15,383	100,655		
					(498,985)	637,305	138,320		
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					3,807,951	816,446	4,624,397		
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the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Petition in Damages.

The names of all parties in this action are Josilyne Creason, and the name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is J. Michael Riehn, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 324, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after January 28, 2026, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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Craig Williams
by Kami Stanton
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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT JUVENILE DIVISION AT BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

In the Interest of:
G. G. H. (M.)
DOB: 06/11/2024
Case No. 25BR-JU00079

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THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO
Mackenzly Gail McCarley, Legal Mother of G.G. H. (M.):

You are hereby notified that an action has commenced in the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is the Termination of Parental Rights for the above-mentioned child under Chapter 211 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

The number assigned to said action is stated in the caption above, and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioner, Missouri Children's Division, is: Sheena Garvin, 601 Commercial Avenue, Joplin, Missouri, 64801, Telephone Number (417) 625-9924.

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The next hearing for this matter is scheduled to occur on March 06, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 22nd day of January, 2026.

Craig Williams
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by Kami Stanton
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OACAC will hold a Public Hearing on behalf of the Dallas County Public Agency (PHA) Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the OACAC Central Office, 215 South Barnes, Springfield, Missouri to discuss the draft PHA 2027 Annual Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program available in Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene (excluding Springfield), Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster Counties. Draft copies of the 2027 Annual Plan are available for review at each OACAC Outreach Center and the OACAC Central Office in Springfield. The 2027 Annual Plan is posted at www.oac.ac. OACAC is an Equal Housing Opportunity Provider. For more information contact Christy Fields, OACAC Housing Director at (417) 864-3440.
Only insertion 01/28/26
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

TIM REAL AND JUDY REAL, PLAINTIFFS,

ESTATE AUCTION

Monday, February 9, 10 a.m.

Location: Exeter, Mo. Corner of Hwy 76 & Walker St. (100 Walker St, Exeter MO)

REAL ESTATE (FIXER UPPER) – MISC HOUSEHOLD & SHOP ITEMS



Misc Household & Shop Items: old cross cut saw (nice) – old hand saws – misc long handle tools - nippers – cordless weed eaters – 32’ alum ext. ladder – 16’ alum ext. ladder – alum step ladder – 1 hp Magna Force air compressor – ext. cords – gas can – sm dolly cart – Coleman cooler – Coleman lantern – tackle box & tackle – handicap walker w/seat & break – TV stand – glass top dining table – glider chair & ottoman – (2) older flat screen TV’s – assorted sm chest of drawers – office chair – misc end tables – old rocking/recliner – misc pictures – med size table – (4) dining chairs – Whirlpool elect dryer – Roper washer – Charm Glow electric heater – table lamps – Mr. Coffee – Mr. Heater natural gas 30,000 BTU – Panasonic sm portable TV – vacuums – floor fan – misc sheets & linens, afghan, blankets & quilts – misc. **Real Estate:** 2 could be 3 bedroom, 1 bath fixer upper, doublewide on permanent foundation plus detached oversized 2 car garage. Enter this home under a covered front porch into a nice size living room with large windows, ceiling fan & coat closet. Then, on into the dining area with large windows, joined to the kitchen. Now down the hall where the utility room is with an outside entry door, a large bedroom that could be divided to make a 2nd bedroom. Also, a full bathroom, (2) linen closets & a 2nd or could be a 3rd bedroom. **Outside amenities:** Side walk leading to the concrete driveway and the detached oversized 2 car garage with concrete floor and elect. All this on a very nice 1 & ½ lots on the corner on Hwy 76 & Walker St. **Note:** This is the Estate of James King Jr. James was living here until his recent passing. However, it is a fixer upper and is a great location and will be a nice 2 or 3 bedroom home when fixed up. Fixer, flipper or fix it and make it your home. Call to preview before auction day or to get pre registered for the auction. Sells subject to probate court approval. 417-847-2507 **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current driver’s license to obtain bidders number. If paying with credit card a 5% convenience fee applies. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. **Real Estate Terms:** Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to the date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Bidders, buyers, or agent of the buyer is responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals, or final walk throughs. Seller has the right to accept or reject final bid. A 10% buyer’s premium will apply on Real Estate. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. Sells subject to probate court approval.



Auctioneer:
Donnie Stumpff
MO & AR State
Champion Auctioneer



Auctioneer:
Parker Stumpff
AR State Champion
Auctioneer

Estate of: James King Jr.
Owner: Wanda Fowler

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REALTY & AUCTION SERVICE, INC.

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417-847-2507

VS.
EDWIN L. OREM,
EDNA L. OREM their heirs, grantees, devisees, successors, consorts, and assigns,
DEFENDANTS,
Case Number: 26BR-CC00007

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO:
Defendants,
Edwin L. Orem
and Edna L. Orem
if they shall be deceased,
then their unknown heirs, grantees, consorts, spouses or successors of those of them who shall be deceased.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to quiet title to the following

described property in Barry County, Missouri:
Lots 65 and 66, Elmo's Subdivision No. 2, Table Rock Lake, Barry County, Missouri as platted in Plat book 5, Page 200, Records' Office of Barry County, Missouri.
The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Harry D. Schwartz, P.O. Box 276, 702 West Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 28th day of January, 2026 judgment by default will be rendered against you.
IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Cassville Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation

published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri.
A true copy from the record.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 22nd day of January, 2026.
CRAIG WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk
By:
Kami Stanton
Deputy Clerk
1st Publication:
January 28, 2026
2nd Publication: February 4, 2026
3rd Publication: February 11, 2026
4th Publication: February 18, 2026
1st insertion 01/28/26
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PROBATE
IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5B
Case Number:
25BR-PR00191
In the Estate of
RUTH ETTA BUCHNER,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF LETTERS
TESTAMENTARY
GRANTED (SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested
in the Estate of
RUTH ETTA BUCHNER,
Decedent:
On January 5, 2026, the
last will of Decedent having
been admitted to probate,
the following individual was
appointed personal
representative of the estate
of
RUTH ETTA BUCHNER,
decedent by the Probate
Division of the Circuit
Court of BARRY COUNTY,
Missouri. The name and
business address of the
personal representative
is:

BILL BUCHNER,
21705 JASMINE LANE ,
EAGLE ROCK, MO 65641
The personal
representative's attorney's
name, business address
and phone number is:
CORDELIA HERRIN,
P.O. 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: 20-OCT-2025
Date of first publication:
January 14, 2026
Date of second
publication:
January 21, 2026
Date of third publication:
January 28, 2026
Date of fourth publication:
February 4, 2026
Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker, Deputy
Probate Clerk
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 01/14/26
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BARRY COUNTY,
MISSOURI PROBATE
DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BETTY MAY JOHNSON,
DECEASED ESTATE NO.
25BR-PR00065

NOTICE OF FILING
FINAL SETTLEMENT
& PETITION FOR
DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN THE Estate
of
BETTY MAY JOHNSON,
Deceased:
You are hereby notified
that the undersigned
Personal Representative will
file a Final Settlement and
Petition for determination
of the persons who are
successors in interest to
the personal property of
the Estate of Betty May
Johnson and of the extent
and character of their
interest therein and for
distribution of such property,
in the Probate Division
of the Circuit Court of Barry
County, Missouri, on or
after February 12, 2026,
or as may be continued

by the Court, and that any
objections or exceptions to
such Final Settlement or
Petition or any item thereof
must be in writing and filed
within twenty (20) days
after the filing of such Final
Settlement.
Angela C. Artherton,
Attorney
Sam Cowherd,
Personal Representative
10388 Farm Road 2172
Cassville, MO 65625
(417) 665-6511 angela@
arthertonlaw.com
Dates of Publication –
1/14/2026,
1/21/2026,
1/28/2026,
2/4/2026
THE ABOVE-
REFERENCED DATE
OF FEBRUARY 12,
2026 IS NOT A COURT
APPEARANCE DATE.
It is an estimated date
as to when the Final
Settlement will be filed with
the Court.
1st insertion 01/14/26
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BARRY COUNTY,
MISSOURI PROBATE
DIVISION

Estate No.
25BR-PR00036
In the Estate of:
Arlie Cleo Knighten
Deceased

NOTICE OF FILING OF
FINAL SETTLEMENT
AND PETITION FOR
DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF Arlie Cleo
Knighten, Deceased:
You are hereby notified
that the undersigned
Personal Representative will
file a Final Settlement and
Petition for determination
of the persons who are the
successors in interest to
the personal / real property
of the decedent and of the
extent and character of
their interest therein and
for distribution of such
property, in the Probate
Division of the Circuit Court
of Barry County, Missouri,
on January 2026, or as may
be continued by the Court,
and that any objections or
exceptions for such Final
Settlement or Petition or
any item thereof must be
in writing and filed within
twenty days after the filing
of such Final Settlement.
James Randall
Attorney
405 E Broadway, Monett,
MO 65708
Address
January 14, 21, 28,
February 4.2026
Dates of publication
Personal Representative
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF SERVICE OF NOTICE
Service of the Within
notice is acknowledged at
Monett Missouri on January
6, 2026
PROOF OF MAILING
OF COPY OF NOTICE
OF FILING OF FINAL
SETTLEMENT AND
PETITION FOR
DISTRIBUTION
Samantha Prescott, on
that state(s) that a copy
of the above Notice was
mailed by the undersigned
on November
25, 2025 by ordinary
mail, according to law, to:
Heirs
Joe & Carolyn Whitmore
15238 County Lane 137
Carthage MO 64836
Sean Knighten Piper
Knighten
3706 Rt. 2217 Washburn
MO 65772
5320 McClelland Blvd,
Joplin, MO 64804
The foregoing is made
under oath or affirmation
and its representations are
true and correct to the best
knowledge
and belief of the
undersigned, subject to the
penalties of making a false
affidavit or declaration.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BARRY COUNTY,
MISSOURI PROBATE
DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BETTY MAY JOHNSON,
DECEASED ESTATE NO.
25BR-PR00065

NOTICE OF FILING
FINAL SETTLEMENT
& PETITION FOR
DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN THE Estate
of
BETTY MAY JOHNSON,
Deceased:
You are hereby notified
that the undersigned
Personal Representative will
file a Final Settlement and
Petition for determination
of the persons who are
successors in interest to
the personal property of
the Estate of Betty May
Johnson and of the extent
and character of their
interest therein and for
distribution of such property,
in the Probate Division
of the Circuit Court of Barry
County, Missouri, on or
after February 12, 2026,
or as may be continued

CLASSIFIEDS/LEGALS

Tractor * Pontoon Boat * Guns * Gold & Silver Coins * Lots & Lots of Antiques & Collectibles

Huge Antique & Estate Auction

9:00 AM * Saturday, January 31st * 9:00 AM

Location: 21607 Lawrence 1040 Pierce City, Mo. 65723

Directions: From Pierce City take Hwy. 97 north 1 mi then right on Law. 2220 1/2 mi. then left on Law. 1040 1/2 mi. to Auction.
*Auction Held Rain or Shine - Hot or Cold * Lunch & Restrooms on Site*

Tractor - Pontoon Boat - Van - Riding Mower - Tools New Holland T1510 4x4 Tractor with Loader (nice tractor with only 547 hrs.); Bush Hog RZ160 5ft. Brush Hog; Husqvarna YTH22V46 Riding Mower (like new with only 16 hrs.); 1986 Sun Tracker 24 ft. Party Barge Pontoon Boat set up for fishing with 2022 Yamaha SHO 115 hp. (only 16 hrs) Motor & Trailer; 1997 Ford E-150 Conversion Van (168,xxx mi); Troy-Bilt 6200w Generator (never used); Kobalt Portable Air Compressor; Hyper Tough 2000 psi Electric Power Washer; Small Battery Chargers; Misc. Few Hand Tools. **Guns - Coins - Jewelry - Silver** S&W mod. 586 .357 Mag; Savage 1905 .32 auto; Llama .22 semi-auto; Davis .22 O/U Derringer; Winchester mod. 94 30-30; Winchester Ranger 120 12ga.; Aero Precision X-15 multi-cal; Very Old Muzzleloader; Old 12” Brass Firing Cannon; 1912 \$ 2½ Gold; 1853 \$1 Gold set in Ring; (40+) Silver Dollars; (3) Seated, (170+) Silver Half Dollars; (125) Silver Quarters; (80+) Silver Dimes;Shield & V Nickels; (490+) Buffalo Nickels; 1874 3Cent; 2 Cent pcs.; Lg. Cents; Flying Eagle Cents; Indian Head Cents; (16,000+) Wheat Cents incl. \$50 unsearched Bags; Misc. Mint, Proof & Other Coin Sets; 1929 \$50.00 National Currency Note K.C. Mo.; 1917 \$1.00 Legal Tender Note; (50+) 12 & 14k Gold Rings; Lots of Gold Bracelets, Necklaces, Pins, Earrings, etc.; Sterling Pitcher & Plate; (100’s) of Sterling Rings, Bracelets, Necklaces, Charms, Pendants, Earrings, Flatware, etc... Lots of Sterling & Turquoise Jewelry (some signed); (30+) Pocket Watches; Watch Fobs; (100+) Wrist Watches; **Antique - Collectible** 1000’s of great Antiques & Collectibles including a pair of 1970 Torino UFO Lamps; 20 Gallon Red Wing Crock Jar; Original Cast Iron Mechanical & Still Banks; Bronze Bookends; Old Coke & Other Advertising Signs; Old Swords & Pocket Knives; Marbles; Fountain Pens; Railroad & other Locks; Old Knights Templar Case & Contents; German Military Pins; Stagecoach Strongbox; Apothecary Bottles; Lots of Old Toys; 100’s of Comic Books; Lots of Lionel Trains & Accessories; Transistor Radio’s; Lots of Ephemera; (100’s) of Old Tins of all Kinds; Several Very Unusual Wall & Table Art Pieces incl. Artist Proof’s; Good Old Butcher Block; A Few Pcs. Neat Old Furniture; Washer & Dryer, Upright Freezer

Auctioneers Note:
There is no way to list all of the nice items in this auction. Be sure to see fosterauctionservice.com for list & over 1000 pictures.
Please note early start time & bring a friend as we will be selling 2 rings at times. If you’re a Collector, Dealer or Reseller you do not want to miss this auction! "ON SITE LIVE AUCTION ONLY" NO ONLINE BIDDING!

Living Estate of Tim Carr

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Auctioneer: Larry Foster
Galena, Mo
Phone: (417) 723-8329
Cell: (417) 839-6860

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:
01-DEC-2025
Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,
Probate Clerk
Date of first publication:
January 21, 2026
Date of second
publication:
January 28, 2026
Date of third publication:
February 4, 2026
Date of fourth publication:
February 11, 2026
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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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BARRY COUNTY,
MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION
AT CASSVILLE

In the Estate of
Hubert Lee Shepherd,
Deceased
Estate Number:
25BR-PR00057

AMENDED NOTICE
OF FILING OF FINAL
SETTLEMENT AND
PETITION FOR
DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN TIIE
ESTATE OF
HUBERT LEE
SHEPHERD, deceased:
You are hereby notified
that the undersigned
Personal Representative
will file a Final Settlement
and Petition for
determination of the persons
who are the successors in
interest to the personal/
real estate of the decedent
and of the extent and
character of their interest
therein and for distribution
of such property, on or
about February 26, 2026
or as may be continued
by the Court, and that any
objections or exceptions to
such Final Settlement or
petition or any item thereof
must be in writing arid
filed within twenty days
after the filing of such final
Settlement.
DONALD L. CUPPS,
Attorney
Ellis, Cupps, Herrin &
Schwartz
P. O. Box 276
Cassville, MO 65625
CHRISTINE SHEPHERD
Personal Representative
Dates of Publication
1/21/2026,

1/28/2026,
2/4/2026,
2/11/2026
THE ABOVE
REFERENCED DATE
IS NOT A COURT
APPEARANCE DATE.
It is an estimated date
as to when the Final
Settlement will be filed with
the Court.
1st insertion 01/21/26
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TRUSTEE'S SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE

For default in the payment
of debt secured by a deed
of trust executed by
Betty Szkely;
Zara A. Wright,
dated December 30,
2024, and recorded on
January 2, 2025, Document
No. 202500005, in Book No.
25, at Page 5 in the Office
of the Recorder of Deeds,
Barry County, Missouri, the
undersigned Successor
Trustee will on February
4, 2026, at 9:30 AM, at
the East Front Door of the
Barry County Courthouse,
Cassville, Missouri, sell at
public vendue to the highest
bidder for cash:

LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, BLOCK
2, SMITH AND HAYES
ADDITION TO THE CITY
OF CASSVILLE, BARRY
COUNTY, MISSOURI.
ALSO, A TRACT OF
LAND DESCRIBED
AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE
SOUTHEAST CORNER OF
LOT 1, BLOCK 2, SMITH
AND HAYES ADDITION TO
THE CITY OF CASSVILLE,
MISSOURI, THENCE
SOUTHERLY AND ALONG
THE WEST RIGHT OF
WAY LINE OF THE PUBLIC
ROAD A DISTANCE OF
ABOUT 25 FEET AND TO
THE CENTER OF THE
VACATED STREET THAT
WAS 50 FEET WIDE,
THENCE WESTERLY
AND PARALLEL TO THE
SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE
OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 2
AFORESAID A DISTANCE
OF 162 FEET, THENCE
NORTH 25 FEET TO THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER
OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK
2 AFORESAID, THENCE
EASTERLY ALONG THE
SOUTH BOUNDARY
LINE OF SAID LOT 1,
BLOCK 2 OF SMITH
AND HAYES ADDITION
AFORESAID TO POINT
OF BEGINNING, SAME
BEING THE NORTH HALF
OF A VACATED STREET
THAT WAS IMMEDIATELY
SOUTH OF LOT 1, BLOCK
2, SMITH AND HAYES
ADDITION TO THE CITY
OF CASSVILLE, BARRY
COUNTY, MISSOURI.
ALSO, ALL THAT PART
OF THE EAST 5 FEET OF
AN ALLEY 10 FEET WIDE
RUNNING NORTH AND
SOUTH BETWEEN LOTS
42 AND LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
6 AND 7, BLOCK 2, SMITH
AND HAYES ADDITION
TO THE CITY OF CASSVILLE,
BARRY COUNTY,
MISSOURI, THAT JOINS
LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK
2, OF SMITH AND HAYES
ADDITION TO THE
CITY OF CASSVILLE,
MISSOURI, commonly
known as 1600 Main St,

Cassville, MO, 65625
subject to all prior
easements, restrictions,
reservations, covenants
and encumbrances now of
record, if any, to satisfy the
debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C.
Successor Trustee
First Publication:
January 7, 2026.
For more information,
visit www.southlaw.com
NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt
Collection Practices Act,
15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no
information concerning the
collection of this debt may
be given without the prior
consent of the consumer
given directly to the debt
collector or the express
permission of a court of
competent jurisdiction. The
debt collector is attempting
to collect a debt and any
information obtained will
be used for that purpose
(Casefile No. 256047-
1078475).
1st insertion 1/7/26
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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

To all persons interested
in the estate of
HOY L. BILYEU,
deceased:
The undersigned,
RODGER L. BILYEU,
is acting as Trustee under
a Trust, the terms of which
provide that the debts of the
Decedent may be paid by
the Trustee upon receipt of
proper proof thereof.
The address of the
Trustee is as follows:
804 9th St
Purdy, MO 65734
All creditors of the
decedent are notified to
present their claims to the
undersigned within six (6)
months from the date of
the first publication of this
notice or be forever barred
pursuant to Section 456.5-
505, RSMo.
Rodger L. Bilyeu
Trustee
By: Carnahan Evans PC
2805 S. Ingram Mill Road
Springfield, MO 65804
Date of first publication
is: January 14, 2026
1st insertion 01/14/26
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
FORECLOSURE SALE

FOR DEFAULT in the
payment of debt secured by
a Deed of Trust executed
by
GALEN EASLEY AND
VICKI D. EASLEY, husband
and wife, dated April 25,
2008 and recorded on in
Book 08, at Page 2575,
in the office of the Recorder
of Deeds of Barry County,
Missouri, the
undersigned Trustee
will on February 24, 2026
between the hours of 9:00
a.m. and 5:00 p.m.,
specifically at 10:00 a.m.
at the East Front Court
House Door in the City of
Cassville, County of
Barry, sell at public
venue to the highest bidder
for cash the following
described real estate
located in Barry County,
Missouri, to-wit:
Address:
1183 State Hwy W

Wheaton, Missouri
Beginning at the
Northeast corner of the
West Half the Northeast
Quarter of the Northwest
of the Northeast Quarter
of Said Section 34,
Township 14, Range 29;
Thence South 0
degrees 08 minutes 15
seconds
West a distance of 205
feet; thence North 89
degrees 46 minutes 25
seconds
West a distance of 80 feet;
thence North 0 degrees 08
minutes 15 seconds
East a distance of
75-feet; Thence North
89 degrees 46 minutes 25
seconds
West a distance of 70
feet; Thence North 0
degrees 08 minutes 15
seconds
East a distance of 130
feet to the North line of said
Section 34; thence
South 89 degrees 46
minutes 25 seconds East
along the North line of said
Section 34, a
distance of 150 feet to the
point of beginning.
All in Barry County
Missouri.
to satisfy said debt and
trust.
Please publish:
January 14, 2026
January 21, 2026
January 28, 2026
February 04, 2026
Jon Homer,
Trustee
Security Bank of
Southwest Missouri
Blake B. Fields,
Attorney for Trustee
Law Office of Blake B.
Fields, LLC
605 Main Street,
Cassville, MO 65625
1st insertion 01/14/26
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE

WHEREAS,
JEFFEREY HEALEY
and
KIMBERLY HEALEY,
by their Deed of Trust
signed and dated the 9th
day of March, 2021, and
recorded on March 10th
2021 in the Recorder's
Office for Barry County,
Missouri in Deed of Trust
in Book 21, Page 1494,
conveyed to Robert
Haskins, as Trustee
of The Robert Haskins
Revocable Living Trust
dated November 25, 2014,
the following described real
estate situate in the County
of Barry, State of Missouri,
to-wit;
Lots 10 and 11 in
Presley's 2nd Addition to
the City of Cassville,
Barry County, Missouri,
and 20 feet off the entire
South side of Lot 9 in
Presley's 2nd Addition
to the City of Cassville,
Missouri, according to the
recorded plat thereof.
which conveyance was
made in trust to secure
the payment of one certain
note in said Deed of Trust
described' and
WHEREAS, default was
made and still continues in
payment of said note;
NOW THEREFORE, at
the request of the legal
holder of said note and in
pursuance of the provisions
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of said Deed of Trust, the undersigned will sell the property above described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the East front door of the old County Courthouse in the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri, on February 6, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the purposes of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE:
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and wife Trustee's Sale:
For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Everett Barragar and Marilyn Barragar, husband and wife dated February 23, 2011 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 11, Page 1317 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 between the hours

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Wrestling: Bauman takes gold for Lady Wildcats

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Cassville also received strong runner-up finishes from Allison Deaver at 105 pounds, Gracey Farsungchin at 120 pounds and Estrella Garcia at 140 pounds. Myah Dunfee placed third at 130 pounds, while additional team points came from placements by Hopelyne Thompson at 125 pounds, Molly Pickett at 135 pounds and Alexis Lands at 170 pounds.

The Wildcats and Lady Wildcats next dual against Monett on Thursday.

Full results from the Big 8 tournaments include:

BOYS RESULTS

106: Boni Lopez (30-9) placed 2nd and scored 15.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Boni Lopez 30-9 won by tech fall over Jacob Shaw (Monett) 21-11 (TF-1.5 5:21 (19-4))
- Round 3 - Boni Lopez 30-9 won by tech fall over Paytin White (Nevada) 18-14 (TF-1.5 3:45 (17-0))
- Round 5 - Koda Neilson (Seneca) 15-5 won by decision over Boni Lopez 30-9 (Dec 9-8)
- 120: Michael Winchell (19-24) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Ebersson Perez (McDonald County) 29-7 won by fall over Michael Winchell 19-24 (Fall 4:56)
- Round 3 - Paxton Bruegel (Seneca) 16-7 won by fall over Michael Winchell 19-24 (Fall 0:45)
- Round 4 - Michael Winchell 19-24 won by fall over Aiden Seay (Nevada) 3-18 (Fall 0:13)
- 126: Rylen Holman (27-8) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Rylen Holman 27-8 won by fall over Grant Price (Aurora) 6-7 (Fall 0:59)
- Round 3 - Rylen Holman 27-8 won by fall over Kayden Shepherd (Nevada) 21-14 (Fall 3:01)
- Round 4 - Rylen Holman 27-8 won by fall over BN Jason (McDonald County) 6-16 (Fall 1:15)
- Round 5 - Rylen Holman 27-8 won by fall over Hudson Russell (Seneca) 16-10 (Fall 3:06)
- 132: Kole Fry (24-18) placed 3rd and scored 14.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Caden Groom (Seneca) 27-3 won by fall over Kole Fry 24-18 (Fall 1:52)
- Round 2 - Kole Fry 24-18 won by fall over Adam Bogart (McDonald County) 4-4 (Fall 4:53)
- Round 4 - Kade Adams (Monett) 27-5 won by fall over Kole Fry 24-18 (Fall 2:47)
- Round 5 - Kole Fry 24-18 won by fall over Jake Swinehart (Nevada) 8-4 (Fall 1:14)
- 138: Kellen Weldy (27-14) placed 3rd and scored 14.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Robinson



Cassville's Isabella Bauman goes on the attack against an opponent in the Monett Tournament. Bauman recently took first place in the Big 8 Tournament. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

Yoshino (McDonald County) 27-8 won by tech fall over Kellen Weldy 27-14 (TF-1.5 2:49 (18-1))

- Round 2 - Kellen Weldy 27-14 won by fall over Sam Klumpp (Nevada) 15-18 (Fall 5:21)
- Round 3 - Kellen Weldy 27-14 won by fall over Cameron Clevenger (Aurora) 1-18 (Fall 0:50)
- Round 4 - Eli Manley (Seneca) 28-1 won by fall over Kellen Weldy 27-14 (Fall 3:11)
- Round 5 - Kellen Weldy 27-14 won by decision over Chris Spears (Monett) 18-16 (Dec 8-4)
- 144: Logan Parsons (23-18) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Tanner Swinford (Monett) 12-8 won by major decision over Logan Parsons 23-18 (MD 13-1)
- Round 2 - Brant Laughlin (Seneca) 29-1 won by fall over Logan Parsons 23-18 (Fall 1:17)
- Round 3 - Logan Parsons 23-18 won by decision over Mason Neil (Nevada) 9-21 (Dec 12-6)
- Round 4 - Christian Benhumea (McDonald County) 22-13 won by major decision over Logan Parsons 23-18 (MD 17-4)
- 150: Braydyn Sizemore (34-10) placed 2nd and scored 19.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Braydyn Sizemore 34-10 won by tech fall over Justus Kittrell (McDonald County) 11-28 (TF-1.5 2:30 (15-0))
- Round 2 - Braydyn Sizemore 34-10 won by fall over Cody Parnell (Aurora) 13-9 (Fall 5:17)
- Round 3 - Braydyn Sizemore 34-10 won by fall over Lane Rogers (Nevada) 13-15 (Fall 2:49)
- Round 4 - Braydyn Sizemore 34-10 won by tech fall over Kaven Kellner (Monett) 9-20 (TF-1.5 2:00 (15-0))
- Round 5 - Dawson Manley (Seneca) 27-4 won by tech fall over Braydyn Sizemore 34-10 (TF-1.5 6:00 (22-7))

157: Tyler Hodge (21-14) placed 5th and scored 2.0 team points.

- Round 2 - Brayden Morgan (Nevada) 18-9 won by fall over Tyler Hodge 21-14 (Fall 3:19)
- Round 3 - Ethan Jones (McDonald County) 16-9 won by fall over Tyler Hodge 21-14 (Fall 3:04)
- Round 4 - Wyatt Reed (Monett) 7-20 won by fall over Tyler Hodge 21-14 (Fall 1:41)
- Round 5 - Lane Eitemiller (Seneca) 14-11 won by medical forfeit over Tyler Hodge 21-14 (M. For.)
- 175: Colton Roark (41-2) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Colton Roark 41-2 won by fall over Journey Williams (Seneca) 8-13 (Fall 0:46)
- Round 3 - Colton Roark 41-2 won by medical forfeit over Caden Hayward (McDonald County) 9-13 (M. For.)
- Round 4 - Colton Roark 41-2 won by fall over Andrew Cornelius (Nevada) 17-12 (Fall 1:06)
- Round 5 - Colton Roark 41-2 won by fall over Henry Reed (Monett) 27-8 (Fall 1:27)
- 190: Riley James (13-3) placed 2nd and scored 19.0 team points.
- Round 2 - Riley James 13-3 won by fall over Andrew Bogart (McDonald County) 14-17 (Fall 0:55)
- Round 3 - Riley James 13-3 won by tech fall over Logan Cole (Monett) 16-9 (TF-1.5 3:40 (18-3))
- Round 4 - Riley James 13-3 won by fall over Brayden Garwood (Nevada) 12-5 (Fall 0:31)
- Round 5 - Jace Renfro (Seneca) 24-1 won by major decision over Riley James 13-3 (MD 18-8)
- 215: Zachary Myers (33-7) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.
- Round 1 - DJ Glidewell (Nevada) 20-2 won by fall over Zachary Myers 33-7 (Fall 1:39)
- Round 3 - Zachary

Myers 33-7 won by fall over Kael Hickey (Seneca) 9-5 (Fall 1:29)

- Round 5 - Stevan Benhumea (McDonald County) 35-3 won by fall over Zachary Myers 33-7 (Fall 3:00)
- 285: Ethan Sizemore (22-3) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Ethan Sizemore 22-3 won by decision over Gabriel Homewood (Monett) 11-14 (Dec 6-3)
- Round 3 - Ethan Sizemore 22-3 won by fall over Damen Solomon (McDonald County) 8-17 (Fall 1:45)
- Round 4 - Ethan Sizemore 22-3 won by fall over Isaac Campbell (Nevada) 18-16 (Fall 0:41)
- Round 5 - Ethan Sizemore 22-3 won by decision over Taylor Barwick (Seneca) 22-11 (Dec 12-7)

GIRLS RESULTS

100: Isabella Bauman (25-5) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

 - Round 4 - Isabella Bauman 25-5 won by fall over Brihanna Moore (Nevada) 6-15 (Fall 1:00)
 - Round 5 - Isabella Bauman 25-5 won by fall over Sherlyn Lopez (McDonald County) 8-10 (Fall 1:17)
 - 105: Allison Deaver (26-9) placed 2nd and scored 17.0 team points.
 - Round 4 - Allison Deaver 26-9 won by fall over Henley Franklin (Nevada) 9-3 (Fall 0:24)
 - Round 5 - Sheccid Gonzalez (McDonald County) 25-15 won by fall over Allison Deaver 26-9 (Fall 1:27)
 - 120: Gracey Farsungchin (9-19) placed 2nd and scored 17.0 team points.
 - Round 1 - Gracey Farsungchin 9-19 won by fall over Guadalupe Rodriguez (Monett) 6-15 (Fall 2:36)
 - Round 4 - Laina Thomas (McDonald County) 20-16 won by fall over Gracey Farsungchin 9-19 (Fall 1:54)



Cassville's Rylen Holman works toward a pin of an opponent at the Monett Tournament. He recently won first place in the Big 8 Tournament. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

125: Hopelyne Thompson (10-18) placed 5th and scored 2.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Natalie Canales (Monett) 13-15 won by fall over Hopelyne Thompson 10-18 (Fall 3:22)
- Round 2 - Brooklynn Hoag (Nevada) 29-2 won by fall over Hopelyne Thompson 10-18 (Fall 0:17)
- Round 3 - Leah Nix (McDonald County) 13-7 won by fall over Hopelyne Thompson 10-18 (Fall 1:15)
- Round 4 - Bella Scribner (Seneca) 16-15 won by fall over Hopelyne Thompson 10-18 (Fall 0:21)
- 130: Myah Dunfee (3-5) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Naomi Orellana (Monett) 8-11 won by tech fall over Myah Dunfee 3-5 (TF-1.5 4:22 (19-2))
- Round 2 - Myah Dunfee 3-5 won by fall over Shayla Ledezma (McDonald County) 0-12 (Fall 1:56)
- Round 5 - Brinklee Janes (Nevada) 12-11 won by fall over Myah Dunfee 3-5 (Fall 3:17)
- 135: Molly Pickett (7-22) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.
- Round 2 - Case Parnell (Aurora) 27-4 won by fall over Molly Pickett 7-22 (Fall 0:29)
- Round 3 - Anjelika Alarcon (McDonald County) 33-6 won by tech

fall over Molly Pickett 7-22 (TF-1.5 0:44 (17-2))

- Round 5 - Mariyah Aceves (Monett) 4-8 won by fall over Molly Pickett 7-22 (Fall 1:55)
- 140: Estrella Garcia (6-16) placed 2nd and scored 15.0 team points.
- Round 5 - Macie Smith (McDonald County) 19-12 won by fall over Estrella Garcia 6-16 (Fall 1:18)
- 155: Analeigh Winchell (31-3) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.
- Round 3 - Analeigh Winchell 31-3 won by fall over Leanny Sandoval (Monett) 10-20 (Fall 1:13)
- Round 4 - Analeigh Winchell 31-3 won by fall over Palmy Tosima (McDonald County) 14-21 (Fall 0:58)
- Round 5 - Analeigh Winchell 31-3 won by fall over Harley Lankford (Seneca) 19-10 (Fall 4:45)
- 170: Alexis Lands (15-19) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Morgan Barber (Seneca) 12-10 won by fall over Alexis Lands 15-19 (Fall 2:00)
- Round 2 - Daesha Solomon (McDonald County) 23-14 won by fall over Alexis Lands 15-19 (Fall 3:15)
- Round 3 - Haylee Kerbo (Nevada) 21-10 won by fall over Alexis Lands 15-19 (Fall 3:03)
- Round 4 - Alexis Lands 15-19 won by medical forfeit over Amethyst James (Monett) 20-10 (M. For.)

Scoreboard: Purdy boys, girls teams on the road

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host McAuley Catholic on Tuesday and welcoming New Heights Christian this Friday. Wheaton will then host Southwest on Feb. 3 and School of the Ozarks on Feb. 6.

Purdy boys on the road this week

The Purdy boys basketball team (5-12) fell in its only contest last week to Sarcoxie, 52-44. The Eagles also play only one game this week, traveling to Lockwood on Friday.

Lady Eagles hitting the road

The Purdy girls basketball team (1-12) are looking to snap a six-game skid this week on the road. A Thursday road contest at Sarcoxie was postponed, the only game of the week for Purdy last week. The Lady Eagles were scheduled to play School of the Ozarks on Tuesday on the road, and will travel to Thomas Jefferson on Thursday before playing in the 43rd Annual Mercy/Warrior Classic Feb. 2-7.

Exeter girls split games in Lady Bear Classic

The Exeter girls basketball team (5-10) lost a game and won a game at the Lady Bear Classic last week. The Lady Tigers fell to Southwest, 50-25, then bested Verona, 63-54. Exeter plays at McAuley Catholic on Friday, then in the 43rd Annual Mercy/Warrior Classic Feb. 2-7.

Tigers look to snap

skid

The Exeter boys basketball team (1-10) is hoping to snap a 7-game losing streak soon, but with tough competition on the schedule this week. Last week, the Tigers played just one game, an 83-24 loss to New Heights Christian. This week, Exeter is scheduled to play Golden City (13-4) and McAuley Catholic (11-6), both on the road. The Tigers play in the 43rd Annual Mercy/Warrior Classic Feb. 2-7.

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Members of the Cassville girls basketball team include: Briley Artherton, Aubrie Atkinson, Tomi Blankenship, Raegan Doucet, Riley Doucet, Brylee Gross, Alexandra Dawn Holycross, Audrey Kennedy, Taylor Kennedy, Addy Ramaeker, Kynzleigh Scott, Brianna Still, Samantha Stockton, Aubrey Stoufer, Mckenzie Wall, Brynn Whittenburg and Madison Yockey.



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2024-2025 EXETER BASKETBALL

Tigers



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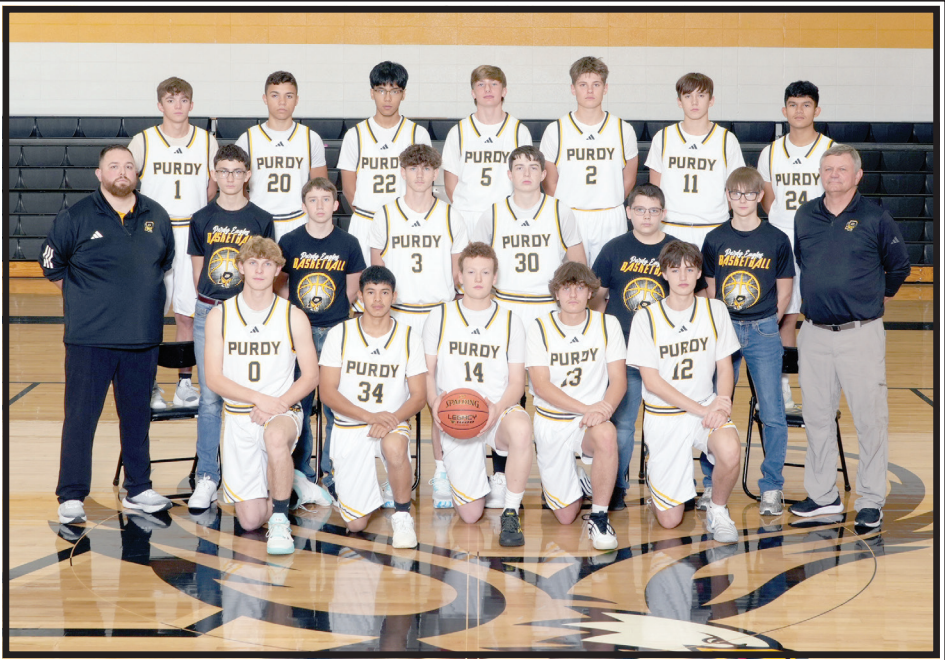
Lady Tigers



Members of the Exeter girls basketball team include: Beatriz Alcaraz, Bobbi Hall, Honesty Hall, Jaylee Hawkins, Shea Hilburn, Kiarah Lokot, Breely Willis and Madison Younger.

2024-2025 PURDY BASKETBALL

Eagles



Members of the Purdy boys basketball team include: Jesus Aldaba, Charles Barnes, Xander Dodson, Angel Flores, Henry Flores, Eric Garcia, Jayden Griffis, Abdiel Juarez, Abner Juarez, Tony Kelly, Jackson Lee, Damon Mahurin, Grady Mahurin, Logan Manwarren, Dexton Moller, Victor Nung, Raylan Patton, Dalton Redshaw, Nathaniel Stubblefield, Waylon Tyson, Simon Walker, Gage Welsch and Hunter Wormington.

Lady Eagles



Members of the Purdy girls basketball team include: Lizett Aldava, Mitzi Carty, Alicia Leal, Lauren Lamp, Ellie Nunez, Julia Nunn, Courtney Patterson, Shelby Marie Patterson, Karla Hernandez, Kenzi Postlewait and Kierstn Postlewait.



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Trojans



Members of the Southwest boys basketball team include: Raydin Costlow, Ayden Flippo, Dylan Frost, Wyatt Gautney, Robert Gonzales, Ryan Harris, Lane Hendrix, Elijah Keeney, Ky Miles, Jacob Pierce, Race Pippin, Skyler Reines, Domenick Sierra, Tobias Smith, Ivan Suchowski, Brendan Swaffar, Victor Tellez-Monzon, Caden Warren and Hayden Wilson.

Lady Trojans



Members of the Southwest girls basketball team include: Milly Brinkman, Olivia Chapman, Mia Hewel, Olivia Hnem, Adabella Myers, Addyson Payne, Rylee Phillips, Jaretsi Quintanilla, Sidney Roe, Gracie Swanepoel and Lucia Villaceros.

2024-2025 WHEATON BASKETBALL

Bulldogs



Members of the Wheaton boys basketball team include: Brody Bateman, Andy Bui, Yeshua Cha, Tuang Cung, David Cunglianhawng, Lakyn Dutra, Jaydon Eggleston, Richard Hnin, Kamdon Kelly, Kaman Kinnaman, Jesse Lian, Jayson Peterson, Jaideon Pointer, Cooper Ray, Ian Shockley, Mitchell Shockley, Lal Tha and Amos Thawngzathang.

Lady Bulldogs



Members of the Wheaton girls basketball team include: Perla Hinojosa, Savanna Holenda, Danna Juarez, Harmony Loftis, Meyah Peckham, Haillie Potarf, Ashlynn Prewitt and Mallory Royer.

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Lady Wildcats



Members of the Cassville girls wrestling team include: Isabella Bauman, Allison Deaver, Myah Dunfee, Gracy Farsungchin, Estrella Garcia, Alexis Lands, Molly Pickett, Emma Roney, Hopelyne Raschelle Thompson, Anna VanDerhoef and Analeigh Winchell



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