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Washburn seeking public safety sales tax

1% tax would raise about $40,00 annually for staffing, equipment, facility

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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The city of Washburn is asking voters to approve a one-cent sales tax for public safety, aiming to use the revenues for staffing, equipment and a possible office for the police chief outside of City Hall.

Kristy Brinkman, Washburn mayor, said the city made the move from two part-time police officers to one full-time chief last year, and the intent for the tax is to continue to improve public safety in the city.

"With our existing funds, we are not able to keep pace with expenses like personnel, equipment and community safety concerns," she said. "Looking down the road, we'd like to keep improving over a longer period."

Washburn currently levies three sales taxes: one cent for the general fund, a half-cent

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CITY OF WASHBURN
What: Seeking voter approval for one-cent public safety sales tax
Revenue: Expected to generate about $40,000 annually
Uses: Staffing, equipment, possible office for police chief outside of city hall

FELONY ARREST
Who: Cassidy Krull, 36, of Purdy
What: Charged with aggravated fleeing, leaving the scene of an accident and four misdemeanors
More: Vehicle evades authorities twice, crashes on Farm Road 1040

Man charged for high-speed chase

Vehicle evades authorities twice, crashes on Farm Road 1040

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A Purdy man is facing two felonies and four misdemeanors after allegedly fleeing from a highway patrolman and a Barry County Sheriff's Office deputy, then crashing on Farm Road 1040

Cassidy Krull, 36, of Purdy, is charged with aggravated fleeing, leaving the scene of an accident and four misdemeanors relating to traffic violations.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Trooper T. Williams, with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, at 1:04 a.m. on March 15, Williams was southbound on Farm Road 1050 when he checked an orange Toyota Tacoma traveling southbound at 90 miles per hour in a 50-miles-per-hour zone. Williams attempted to overtake and initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle, which maintained its speed.

As the vehicles turned onto Farm Road 2025, Williams overtook the vehicle and was within sight and sound where the driver could see and hear the emergency equipment.

The Toyota continued southbound on Farm Road 1052, reaching speeds of 100 miles per hour in a 50-miles-per-hour zone. As Farm Road 1052 ends, the vehicle approached a property and turned around, striking a victim's fence, then allegedly drove the vehicle at William's cruiser. Damage to the fence was valued at $2,500.

As it drove past, Williams said he was able to see the driver's face, and during the pursuit, was able to obtain vehicle registration allegedly identifying Krull as the driver.

During the pursuit, Krull allegedly maintained a high rate of speed and failed to maintain the right half of the roadway, causing another vehicle to avoid collision by driving into a ditch. Krull also allegedly ran several stop signs, failed to

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FELONY WARRANT
Who: Jordan Arevalo, 27, of Stillwell, Okla.
What: Is charged with DWI - death of another not a passenger and misdemeanor failure to maintain financial responsibility
More: Warrant issued March 20, bond set at $100,000, cash only

Woman charged for hitting pedestrian while drunk

Warrant issued March 20, bond set at $100,000 cash

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An Oklahoma woman is facing a felony charge after allegedly striking a pedestrian while driving under the influence, causing injuries the victim did not survive.

Jordan Arevalo, 27, of Stillwell, Okla., is charged with DWI - death of another not a passenger and misdemeanor failure to maintain financial responsibility.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Cpl. B. Vaught, with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, on Aug. 23, 2025, Vaught investigated a single-vehicle crash involving a pedestrian on Route J in Barry County. The pedestrian as transported for serious injuries sustained in the crash.

Arevalo was identified as the alleged driver of the vehicle and was the sole occupant at the time of the incident. Vaught alleged in the statement her speech was slurred,

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Choirs serenade at 'Music in Our Schools'

Samantha Baugus is held up by Timothy Cash, left, and Richard Sledden during the final moments of Centerstage's performance at Cassville's "Music in Our Schools Choir Concert" on Thursday. The choir, under the direction of Katie Stockton and Abby Carr, sang five numbers at the concert, all part of its competition routine this year. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Wheaton seeking new sales tax

Funds would be directed to police department staffing, equipment

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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The city of Wheaton is seeking to pass a new sales tax on April 7, a one-cent tax aimed at bolstering funding for the Wheaton Police Department.

Clint Danforth, Wheaton police chief, said staffing and equipment would be the main expenditures.

"My goals are to help keep officers here, because our pay levels are so low," he said. "I'm hoping maybe we can raise our pay up a little bit, then find somebody who wants to stay here and not just come to train and leave for a better paying job. We would just like to provide more coverage for the city if possible."

Danforth is the only employee at the department currently, and his pay is at about $22 per hour. Danforth said his former part-time employee was making about $16 per hour. Danforth, who works 40 hours per week, said if passed, the funds would afford pay raises for him and for new staff. He hopes to get a part-time officer with whom he could split shifts and provide more hours of having an on-duty officer in the city.

"Other than [staffing], we'd like to put more toward equipment, training, vehicles and so on," Danforth said. "There are things we'd like to upgrade and things may come across, like body armor for protection."

The Wheaton Police Department is currently supported by the city's general fund, In 2025, the city brought in $98,895.89 from its two sales taxes, general and transportation. Another one-cent tax should net about $70,000. The city also generated $16,430 from its use tax, which goes into the general fund.

Additionally, Wheaton has a motor fuel tax that goes to streets, earning a penny per gallon sold at the two gas stations in city limits.

Danforth said he hopes the residents of the city have seen improvements in crime rates and will support the department.

"I hope the residents come together and understand what's important," he said. "Our crime levels are lower than what they have been. So, we're doing our part to keep our city safe."

Voters may have their say on the measure on April 7.

CITY OF WHEATON
What: Proposing one-cent public safety sales tax
Revenue: Should generate about $70,000
Uses: Staffing and equipment

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NEWS BRIEFS

Absentee voting ongoing for April elections

Absentee voting for the April 7 General Municipal Election 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 began Tuesday. The Clerk's Office will also be open on April 4 from 9 a.m. to noon for absentee voting. A photo ID must be presented to vote. Examples include a Missouri Driver's License, Missouri Non-Driver's license, Military ID or Passport. Anyone who has had an address change should contact the Clerk's Office to update their information prior to Election Day. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on Election Day. 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@barrycountyclerk.com.

Kings Prairie Cemetery Annual Meeting

The Kings Prairie Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. on May 11 at New Liberty Church on Highway Z, southeast of Monett. All who are interested are urged to attend. Contributions for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery may be mailed to Kings Prairie Cemetery, c/o Dan Shelton, 2541 Farm Road 1120, Monett, MO 65708.

Wheaton Road District meeting on April 6

The monthly Wheaton Road District Meeting will be held on April 6 at 5 p.m. at the Wheaton road district barn on Hwy A across from Holmes Farm Supply.

Barry County Community Garden meetings set

The Barry County Community Garden has scheduled its monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month, at Harvick Farms, located at 16062 Hwy. 76 in Cassville. The work in the garden days are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garden, located at on 10160 Farm Road 2160. Tentative working days depend on the weather and will be updated on the organization's Facebook page, "Barry County Community Garden," and people may contact the page fort more information. Produce from the garden goes to the Cassville Pantry. New members and/or volunteers may come and reserve a plot.

Ozark Country Quilters show April 10-11

O C the Quilts is a judged quilt show presented by the Ozark Country Quilters of Cassville/Monett. In addition to over 200 items displayed, there will be a quilt turning, demonstrations, vendors, boutique, opportunity quilt, special exhibits and knife/scissor sharpening. The event will be on April 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crowder College in Cassville, located at 4020 N. Main. Admission is $5, and children under 12 are free.

Jenkins voters urged to vote absentee

Due to the bridge closure on Highway 248 over Flat Creek, voters in the Jenkins precinct are encouraged to vote absentee, especially those living on the West side of Flat Creek, due to the long detour that would be needed to get to the polling place on election day. Absentee voting is open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the County Clerk's office, located 700 Main, Ste. 2, in Cassville. For more information, people may contact the Clerk's office at 417-847-2561 or by email at jennis@barrycountyclerk.com.

Cassville preschool, Kinder Academy, kindergarten screenings in April

The Cassville school district screening dates have been set for preschool, kinder academy and kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year. All screenings will take place in the FEMA 1 Building, located next to the football field. Families with an eligible child for either preschool or kindergarten screening should call the Primary Office at 417-847-2445 to make an appointment. Preschool screenings are April 13 and April 15. Preschool screening is for children ages three and four who live in the Cassville school district and will be 3 at the time of screening. Please plan for 30-45 minutes for the preschool screening appointment. Current Cassville preschool students do not need to participate in the screening. Kinder Academy and Kindergarten screenings are April 14 and April 16. Children that are 5 years old on or before July 31 should be screened for kindergarten. Families whose children are being screened for kinder academy or kindergarten should bring the following items to their appointment: Official birth certificate, immunization (shot) record, proof of residency (utility bill with name and address, real estate contract or rental agreement) and parent/guardian's photo ID. Anyone with questions may call 417-847-2445.

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.

Cassville man charged with attempted murder in jail

Suspect allegedly used improvised shank to injure another inmate

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A Cassville man is facing multiple felonies after an altercation inside the Barry County jail where he allegedly stabbed another inmate with an improvised shank.

Danon McIntire, born 2005, of Cassville, is charged with first-degree assault (attempted murder), possession of a weapon at a jail and armed criminal action.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Det. Sgt. Abby Parsons, with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, on March 20, Parsons was notified of an alleged assault that took place in the jail between two inmates. Parsons reviewed video and reports written by the correctional officer on duty at the time of the assault.

CO Ruark, Parsons said in the statement, state he was doing an inmate count in E pod when he observed McIntire go into the victim's bunk and begin hitting the victim in the face repeatedly.

Ruark said he removed McIntire and placed him on the floor, where McIntire allegedly dropped an improvised shank made from items he is provided as an inmate.

Ruark said he observed the victim bleeding and a small gash on the left side of the victim's lower jaw. CO Henricksen provided a similar statement.

Parsons said she observed on the video footage that McIntire got off his bunk and crouched down near the victim's bunk, then she saw Ruark running toward the bunks and removing McIntire.

McIntire was in jail for allegedly bringing a weapon into the premises. According to a probable cause statement filed by Deputy K. Jordan, with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, on March 17, deputies responded to an emergency call for a male covered in blood walking around a trailer park in Cassville.

After arriving on scene, Jordan met with McIntire, who kept saying, "I hate the cold." His right hand was covered in blood, and he kept holding his right hand to the right side of his head.

Jordan asked McIntire what happened, but McIntire kept staring "blankly" at Jordan and would not respond, balling up his fists and making growling noises every so often.

Jordan asked McIntire if he had any weapons, to which he said no, and agreed to a pat down. EMS and fire personnel arrived, and McIntire was uncooperative. When asked his name, he responded, "Do not," and kept repeating, "I hate the cold."

McIntire agreed to go to the hospital, where he allegedly became uncooperative with the nursing staff and refused treatment. Jordan then placed McIntire on a 12-hour safety hold and transported him to the jail. Once at the jail, McIntire was asked if he was in possession of anything that could poke or harm jail staff, to which he allegedly said no. A search allegedly revealed a fixed blade with a black handle.

At the time of that arrest, McIntire had warrants for larceny, dangerous drugs and a traffic. offense, as well as misdemeanor convictions for possession of a controlled substance and two DWIs.

McIntire is being held in the Barry County jail on no bond for the assault case. His next hearing is set for Thursday at 9 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge Robert Foulke.

Almost open!

The 7th Street Bridge has been paved and is near opening. A ribbon cutting for the bridge will be held on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. The new bridge, replacing the old structure washed out in 2017, was built by Hartman and Company at a cost of $738,000. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Chase: Vehicle crashed into tree

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signal and would periodically turn off his headlights while driving.

At 1:14 a.m., the pursuit was terminated due to losing sight of the vehicle.

At 1:21 a.m., Barry County Sheriff's Office Deputy J. Printy initiated another pursuit with the vehicle on Farm Road 1035, and a short time later, lost sight of the vehicle.

At 1:37 a.m., the Toyota was located crashed into a tree on Farm Road 1040, and Krull had allegedly fled the scene on foot.

A warrant for Krull was issued on March 17, and it was served on March 18, with bond set at $15,000, cash only. The bond was reduced to release Krull on his own recognizance, but he remains in the Barry County jail on no bond for a parole violation.

His next court hearing for the pursuit is set for April 9 at 1 p.m. in the courtroom of Judge Robert Foulke.

Pedestrian: BAC test showed 0.142

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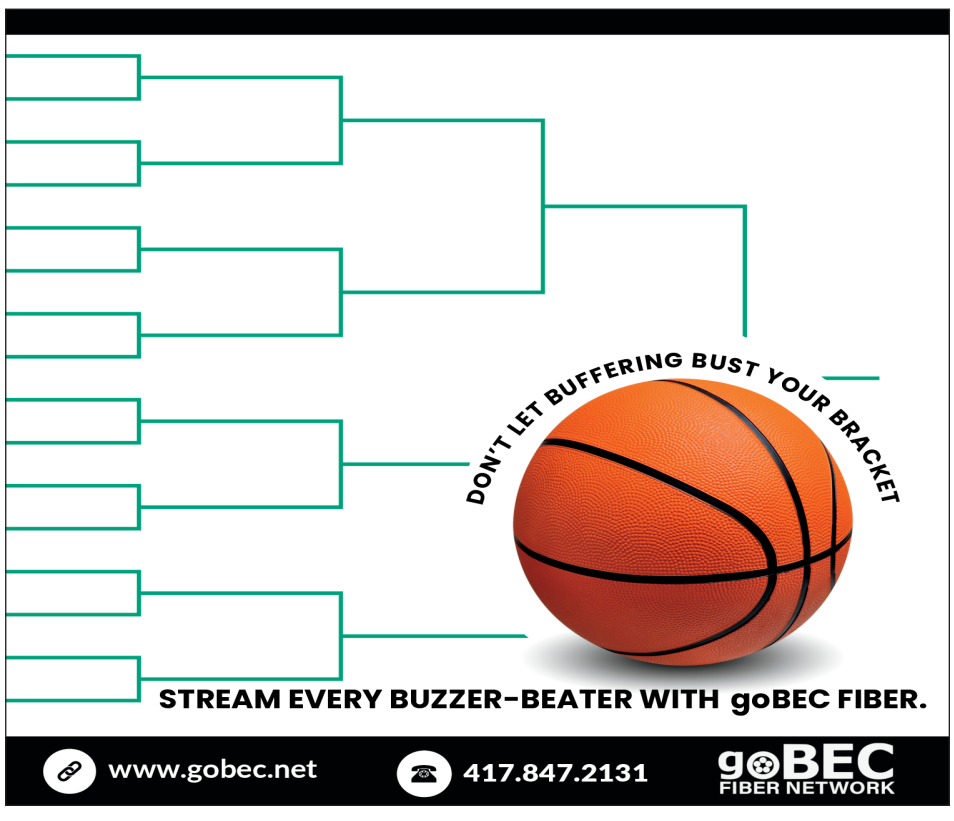
she had watery and glassy eyes, swayed while walking and standing, and had a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her breath.

Vaught administered a preliminary breath test, which indicated Arevalo was allegedly over 0.08% BAC. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to the Barry County jail, where an Intox DMT test allegedly returned a BAC result of 0.142. She was held in the jail on a 12-hour hold.

On Sept. 8, at 7:03 p.m., the pedestrian was pronounced deceased due to injuries sustained in the crash.

A warrant was issued for Arevalo's arrest on March 20, and her bond has been set at $100,000, cash only.

A citation was issued at the time of the incident, with a court date set for Nov. 6, 2025. That charge does not appear on Casenet.



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Recognitions delivered at anunal Cassville Chamber Banquet

From left, Kiley Stringer, Morgan Williams and Teresa Phillips share a laugh at the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Bri Smith, with Barry County Waste Warriors, was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce. Unable to attend the annual banquet due to a prior engagement, Smith was presnted the award outside the Chamber office on March 11. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Attendees at the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet enjoyed a meal at the Emory Melton Inn and Conference Center at Roaring River State Park. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Debbie Kelley, left, and Krystal Love share a laugh during the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Robin Henderson, of Purdy, bids on a silent auction item during the annual Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held on Saturday at the Emory Melton Inn and Conference Center at Roaring River State Park. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce Board President TJ Simmons, back, claps after announcing Bill Shiveley as the recipient of the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award. Shiveley, former Cassville mayor and Barry Electric CEO, who has also served on multiple local boards for various organizations, was presented the award on Feb. 6 during a First Friday Coffee event at First State Bank of the Ozarks in Cassville. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Kyle Troutman, owner and publisher of the Cassville Democrat, speaks about the facade renovation at the Democrat's office, located at 600 Main Street, facilitated by an anonymous donor and the Cassville Community Foundation's Downtown Restoration Fund. The Democrat received the Business Beautification Award for work done on the facade in June 2025. Heidi Lowe/Special to the Cassville Democrat

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PUBLISHER'S VIEW

KYLE TROUTMAN

An honor to be shared

Newspapers generally deliver news, not make it.

Yet, on Saturday, the Cassville Democrat was front and center at the annual Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet as the recipient of this year's Business Beautification Award for our facade renovation last summer.

While we are tremendously honored for the recognition, the kudos hardly belong to us. In fact, I had a hard time squaring away in my head accepting such an award when the initial idea and most of the work were done by others.

Most of what we did was sit back and say, "Yes, go ahead." By the end of last year, a few folks in the community had mentioned the award and that we might be in the running for it. After about the third or fourth hint, I settled on the fact that even though we did very little heavy lifting, we couldn't turn it down because without our willingness to take the chance, it wouldn't have happened.

Back in late summer of 2024, I got a call from a guy whose name I'd heard, but wasn't someone I knew. He wanted help drumming up attention for his goal of helping business owners complete facade renovations and possibly add neon signage downtown.

I was to be the middle man, as any interested parties were asked to contact me, then I would pass information along to the donor, who wished — and still wishes — to remain anonymous.

When some time passed and there were no nibbles on the hook, the donor turned to my wife, Jordan, and I. "Is there anything you'd like to do with your building?" he asked.

While we had grand designs on interior work, his goal was the facade, and to be fair, it needed some work, too.

Ten months after that simple question was asked, our building looked almost unrecognizable.

Gone was the faded tin from the 1960s and the backlit sign that was going out — which we had made overtures to a company to repair but hadn't gotten far. I suppose that was for the best.

We looked at old photos of the building and tried to recreate a historic look, settling on the multi-colored brick and fresh new EFIS (similar to stucco). It was a decision we do not regret a single bit.

After the few weeks of working in a construction zone, the beauty of the finished product caught the eyes of many a passersby.

It breathed life into our building and our corner of the square, and, more importantly, it showed what the donor we were working with was able to do.

Now, the building across from ours housing Stumpff's Barbershop is getting similar treatment. And, Sater Pharmacy, which put up new tin after its old facade was damaged by the May 2024 windstorm, is also going back to a historic look.

The work we agreed to not only changed the face of our building, but it paved the way for others to see the potential of the Cassville Community Foundation's newly formed Downtown Restoration Fund.

Another fun part of the process was getting to meet new people. Along with the donor, who has become a good friend, we regularly have Carl Schell, our project manager with Schell's Construction, ding our door and rest on our couch while we talk about the latest happenings.

Along with breathing new life, the project brought us closer to the community in general, and for that, we are very thankful.

it was a chance well worth taking, and we hope other business owners downtown take the chance, as well. We are sure they won't regret it.

We'd like to extend thanks to the Chamber for the recognition, our donor for working with us so flawlessly and making the process incredibly simple, Carl for his management skills and continued friendship, all of the individuals who laid the EFIS and the brick, and the Community Foundation for providing the perfect vehicle for reshaping downtown into a greater source of pride for all of Cassville.

I also hope to not be asked to speak at a Chamber Banquet again any time soon. It was a fine evening, but I'll gladly go back to my role behind the lens of a camera sharing the stories of others.

I have no doubt there is more beautification to come..

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Legacy that blooms each Spring

JANET MILLS

Since trading an urban lifestyle for rural life in Cassville more than twenty years ago, I am still learning to settle into the rhythms of springtime in the Ozarks.

Over time, I have become familiar with the many annual "announcements" that signal the season's arrival. Recently, when I expressed alarm over an overwhelming and pungent skunk odor lingering in my yard, a friend calmly reassured me not to worry. It was simply "skunk season." He explained it away as a time when skunks are particularly busy following nature's timetable.

Truth be told, I have come to enjoy observing nature's timetable and the parade of seasonal changes that accompany it. In the city, the shift into spring often felt limited to the most obvious signs like leaves unfurling on trees or dandelions dotting suburban lawns. Here in the Ozarks, however, the warming temperatures and thawing waters bring a much richer ensemble of transitions. One highlight is the moment when the frog "peepers" begin their symphony. Depending on the species of frog or toad, their calls which are intended to attract a mate, range from drawn-out "w-a-a-a-h" sounds to raspy "crrreek" notes, cheerful "prrreep" chirps, high piping whistles, or in the case of the bullfrog, deep, throaty croaks. Seasoned locals can identify the source of each voice and predict the order in which they will appear. As for me, I simply take delight in the layered collage of sound.

Spring also paints the landscape in brilliant color. Bare winter limbs give way to blooming redbud and dogwood trees. Azalea and forsythia bushes brighten yards and fence rows. Mushrooms and mayapples push up through the forest floor to the delight of eager hunters. Birds begin nesting, orioles pause briefly on their migratory journeys, and robins and doves return to welcome the warm season.

Year after year, these natural cycles repeat. After winter's long dormancy comes renewal. While driving along country roads, I have taken note of wide patches of golden daffodils blooming in places where no home now stands. Their presence sparked my curiosity. Who planted these bulbs in such seemingly random locations? I later learned they often mark the site of an old "homeplace" long since gone. I find myself wondering about the families who once lived there and what their days were like. What joys and struggles shaped their lives? In many cases, the only visible trace that remains is the cheerful gathering of daffodils faithfully returning each spring.

These reflections lead me to consider the treasures we leave behind.

I have collected meaningful items passed down from my parents and grandparents. Especially dear to me are the pieces that reflect who they were like a sentimental teapot, a cherished figurine, a vintage antique now considered a collectible. During holidays or anniversaries, when I miss them most, a simple glance at these keepsakes can bring a flood of memories and a measure of comfort. As I grow older and think about the legacy I might leave for the next generation, I sometimes wonder whether such possessions will be how I am remembered.

Material heirlooms, while precious, are not the most crucial legacy that endures. God remains consistently present, offering renewal and hope year after year. Scripture reminds us, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 After the dark seasons of sorrow, grief, or challenge, God's comforting presence does not fade. Instead, He restores and strengthens us in the present moment. 2 Corinthians 5:17 declares "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." These are powerful reminders that renewal including comfort from grief, isolation, and loss is always possible.

So, I find myself asking: What will the "beds of daffodils" that I plant look like years after my own homeplace is gone?

Perhaps the most meaningful legacy we can leave is a spiritual inheritance. Teaching our children and grandchildren to know and love God may hold greater value than any financial wealth we could pass along. Sharing wisdom, recounting the "glorious deeds of the Lord," and modeling a life of integrity and faith can help ensure that future generations remain grounded in hope. Spiritual, moral, and emotional legacies often prove far more enduring than material success or reputation.

Jesus taught that true treasure is not measured by earthly possessions but by lasting spiritual impact. Perhaps when our hearts are centered on what is eternal, the example of how we live our lives and the depth of our connection to others can continue to bear fruit long after we are gone. In this way, the humble patches of roadside daffodils become more than seasonal decorations. They stand as quiet witnesses to lives once lived, love once shared, and faith that may have been planted deep in the soil of family and community.

Each spring as new blooms appear and the frogs begin their songs once again, I am reminded that God never fails to bring a new dawn, a new season of color, growth, and renewal. Long after houses crumble and keepsakes fade, His presence remains.

That is the most comforting legacy of all.

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YOUR VIEW

Questions about tax proposals

Dear Editor:

Why should the citizens of Washburn vote for a 1% tax for public safety when the Chief of police stated that the Washburn police Department would be self-sufficient and the city already gets over $5,000 per month from taxes?

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April 1, 1976

– CHS BUSINESS STUDENTS GOING TO STATE EVENTS

The Cassville chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America was the host club at the District Five conference held on the campus of Missouri Southern State College at Joplin last week. Ten of the 12 chapters in the district were represented with 230 persons in attendance. Miss Sally Blythe, Cassville district president, presided over the business session. Out of the 15 competitive events entered at the district level, Cassville received first, second, or third recognition in thirteen. Those qualifying to compete at the state conference April 30-May 1 at Jefferson City are Tracy England, first in public speaking; Miss Blythe, first in senior steno-grapher; Julie Younger, third in spelling. Parliamentary team, Pat Rahoy, Miss England, Jerry Yarnall, Roger Lander, and David Samuel also placed first and will represent the district at the conference in the Parliamentary Procedure event. Miss Blythe was second in Ms. FBLA and Samuel was third in Mr. FBLA events. Other recognition for CHS was: Janice Petty, second in clerical, Annette Preddy, third in junior clerk-typist; Marilyn Stringer, second in machine transcription and Sheri Stacy, second in junior stenographer. The chapter's activity report was awarded first place recognition and will be entered in the state competition. The exhibit received third place. The Cassville chapter was awarded the certificate for the largest chapter membership. Miss Blythe installed the District officers for 1976-77 who were elected by voting delegates from each school.

40 years ago

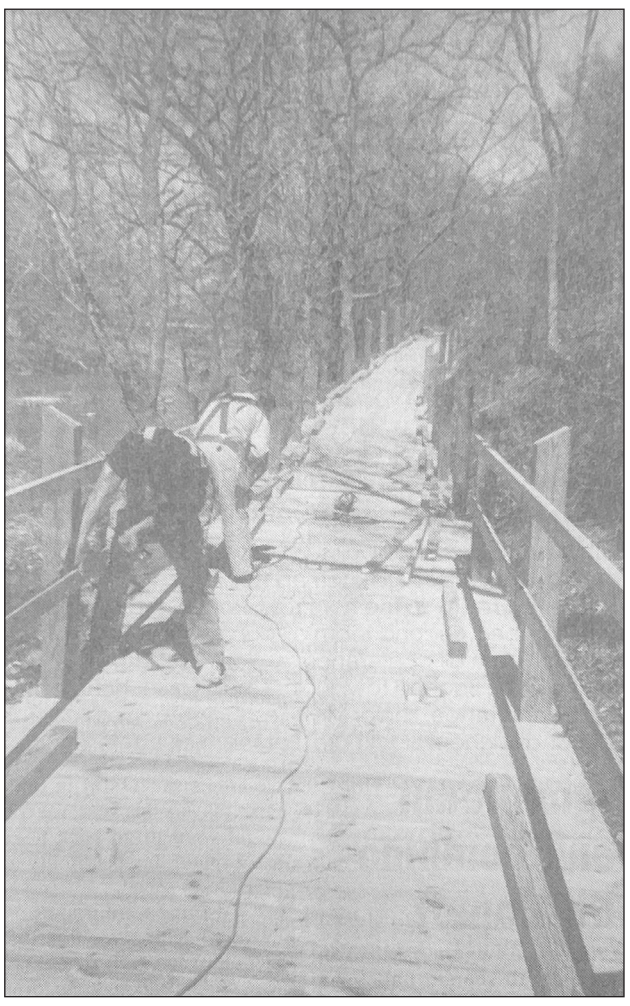
April 2, 1986

– PLENTY EVIDENCE OF EARLY SPRING ARRIVAL IN COUNTY

Look around you, there is evidence everywhere that the arrival of spring is early this year. In fact, bloomings are early enough that estimates of the full color of dogwood and redbud are being adjusted from the third weekend in the month to this coming weekend. And, those whose business it is to keep records, Vollenweider Orchards, confirm the arrival is about two weeks early. Another indicator, Roaring River State Park is having a record turnout of anglers on the stream. Loren Nickols, tag sales supervisor at the park, said last week's purchase of daily tags ran over the 5,000 figure. "That's the first time that's happened in four years," he observed. Yard mowing chores have started throughout Cassville, again two or three weeks earlier than normal. On the dogwood and redbud situation, Rick Linebarger of the Cassville ranger district of Mark Twain National Forest, said it appeared now the full blooming ot the trees would be this weekend, instead of the April 18-19 date predicted earlier in the year. The mid-April date is "a usual date for the trees to be in full bloom, but like everything else, it's early this year," Linebarger said. John Vollenweider's records at the sprawling orchard between Cassville and Exeter, indicate this is the earliest for apples to be in heavy bloom since the late 1970's. The orchard installed bees this week, 360 hives of them, to being pollination of the or-chard. The orchard folks said a cold spell, a possibility for this weekend, could delay further full blooming, but that's not pro-bable. Early spring and the pre-season arrival of 80 degree temperatures are credited with putting one of the most attractive views of the Barry County Ozarks before the people....at least a couple of weeks earlier than normal this year.

– EXETER APPROVES ONLY TAX ISSUE IN TUESDAY BALLOTING

There weren't many tax issues before voters in spring balloting Tuesday, but out of four, Exeter's approval of a one cent sales tax was the only one to pass. Emerald Beach Village on Table Rock approved a water assessment issue. The election went without incident Tuesday, with the only real excitement probably coming from write-in ballots for road districts and a necessity of moving the Monett poll from the National Guard Armory to the city hall. County Clerk Rex Stumpff said the polling places were moved about 10:00 a.m. Tuesday after a call from Jefferson City advised him that a bomb threat had been received, targeting a National Guard Armory in the state. Stumpff said state officials, in a precautionary measure, cleared all armory facilities immediately. So far as has been determined, there was no actual incident reported in the state. Stumpff said write-in ballots cast in various road districts made it impossible to compile returns in the unofficial review Tuesday night. He said tabulations would be made during the official canvass sometime Wednesday. As stated before, unofficial returns available Tuesday included the following school propositions: Cassville, John Anglum an incumbent led balloting with 503 as Steve Buchheit, a newcomer, got 402 votes, as both were elected to three year terms on the board of education. Southwest of Washburn, incumbents Don McCaslin with 166 and Jim Roller with 203, were renamed to the board of education. Three other candidates included Jim. Chadd 101, Jerry Laney 98, and Vern Dalton 134. Jenkins, Wes Wilson with 46 and Darrell C. Sams with 40 were named to the school board. Other candidates, Carol A. Walker 38 and J. D. Gautney 31. Monett, David Honeycutt with 254 and Jim Bass with 256 were elected. A third candidate, Joe Schneller, received 69 votes. Purdy, two incumbents were returned to the board of education when Allen Keeling received 434 votes and Jimmie Terry 411. Challengers David Redshaw had 126, Carolyn Flummerfelt 136 and Cathy Terry 110. Shell Knob, named Gary D. Peters with 156 votes and Charles M. Gibbs with 135 to the board of education for three year terms. Jana Rima, a third candidate, received 162 votes winning a one year term. Wheaton, Dale Forgey with 143 and Lindy Lombard with 110, were top vote getters and elected to the school board. A pair of additional candidates, Joe Phelps 95 and Lloyd Birchfield 44, were also on the ballot. Municipal and village voting in the county Tuesday produced these initial returns: Exeter, joined the municipal governments in Barry county collecting a one cent sales tax. The vote was 54 in favor and 41 op-posed. Funds are scheduled for use in street and general city purposes. Council election processes in Exeter had Alma M. Chappell win the north ward council seat unopposed as Charles Ricketts won in the south ward, also unopposed with 42 votes. Cassville, north ward, Gary Fields unopposed received 84 votes. Fields, who is moving outside the city limits, has filed voluntary annexation papers to remain in the corporate limits status. South ward voters named incumbent Bob L. Mizer with 67 votes over challenger Jim Buford's 31, to another term on the council. Butterfield village, named to a four year trustee post was Orville Periman with 26 votes, James E. Martin received seven. Named to a one year term was Anna L. Howerton, unopposed with 21 votes. Chain-O-Lakes village at Eagle Rock, named three trustees for two year terms. Charles F. Bain with 34 votes, Frank H. Jenkins with 24 and Kenneth Moore with 19 were elected. Other candidates, Harold Hinton got 18 votes and C. O. Mitchell 16. Emerald Beach village near Golden, passed a water assessment issue, voting 70 yes ballots and 21 no. Trustees for two year terms were Kenneth F. Johnson with 51 votes, Don Goshay and Cy Bauer with 49 each. Also running, Donald McLean had 44 votes, Charlotte Murphy cornered 38 ballots. Purdy, east ward voters chose Pearl McLeod to the council with 52 votes, while Joan Fox got 23 and Linda Balmas 17. West ward voters gave the nod to Gene Black with 117 votes, while Fay Griego got three and Walter R. Welch 26. For a one year term, Richard Redshaw received 91 votes to win over Pam Hardwich's 50 votes. Seligman, unopposed, Tommy Evans was named west ward alderman with 33 votes and James Appleton went on the council in the east ward with 31 votes. In the only race here, L. B. Corn was named collector with 54 votes, over Joseph Pedersen's 16. Washburn, assorted write-in voting in Washburn was not completed Tuesday night, but will be tallied with the official count Wednesday. Stumpff said it was doubtful the returns would be ready by press time. Wheaton, Bethel Prewitt with • 40 votes was elected in the west ward and Lawrence Butler will represent the east ward by virtue of his 50 vote count. District reports available Tuesday included: Flat Creek Special Road District's plan to levy an additional 35 cent tax for one year was defeated. The vote was 163 yes and 209 no ballots. Commissioners had proposed the levy increase to up-grade roads and improve equipment. Claud Hilburn and Dale Estein were filed write-in candidates, with Hilburn apparently named to the commission with 31 votes to 14 for Estein. There were an additional 50 persons named in write-in ballots. South Barry County Hospital District, T. A. Prier of Butter-field was renamed to the board unopposed. South Barry County Ambulance District, in their respective districts, all unopposed, Emma Jo Privett with 1,016 votes, Jim Chadd with 978, Alan Stub-blefield with 2, and Dunbar "Cub" Bair with 784 were named directors. Barry-Lawrence County Ambulance District residents named Ruby Wilks with 75, Irene M. Knapik with 58 and Vera Golubski with 248 to district board posts. A seven cent levy increase proposal was defeated 154 yes votes, 189 no votes.



30 YEARS AGO: NEW BOARDWALK WINDS ALONG FLAT CREEK — Work continued on Cassville's Greenway trail as contractors constructed guardrails on a 275-foot raised boardwalk south of the 13th Street bridge, with City Administrator Greg Beavers saying the project was expected to be completed by the end of April. Democrat file photo

30 years ago

March 27, 1996

– EVERYDAY HEROES: LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WILL BE HONORED SATURDAY

Charlie Ray is the kind of man who always puts others first. He was doing just that when he fought to save two children trapped in a tragic fire in Butterfield several months ago. After working alongside the state fire marshal for most of the day, Charlie returned later that night to extinguish a second fire that had flared up at the scene. Before he could make it back home, he suffered a stroke that landed him in the hospital for two weeks and left him paralyzed on the left side. Doctors said Charlie's stroke was caused by his diabetes, smoke, stress and cold. "It all ganged up on me," Charlie said. Initially, Charlie couldn't move his fingers, and his speech was slightly slurred. Charlie didn't let his adversity keep him down for long. After five weeks of grueling physical and occupational therapy, Charlie is now back at George Ray-Sons Feed Store in Cassville, joking with customers and friends who drop by for a visit. His speech is clear, and he can now take several steps on his own. "I want to get back to 100 percent," Charlie said. "I do everything I feel big enough to try." During his recovery, Charlie has been lifted up by family and friends who are giving him what he has always given them: time, friendship and help in time of need. This Saturday, the Butterfield community will be hosting a Charlie Ray Birthday Benefit from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Butterfield Community Center. Local musicians, including Norman Spain, The Granny's and Dale and James Terry, will be donating their talents to entertain the crowd and help Charlie celebrate 48 years of life. A money tree will be set up to raise funds to help the Ray family with continuing medical expenses. Charlie's heritage of helping others extends as far back as his roots in Barry County. He was born in Cassville in 1948, grew up in Butterfield and graduated from Cassville High School in 1966. In addition to operating the family business, Charlie also serves as assistant fire chief for the Butterfield Volunteer Fire Department and road commissioner for the Butterfield Special Road District. He is president of the Barry County Farm Bureau board and is active in the First Baptist Church of Butterfield and the Gideons. Family is also very important to Charlie. He and Barbara have three children: Martha, 21, Sarah, 18, and Tommy, 16. "Charlie is a friend's friend," said Millard Andrews, lifelong friend and fellow fire-fighter. "It doesn't make any difference what the situation is or where you're at. He's always willing to help." David Sater is another of Charlie's close friends. He describes Charlie as a good husband and father, a hard worker and a "nice guy who tells humorous stories. "I wish I could be more like Charlie," said Sater. "He always puts himself last and puts other first. He sacrifices himself for the good of others. He does this with his family, his church, as a firefighter and for his fellow man." "Charlie's a true Christian, and he loves Jesus with all his heart. That's what makes him very special to all who know him. I know you shouldn't put your faith in mortal men, but I kind of do with Charlie."

– CASSVILLE MAKES INVESTMENT IN LATEST COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Technology is a never-ending circle that continuously upgrades itself, and hopefully, so is the educational system. Education is what prepares the youth of today to be the leaders of tomorrow, and technology now plays an important role in that process. Cassville High School recently experienced a technology upgrade with the purchase of 52 new, state-of-the-art computers. These computers are IBM compatible and are equipped with Pentium processors. The high school's business department utilizes 48 of the new machines. Teacher Colleen Slinkard's room is now home to 32 computers, which were installed in January, and Jim Rabourn's room houses 16. His computers were purchased by the district in October 1995. The school's business computers are networked together but are equipped with separate log-in strips, which require a name and password for access. The ratio of students to computers in this department is one-to-one. Funding for the new computers came through state and district money. The school board voted to dedicate approximately $75,000 towards the purchase of new computers. With the help of the state, the high school was able to purchase $59,000 worth of computers for approximately $29,000. Because of a business technology class taught by Tyne Rabourn, the school received its state money through a vocational grant. Any student may use school computers under the direction of one of the business teachers. Each computer has word processing, spreadsheet and data base applications and can be used for other applications if needed. They also have Microsoft Works, Word Perfect, Lotus 1, 2 and 3, Aldus Pagemaker and Data Base soft-ware. In Mrs. Rabourn's classes, students use desktop publishing to create advanced layouts and put books together. Computers in Mr. Rabourn's room are used by students enrolled in day and night classes. The night classes that meet at the high school are sponsored by Crowder College. Mr. Rabourn teaches Introduction to Computers, and Mrs. Rabourn teaches Word Perfect 6.1. Mrs. Slinkard uses her computers for timed writings in her typing classes. Students who once practiced on an electric typewriter now learn skills on a computer keyboard. The computer times and grades the students work, and tells how many words per minute the student types. Mrs. Slinkard's students also use computers to create reports and graphics. "It has been very exciting for students," Slinkard said. "They have shown interest and patience with the change." A separate computer lab is located next to the high school media center. The quartet of new computers arrived in January. This lab, which also includes some of the older model computers, is open to all students. All four of the new computers are equipped with Rom drives. One of the older computers is hooked up to the internet and can be used by students under faculty supervision. "The computers give students practical experience on the latest technology," said Sharon Farrow, media specialist. "I like using them because everything is self explanatory," said senior John Bailey. "They're easier to work with because they have easier pro-grams," said Stacy Cornelison, a senior. Mrs. Rabourn thinks that the best thing about the computers is that they give students more opportunity to learn. The computer skills they acquire will be something that can be used in the workplace or in college.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

Meet Sweet Potato Biscuits. He is a super loving cat and his date of birth is May 29, 2025. He loves attention and treats. He is good with other cats, dogs and kids. He is FIV+ but is very healthy and would be a wonderful addition to your home. 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 micro-chipped. For more information, people may email havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or call at 417-835-3647. Contributed photo

Obituaries

Renee "Mimi" Baldwin

Renee "Mimi" Baldwin—also known as Mimister, NayBob, Mama Llama, best friend, Babe, and Mama—graced the earth with her legendary presence July 30, 1970. The beloved daughter of Chalk and Ginger Baldwin, Renee made her mark on the world in a way that will not soon be forgotten.

On March 17, 2026, Renee reportedly went into hiding with Bigfoot, aided by her loyal "thug life" gang. While the details remain unconfirmed, those who knew her suspect she is already running the operation.

Renee grew up in a home surrounded by an infinite amount of family—so much so that "cousin" never quite covered it. Many of them she considered her sisters and brothers, whether officially related or not.

We just know she is sitting around the kitchen table, sharing stories with her beloved family—her mother, Ginger Baldwin; her sister, Vicki Burch; her grandparents, Ray and Mayrene Baldwin, and many others.

Renee had many joys in life: dirt track racing, fishing, camping, and concerts—but most importantly, being a Mama and Mimi. "Thug Nasty" created a gang that carries on her quick wit, her care for others, her good taste in music, and her ability to thug it out. While she might have said her best quality was resilience, those who knew her understood it was her ability to love anyone who needed it and to never judge a person for their struggles.

She is survived by her Pop, Dennis Baldwin; her daughters, Kala Barnes and husband Jeremy, Tiffany Hunnell, and Crystal Dimello; her grandchildren, Noah, Charles, Abigail, and MaKalei Barnes, Draven and Harley Anderson, Brook, Emily, and Zeke Dimello, Avarice Whaley, and many others she loved as her own; as well as her partner, Ken Fortson.

Mimi was truly one of a kind but instilled a little bit of herself in everyone she loved. She made her friends her family. The world could never argue that she was, without a doubt, the best Mimi—everyone's favorite partner in crime. She showed up every time, without fail, usually with a Dr Pepper in hand and always willing to share from her cup.

A memorial visitation was held from 6:00 until 7:00 P.M. Monday, March 23, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family in memory of Renee.

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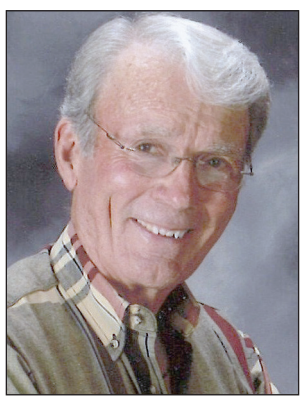

R.G. Edmondson

R.G. Edmondson, age 92, of Cassville, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the sale barn fittingly doing what he loved most, buying cattle in Wheaton alongside his son, Roy Frank.

R.G. was born on February 17, 1934, in Cassville, Missouri, to Roy Georgia and Jewell (McCarter) Edmondson. A lifelong resident of the community he cherished, R.G. embodied the values of hard work, integrity, and dedication from an early age. He was proud to have earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 76 of the Boy Scouts of America, an accomplishment that reflected his character and commitment to service. He graduated from Cassville High School in 1952 and went on to attend the University of Arkansas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Husbandry in 1956.

Following his education, R.G. honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. During his time in service, he was stationed at White Sands Missile Range in El Paso, Texas, and later in Frankfurt, Germany, experiences that broadened his perspective while strengthening his lifelong sense of duty.

On November 4, 1959, R.G. was united in marriage to Mary Louise Curbo. Together, they built a life grounded in faith, love, and unwavering devotion to family. Their years together were a testament to partnership, perseverance, and shared purpose.

R.G. was a devoted member of the Methodist Church in Cassville and a longtime, active member of Rotary International in Cassville, beginning in 1958. His commitment to both his faith and his community was evident in the way he lived his life with generosity, humility, and a willingness to lend a helping hand.

A well-known and highly respected cattleman, R.G. dedicated his life to agriculture and the livestock industry. His knowledge, instinct, and tireless work ethic earned him a reputation that extended far beyond Barry County. From 1971 to 1985, he partnered with Gary Keen at the local sale barn in Cassville, where together they operated what became the largest hog auction in the area, often selling more than 2,000 pigs each Saturday. Prior to that, he worked at a sale barn in Harrison, Arkansas, for Worth Keen, gaining valuable experience that would shape his lifelong career. R.G. was always striving to improve his herds. He was also the proud owner of two Missouri Century Farms in Barry County, a distinction that reflected generations of stewardship and dedication to the land.

Beyond his work, R.G. found great joy in the outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and trapper who treasured time spent in nature. He traveled to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho for hunting trips, and looked forward to pheasant hunting in Nebraska, often renting a home for extended stays. Closer to home, he enjoyed floating the beautiful rivers of southwest Missouri, especially the Kings River. He also spent many seasons quail and turkey hunting throughout northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri. These moments brought him peace and fulfillment and were often shared with family and friends, creating memories that will be cherished for generations.

R.G. will be remembered as a man of deep character hardworking, knowledgeable, and steadfast in all he did. More than anything, he was devoted to his family, his land, and the way of life he so passionately believed in. His legacy is one of quiet strength, enduring values, and a life well lived, leaving a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Survivors include one son, Roy Frank Edmondson and his wife Heather of Cassville, Missouri; two daughters Sherry Johnson of Exeter, Missouri, and Rachel Sheats of Hollister Missouri; and two grandchildren Will and his wife Hannah and Catie of Cassville, Missouri.

Preceded in death by his parents, Roy Georgia and Jewell.

A visitation was held Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at White Funeral Home and Crematory. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery, with Jeff Fugitt officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and entrusted to White Funeral Home and Crematory.

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

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Heather Kay Carter

Heather Kay Carter, 48, of Harrison, Ark. passed away Sunday, March 15, 2026 at her home.

She was born on October 8, 1977 in Monett, Mo., the daughter of Gilbert and Betty (Hyde) Stubblefield.

Survivors include her husband, Christopher Carter; her mother, Betty Stubblefield of Cassville, Mo.; daughter, Lilly Carter of Harrison, Ark. and brother, Matthew Stubblefield of Cassville, Mo.

Preceding her in death were her father, Gilbert Stubblefield and brothers, Michael Stubblefield and Alan Stubblefield.

She grew up and attended school in Cassville, Mo., graduating from Cassville High School with the Class of 1997. She had made her home in Harrison for the past 23 years, where she devoted herself to her family as a homemaker.

Memorial services were held at 1:00 P.M. Friday, March 20, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Lee Beck conducted the services.

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Jessica Renea Eardley

Jessica Renea Eardley, 49, of Berryville, Ark. passed away Friday, March 20, 2026, at Mercy Hospital in Berryville, Ark.

She was born on January 31, 1977, in Springdale, Ark., the daughter of Chris Garrett and Tierney Hendrix.

Survivors include her husband, Matthew Eardley; her mother, Tierney Goff and husband Eric of Cassville, Missouri; sons, Wyatt Eardley and Bearenger Eardley of Berryville, Ark.; daughters, Madyson Greene of Centerton, Ark. and Haven Stillwell of Cassville, Missouri; brother, Holder Garrett of Garfield, Ark., and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chris Garrett.

She grew up in Pea Ridge, Ark., and was a proud graduate of Pea Ridge High School. She devoted her life to her family as a homemaker.

Her children fondly remember her as the ultimate "Nana," a steady and reassuring presence who could fix any problem. Alongside her sister and Aunt B, she helped create cherished Thanksgiving traditions marked by laughter, abundance, and togetherness.

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

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Janet Kay "Jan" Jabben

Janet Kay "Jan" Jabben, of Parsons, Kan., passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

She was born in Coffeyville, Kan., on February 2, 1947 to Orain "Sam" and Ruth "Peggy" (Wooten) Carnes. Who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her brother, David Carnes.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Jabben; her sister, Lois Williams of Hixson Tenn.; brother, Phillip Carnes of Bentonville Ark.; five children, Steve Jabben (Carrie) of Parsons, Kan., Chris Jabben (Dawne) of Wichita, Kan., Patty Jabben Roy (Steve) of Rochester, Ill., Tammy Jabben Dickerson (Josh) of Neodesha, Kan., and Dorothy Jabben (Starsky) of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada; 15 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

She was raised in the Coffeyville and Tyro areas, where she attended Coffeyville and Wayside schools. During her school years, she learned to play the piano. She held several positions over the years, including The Manor Nursing Home in Independence and Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Parsons.

A faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Oswego, Kan., she shared her musical talent by playing the piano for church services.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Oswego First Baptist Church in Oswego, Kan. Pastor Jim Irwin will conduct the services. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Oswego First Baptist Church in memory of Jan.

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DON FRANCIS KING

Don Francis King, 88, of Cassville, Mo. passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Mercy Hospital Cassville.

He was born June 14, 1937 in Columbia, Mo., the son of Gordon and Frances (Yahns) King.

Survivors include his wife, Signe Vollenweider;his son, Christopher King of Kansas City, Mo.; daughter Tia Ferrell and her husband Steve of Olathe, Kan.; stepsons Mark Vollenweider and wife Melissa of Cassville, and David Vollenweider and wife Christine of St. Louis, Mo.; sister, Sarah Sue Landau and husband Darrel of Tucson, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one step-daughter and one grandson.

He grew up and attended school in Columbia, Mo., graduating from Columbia Hickman High School. He later attended Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration. He was employed as a service manager for Ford dealerships in Paola, Kan., and Gladstone, Mo., as well as two other dealerships in the Kansas City area. He had made his home in Cassville since 2009, after moving from Lenexa, Kan.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Cassville, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Mensa, Sertoma in Kansas City, Mo. and an original charter member of the Overland Park, Kan. chapter. He served on various boards and community groups including the Southwest Mo. Rural Water Board.

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

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RUTH ANN PRICE

Ruth Ann Price, 72, passed away on February 20, 2026, with her loving daughter, Emily, and John, her son-in-law, beside her in Albuquerque, NM.

The eldest child of Charles and Ruth Price, Ruth Ann, was born in Oklahoma City, OK, in 1952. She grew up in Cassville, MO, where she attended kindergarten through her first two years of high school. The family moved to Miami, OK, in 1968. Ruth Ann graduated from Miami High School in 1970. Ruth Ann earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing (1974), Women's Heath Nurse Practitioner Degree (1976) and Master's in Maternal Child Health (1978) - all from Oklahoma University. She worked as a visiting nurse for the Harris County Health

Department in Houston where she married Doug Stark, her husband of 45 years. In 1984, she earned her Certificate of Midwifery from the University of Southern California Medical School.

Ruth Ann found her true calling as a midwife and began her career at Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston. Ruth Ann, Doug, and Emily, who was born in 1991, then moved to Grand Junction, Colorado. There, Ruth Ann joined Mesa Midwives in 1991 and attended thousands of births until she retired in 2018.

Ruth Ann was honored to care for women and never stopped being amazed by the transformative power of birth. In Grand Junction, Ruth Ann and Doug bought a home near Lincoln Park where they discovered and helped build a community of love and support. Ruth Ann thought of the neighborhood as a village where all of the adults watched out for all of the kids. There were block parties in the summer, costume parties for Halloween, and always support for anyone in need. Ruth Ann had the honor of attending many of her neighbor's births.

Ruth Ann and Doug moved to Albuquerque, NM, in 2020 where they lived across the street from Emily, John, and Henry, who was born in 2021. Ruth Ann cherished her role as Nana and Henry loved spending time with her. Ruth Ann often said that she never knew she could love a little boy so much.

Ruth Ann was a serious quilter and made quilts, pillow cases, throws, aprons and other items for her many friends and members of her large extended family. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, reading, camping, playing mahjong, hiking, birding, feeding wild birds, and walking her dogs. Her beloved rescue dog, Walter, was a constant companion and stayed close beside her until the end of her life.

She is pre-deceased by her husband, Doug Stark.

Ruth Ann is survived by her daughter, Emily Stark, son-in-law, John Heine, her cherished grandson, Henry Heine, all from Albequerque; her brother, Tom Price, and sister, Mary Sue Price, both in Fayetteville, AR; her aunt, Maryn Goodson, Bethesda, MD; her uncle, Larry Price, Fort Smith, AR, and many cousins from all over the United States.

A celebration of her life is set for May 2, 11 AM, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Albequerque, NM. A lunch will follow at Hyder Park.

Ruth Ann wanted to thank of the women who entrusted her to care for them and their precious babies. Ruth Ann and her family would also like to send deep gratitude to the entire team at Southwest Women's Oncology, especially Dr

Preya Wisner, DO and Aimee Casarez, CNP. This team allowed our family at least 13 bonus months with our dear Nana. We filled this time with camping trips, pool dinners, Henry's fourth birthday, weddings of dear friends, beach trips, gatherings with our beloved extended family, and genuine joyous moments. These memories bring us solace in this time of grief.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Ruth Ann's name to the Albuquerque Humane Society or Planned Parenthood, two causes dear to her.

PAID OBITUARY

LEE ONA PRIER

After a full and wonderful life, Lee Ona Prier was welcomed into her heavenly home on March 20, 2026. She was at home, surrounded by her family, and lived 83 years marked by kindness, love, and warmth. She was always easygoing and never met a stranger.

Lee Ona was born on May 26, 1942, in Berryville, Arkansas, and was raised nearby in Grandview. She was the fifth child of Clarence "Erwin" and Gladys (Ashby) Foreman, and grew up alongside her siblings Hal, Lunan, Jack, Jerry, and Bill.

Lee Ona married John Winfred Prier in April 1961. In their 65 years of marriage, they were blessed with three children: Tari Lee, Teresa Jean, and Jeffery John. Together, they built a wonderful life.

Lee Ona gave her life to the Lord at an early age. She was proud of her relationship with Jesus and spent much of her life serving as a Sunday School and Bible School teacher at both Blue Eye Baptist Church and Golden Baptist Church. She was known for taking her classes on fun adventures, such as roller skating and hiking.

Every Sunday after church, the entire family gathered at Lee Ona's home for Sunday dinner. Her specialties included meatloaf, pot roast with carrots and potatoes, banana pudding, and marshmallow cream fudge.

Lee Ona spent her days greeting the people of Golden while working at the front desk of Ball & Prier Tire. She was known for her kindness to everyone, regardless of background or history, and was a caring servant to her community.

Lee Ona and Winfred enjoyed traveling and curating the Golden Pioneer Museum. They loved sharing their collection with visitors, and their passion took them across the United States in search of unique antiques and collectibles. They also cherished their annual elk hunting trips with friends and family to Colorado, Wyoming, and Idaho.

Lee Ona's happy place was spending time with her family at Roaring River—laughing along the riverbank, enjoying the sunshine, catching crawdads, and cooking campfire meals. She also loved taking her family to Pensacola Beach each summer, where she delighted in building intricate sandcastles and passing that simple joy on to her grandchildren.

Lee Ona is survived by her beloved husband, Winfred; her children, Tari (David) Underwood and Jeff (Mandi) Prier, who lovingly cared for her in her home over the past year; her grandchildren, Jacob Underwood, Lacy (Michael) Fox, Ross Underwood, Adam (Andrea) Prier, and Andrew Prier; and her five great-grandchildren, Rosalie, Maria, Anna, Sara Fox, and soon-to-arrive Estela LeeOna Prier; her brother, Jack Foreman; brother-in-law, Dan (Loris) Prier; sister-in-law Ann Foreman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Erwin and Gladys Foreman; her daughter, Teresa Wood; her grandson, Austin Prier; her brothers, Hal (Sue) Foreman, Jerry Foreman, and Bill (Ina) Foreman; her sister, Lunan (Buck) Matthews; and her sisters-in-law, Dorothy Foreman, Geraldine (Oran) Ball, and Fredaline (Bill, Wayne, Rollie) Gowen.

A celebration of Lee Ona's life will be held on Sunday, March 29, at Blue Eye Baptist Church, with visitation beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the funeral service at 3:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Munsey Cemetery along Roaring River.

She will be deeply missed and forever loved.

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

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Purdy superintendent issues statement on late board president

Travis Graham, superintendent of the Purdy School District, recently issued a statement on the passing of Board President David Young, who died on March 14.

"The Purdy R-II School District is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of School Board President David Young," Graham said. "Mr. Young served the Purdy community with dedication and integrity for six years as a member of the Board of Education, including his final year as board president.

"Throughout his service, Mr. Young consistently demonstrated a commitment to pursuing excellence on behalf of our district. He approached every decision with the best interests of students, faculty, and staff at heart. His servant leadership and steady guidance helped shape important work within our schools and strengthened the mission of the district.

"Mr. Young cared deeply about the Purdy community and believed strongly in the power of education to change lives. His leadership, thoughtfulness, and willingness to serve will leave a lasting impact on the Purdy R-II School District for years to come.

"On behalf of the district, we extend our deepest condolences to the Young family and all who knew and loved him. Mr. Young will be greatly missed, and his legacy of service to our students and community will not be forgotten."

Choirs serenade at 'Music in Our Schools' concert

From left, Emma Elliot, Paige McClure and Jenny Ortega perform at Cassville's "Music in Our Schools Choir Concert" on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

To end the "Music in Our Schools Choir Concert" at the performing Arts Center on Thursday, the Mass Choir, featuring all Cassville's choirs (Kid Kat, 6th grade, 7th/8th grade, CHS Shorale and Centerstage) performed "Becoming You." Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Trevis Moore engaged the crowd during the final number at Cassville's "Music in Our Schools Choir Concert" on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

From left, Averi Flippo, Jenny Ortega, Brayden Jack and Paige McClure perform at Cassville's "Music in Our Schools Choir Concert" on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Lillian Graef-Miller performs with the Centerstage choir at Cassville's "Music in Our Schools Choir Concert" on Thursday. The choir, under the direction of Katie Stockton and Abby Carr, sang five numbers at the concert, all part of its competition routine this year. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

PURDY SCHOOL BOARD

Editor's note: The following Q&As represent the candidates' views verbatim, as submitted via email in response to our questions, and have not been edited. The election will be held April 7, with voters allowed to select three of the four candidates. The top three vote-getters will be elected. - KT

Kaley Thigpen

AGE: 36
CURRENT OCCUPATION: BUSINESS CONSULTANT WITH HURON
PAST EXPERIENCE: PREVIOUS MONETT CHAMBER BOARD MEMBER AND I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PURDY COMMUNITY SINCE MOVING HERE THREE YEARS AGO WITH MY HUSBAND, ZACH, AND OUR THREE BOYS, THIERRY, PHILIP, AND HARVEY. OUR TWO OLDER BOYS ATTEND PURDY SCHOOLS, AND OUR YOUNGEST WILL START NEXT YEAR.
DURING OUR TIME HERE, I HAVE SERVED THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN SEVERAL WAYS, INCLUDING SERVING AS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PURDY PTSO. I HAVE ALSO WORKED AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IN THE DISTRICT, VOLUNTEERED WITH THE JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMS, AND HELPED SUPPORT SUMMER BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS. THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE GIVEN ME A WELL-ROUNDED PERSPECTIVE OF OUR SCHOOLS FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF.
EDUCATION: MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS FROM PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Why do you want to win this position?
I am running for the Purdy School Board because I care deeply about the future of our schools and the students they serve, including my own children. Growing up in a small town like Stockton, Missouri, I understand how important schools are to the identity and strength of a community. I want to help protect those strong small-town roots while also ensuring our district continues to grow, improve, and prepare students for the future. My goal is simple: to serve our students, teachers, and community with transparency, good judgment, and a genuine desire to help Purdy succeed.

2. If elected, what is your number one goal on the school board?
My number one goal is to support an environment where students, teachers, and staff have the tools and support they need to succeed. That means making thoughtful decisions, listening to the community, and ensuring the district operates in a transparent and responsible way that always keeps students at the center of every decision.

3. What areas of the school district do you think need improvement?
Like any district, there are always opportunities to improve communication, transparency, and community engagement. I believe it is important for families to understand what is happening in the district and feel confident their voices are heard. I also want to focus on supporting teachers and staff so they can continue providing the high-quality education Purdy students deserve.

4. What capital projects do you believe the district should pursue?
Capital projects should always be approached carefully and responsibly. My priority would be evaluating facility needs and ensuring our buildings and resources support a safe and effective learning environment for students and teachers. Any major project should be considered with long-term planning, fiscal responsibility, and community input.

5. What do you feel is most important for raising the quality of education provided by Wheaton schools?
The most important factor in the quality of education is strong support for teachers and staff. When educators feel supported, respected, and equipped with the right resources, students benefit. Additionally, maintaining high expectations for students while fostering a positive school culture and strong partnerships with families helps create an environment where students can truly thrive.

David Wormington

AGE: 46
CURRENT OCCUPATION: ROAD FOREMAN, MONETT SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT
PAST EXPERIENCE: I HAVE WORKED FOR THE MONETT SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT FOR 28 YEARS, INCLUDING THE LAST 10 YEARS AS ROAD FOREMAN. IN THAT ROLE I SUPERVISE CREWS, MANAGE PROJECTS, AND WORK WITH BUDGETS AND PLANNING TO MAINTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
EDUCATION: GRADUATE OF MONETT HIGH SCHOOL; ATTENDED CROWDER COLLEGE STUDYING ANIMAL HEALTH.

1. Why do you want to win this position?
I want to serve on the school board because I care deeply about our community and the future of our children. Having lived and worked here most of my life, I believe strong schools are the foundation of a strong town. I want to represent local families, listen to their concerns, and help make decisions that benefit students, teachers, and taxpayers.

2. If elected, what is your number one goal on the school board?
My number one goal would be to support a safe, positive learning environment where students have the tools and opportunities they need to succeed, whether they plan to attend college, enter the workforce, or pursue a trade.

3. What areas of the school district do you think need improvement?
I believe it is important to continually review academic performance, communication with parents, and how resources are used. I would focus on making sure funds are spent responsibly, supporting teachers in the classroom, and ensuring students have access to both academic and career-focused opportunities.

4. What capital projects do you believe the district should pursue?
Any capital projects should focus on maintaining safe, modern facilities for students and staff. That may include building maintenance, technology upgrades, and improvements that help support learning while being responsible with taxpayer dollars.

5. What do you feel is most important for raising the quality of education provided by Wheaton schools?
The most important factors are strong teachers, supportive leadership, and community involvement. When teachers have the resources they need and parents stay involved in their children's education, students are more likely to succeed. The school board's role is to support that partnership and make decisions that keep students first.

A questionnaire sent to candidate Nathan Lamp was not returned as of presstime. David Young, who will also be on the ballot, died on March 14.

Washburn: Election on April 7

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for capital projects and a half-cent for transportation.

In 2025, all three taxes produced nearly $67,000, but a two-month suspension of collections by the State Auditor due to clerical issues left another $15,000 off the table. The city also collects a use tax at 2%, which netted almost $33,000 in 2025 for the city's general fund.

If passed, the one-cent public safety tax is expected to bring in around $40,000 annually.

Brinkman said prior to the city hiring for a full-time police presence in Chief James Morgan, residents often had to rely on the Barry County Sheriff's Office to respond to calls.

"Sometimes, that response time was not great, but I understand because they have a whole county to cover," she said. "Having James full-time, and him living 10 minutes outside of town, has greatly decreased response times. we have also not able to apply for certain grants without having a full-time officer."

Last year, the city procured three grants for law enforcement. The Missouri Blue Shield Grant was awarded for $50,000 with $46,000 going toward a patrol vehicle, $1,000 to equipment and $3,000 going to K-9 training for Morgan. The city has again applied for the grant this year.

The JIREH K-9 Grant brought, $10,000, which was used to purchase Morgan's drug dog. And, a Missouri Coalition for Safety grant added $2,481 for radar equipment.

If the proposed sales tax were to pass, Brinkman said personnel, equipment and a possible police office separate from City Hall would be key expenditures.

"It would be nice to give Chief Morgan a raise, because he usually works more than 40 hours a week," she said. "If we can hire a part-time officer, that would also be great because James would not have to be on-call 24/7. The majority of people in the city are glad to see James' presence and someone here.

"We've also batted around the possibility of him having his own office. The one he is in now was the mayor's office, but he needed the space more than me in City Hall to keep his records safe. The is someone planning to redo the old lodge building to make office spaces. That's nowhere near done but could be an option in the future. We can also look into putting something like a tiny house here on city property. Either way, that's all down the road and won't happen overnight."

Morgan's current pay is $36,830 per year. Morgan's drug dog, which is trained to detect methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin, is certified by the National Narcotics Drug Dog Association out of Texas, which is recognized by Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training as nationally certified.

If passed, the addition of a public safety tax would open general fund dollars for use elsewhere in the city, and Brinkman hopes to get feedback from residents on how it should be utilized.

"Streets are a priority," she said. "We have two companies giving us bids for the best route to take with 15th Street. We've also discussed a park area or community center. Currently, residents use church basements for storm shelters, so we hope down the road to maybe have a community shelter."

The city of Washburn has nine businesses that collect sales tax, and if passed, the total of 3% in sales taxes would be the maximum the city could levy per state law.

Voters may have their say on the measure in the April 7 General Municipal Election.

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Board celebrated in recognition month

The Cassville School Board has been recognized as part of School Board Recognition Month. Members include, front row, from left: Dr. Chad Johnson (Vice President), Wade Hermansen (President) and Jill LeCompte. Back row: Chad Yarnall, Steve Henbest, Jeremy Marple and Jon Horner. Contributed photo

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April 7th

Attention, Wheaton Residents. The upcoming April 7th ballot contains a 1% Police Sales Tax that will help determine the future of our local law enforcement and provide continued local safety coverage for our community.

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— PRESENCE: Potential for an extra officer on the streets to watch over our community.

The best part? Visitors and travelers help pay for it, too — not just our local homeowners. For just 10 cents on a $10 lunch, we can build a stronger, safer Wheaton together.

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YOUNG TROJANS FIND WAYS TO GROW

Southwest's Jacob Pierce is fouled as a finger rolls a ball toward the hoop in a Southwest Holiday Tournament game this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Southwest coach excited for foundation laid this season

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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The Southwest boys basketball team turned in an 8-17 record this season, and when considering their youth and the progress made, Coach Jeff Treat graded the campaign at a B+.

"I saw our biggest improvement on the offensive end," Treat said. "We struggled to put the ball in the hole earlier in the season. Our younger players started gaining some confidence, and we figure out who we needed to go during crunch time."

Treat said the team's youth showed in late-game situations.

"I would like to see us be better in pressure situations and finish games off," Treat said. "Being a young team, we were able to learn a lot from those situations, but next year, for us to be successful, we are going to have to win more close games."

TROJANS HOOPS
Record: 8-17
Last result: 51-41 loss to Marionville in Class 3, District 11 Tournament
More: Coach believes year of growth will prepare team to compete for title in coming seasons

Treat pointed to a key early-season victory as a highlight.

"Our Diamond win in December was the most exciting win," he said. "They beat us in districts last year by 26, and they returned the majority of their team. To be able to upset them showed how we have made improvements over the last year."

Treat said the team's seniors contributed to its development throughout the season.

"Our seniors helped our growth as a team this year," Treat said. "Jacob Pierce did great job when we need someone to create or handle the ball during key situations to help gave our team confidence.

"Ivan Suchowski helped us with size and length, and when Lane Hendrix got in foul trouble, Dylan Frost was a key part to a couple of our wins this year, getting a few buckets to help us closeout games."

Treat said underclassmen gained valuable experience that will benefit the program moving forward.

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Purdy improves on defense, meets goals

Eagles best Jasper in districts after losing to same team in first game of year

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A 7-19 campaign for the Purdy boys basketball team included plenty of defensive improvement, and Coach Brad Stewart said goals for the season were met.

Stewart said Purdy lost two games in overtime the team played well enough to win in regulation, and outside of those games, the Eagles won the contests they should have won.

"Our defense improved during the season and became a strength in February," he said. "We struggled much of the season with turnovers but improved substantially late. We didn't improve enough offensively."

Stewart said seniors Damon Mahurin and Simon Walker both performed well and guided the younger Purdy players through the campaign.

"Damon and Simon both brought leadership in different, but important ways, as well as Damon leading us in scoring and Simon being our Defensive Player of the Year," Stewart said.

Purdy's Daniel Aldaba drives past a defender during Southwest Holiday Tournament action this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Purdy's Jackson Lee puts up a three-pointer during Southwest Holiday Tournament action this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Looking back at the 26 games Stewart said he did not have to go back far to pick out the highlight of the year.

"Our district win against Jasper at home was a great game for our team, being a close win at home in districts, and they had defeated us first game of the year," he said.

The Eagles fell to Jasper, 61-52 in the first game of the year in the Verona Tournament, and they bested Jasper in districts, 47-43.

Stewart emphasized rather than counting wins, team goals were more about the mental side of the game.

"The goal each season is enjoy the games and practices with your teammates," he said. "[e want to] represent the school and community in a positive manner and become the best players, people and team we can become. This team definitely reached those goals."

Next year, Stewart said, the same goals will be set.

Stewart said he and the assistant coaches had an good year, and he gave thanks to those who were part of it.

"Working with these young men was both a blessing and enjoyable for the coaches," he said. "Thanks to the school, parents, community, game personal, managers and my Assistant Coach Drew Williams for all you did."

WILDCATS BASEBALL
What: Emphasis on the process versus results
Returning: Multiple starters, four seniors
More: Coach hopes fans show up for senior night

'Cats prowl with a process

4 seniors asked to lead slew of returners this season

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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With multiple returning starters, the Cassville baseball team this spring is going through a philosophy change, shifting to put greater emphasis on the process as the season gets underway.

"We've tried to somewhat distance ourselves from result-oriented goals and shifted our focus towards being process-oriented," said Simon Beeson, Cassville baseball coach. "As results are entirely out of our control 99% of the time, we've tried to get our guys to focus more on their character and process that leads up to the result they desire.

"What was their focus area when hitting off the tee? What was their intent in the bullpen? Did they utilize their time in the on deck circle appropriately?"

Beeson said returning experience will be a strength for this year's team.

"We have several returning starters, most of whom were just sophomores last year and gained a lot of varsity experience for the first time, which will serve them well this year," he said. "We have a lot of versatility throughout our lineup, guys that are pretty good athletes overall and not limited as to where they can play defensively. We have four seniors returning, as well, and all have good experience and strong arms on the mound and in the field."

Beeson said competition within the program has been strong, especially with a large freshman class.

"Our freshman class is fairly large and full of good athletes as well, which helps us as a team when it comes to creating competition within practice," Beeson said. "Our guys have been competing really hard against each other and it's helped to culminate a culture of pushing each other past their boundaries and out of their comfort zones.

"The sooner our guys get comfortable being uncomfortable, the higher our ceiling will be as a team, and as individual players."

Beeson said his expectations for the senior class go beyond on-field performance.

"We only have the four seniors this year, but I do have high expectations for all of them that honestly don't have anything to do with on field results," Beeson said. "My expectations for my seniors have everything to do with the way they conduct themselves on and off the field.

"As seniors they know the standards we have as a coaching staff and the manner in which we expect those standards to be met. 'm looking, first and foremost, for the way they conduct themselves at school. How serious are you taking your academics? How do you act in the hallways between classes? Are you a disruption in class, or do your teachers look forward to having you in class?"

Beyond the halls and classrooms of Cassville High School, Beeson said the practice field is his next area of attention.

"Are they focused?" he said. "Are they going through all of our pre-practice routines correctly and not going through the motions? How are they interacting with the underclassmen who they're supposed to be leading and bringing up to the standard we've set?

"Are they a living breathing walking example of the stan-

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WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Track and Field

3/26	Mustang Stampede	Neutral	
3/31	Diamond	Away	4:00 pm
4/6	Seneca Track Meet	Away	4:00 pm
4/7	Monett Track Meet	Away	
4/9	Mt Vernon Track Meet	Away	4:00 pm
4/14	Clever Track Meet	Away	
4/16	East Newton Track Meet	Away	4:00 pm
4/21	Cassville Wildcat Relays	Home	
4/30	Big 8 Conference Meet	Away	
5/9	District Track Meet	Away	
5/16	Sectional Track Meet	Away	
5/22-23	Class 3 State Track Meet	Away	

Girls Soccer

3/26	New Covenant Academy	Away	4:30 pm
3/28	Aurora Shootout	Away	
3/31	Monett	Away	5:00 pm
4/2	Bolivar	Away	4:30 pm
4/6	Parkview	Away	5:00 pm
4/7	McDonald County	Home	5:00 pm
4/9	Logan-Rogersville	Away	4:30 pm
4/13	New Heights Christian	Home	4:30 pm
4/14	Aurora	Away	5:00 pm
4/21	Monett	Home	5:00 pm
4/28	McDonald County	Away	5:00 pm
5/4	Marshfield	Home	1:00 pm
5/5	Aurora	Home	5:00 pm
5/7	Fair Grove	Home	4:30 pm
5/11	Greenwood	Away	5:00 pm

Baseball

3/26-28	Cassville Classic	Home	
4/2	Marionville	Home	4:30 pm
4/3	Forsyth	Away	4:30 pm
4/7	Crane	Home	5:00 pm
4/9	Mt. Vernon	Away	4:30 pm
4/11	Purdy	Home	10:00 am
4/11	Hillcrest	Home	2:00 pm
4/13	Logan-Rogersville	Home	4:30 pm
4/14	Lamar	Away	4:30 pm
4/16	Monett	Home	4:30 pm
4/17-18	Pleasant Hill Baseball Tournament	Away	
4/21	East Newton	Away	4:30 pm
4/23	Aurora	Home	4:30 pm
4/24	Diamond	Away	5:00 pm
4/28	McDonald County	Home	4:30 pm
4/30	Nevada	Away	4:30 pm
5/1	Hollister	Home	4:30 pm
5/4	Clever	Home	1:00 pm
5/5	Seneca	Home	4:30 pm
5/7	Reeds Spring	Away	4:30 pm
5/11	Blue Eye	Away	5:00 pm

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3/26	Reeds Spring Invitational @ Ledgestone	Away	
3/31	Monett	Home	11:00 am
4/6	Joplin Invitational @ Twin Hills	Away	
4/9	Cassville Invitational	Home	
4/16	Aurora	Away	4:00 pm
4/16	Ozark Tiger Invitational	Away	
4/20	Carthage Abbiatti's BBQ Invitational	Neutral	
4/23	Willard Invitational @ Green Hills	Away	
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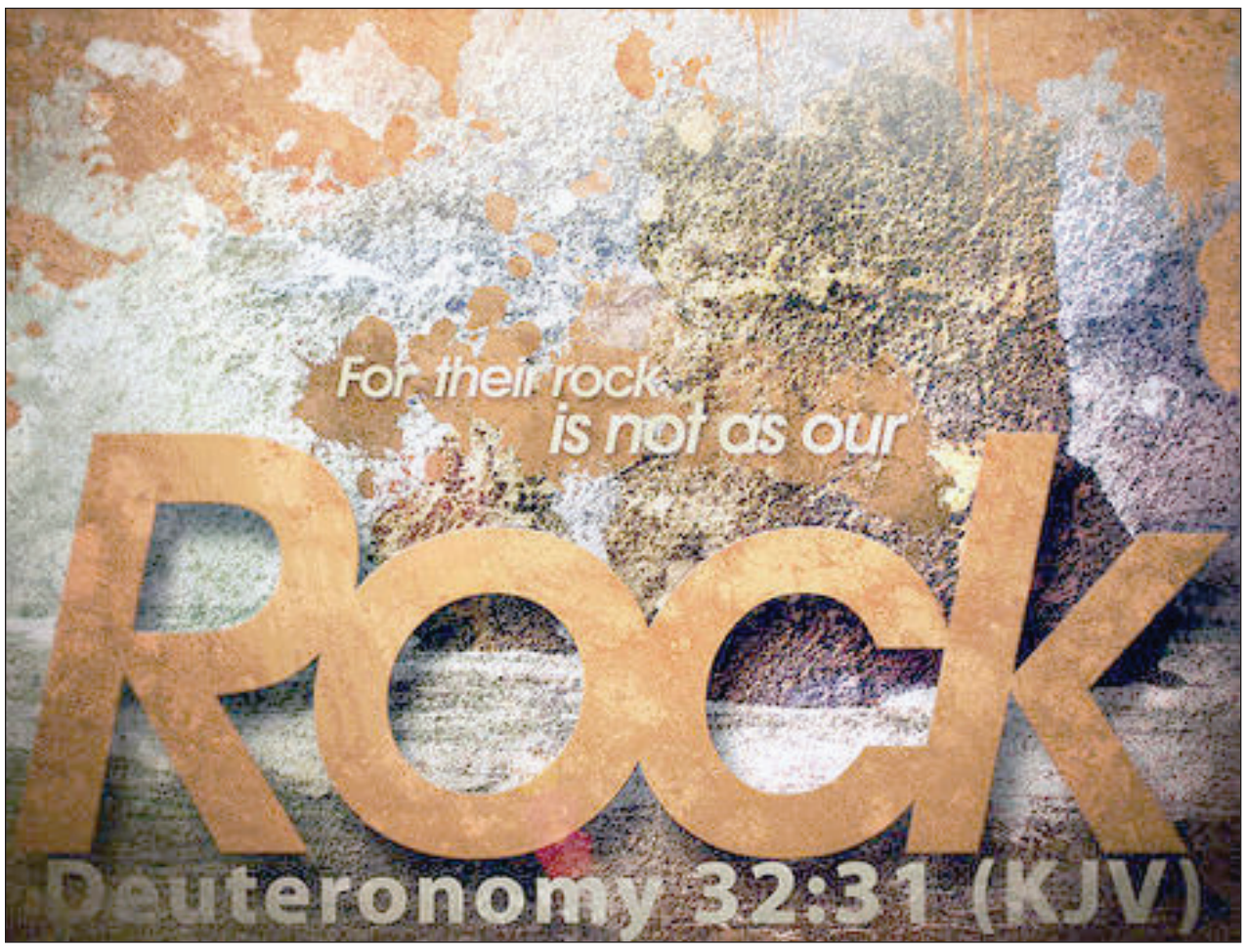

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IN RE:
SHARON GRACE BERNARD
Case No.
26BR-DR00004

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

CHRISTOPHER LEE MAST,
Petitioner,
REBECCA MORRIS,
Respondent.
Case No.
26BR-DR00033

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

Stuart Carson
Plaintiff
VS.
Linda Blakenship,
Her unknown heirs, spouses, consorts devisees, grantees and assigns
Defendants
Case No
25BR-CC00028

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

H.E.,
a minor by and through his
Next Friend,
HAYLEY EARP, and HAYLEY EARP,
individually,
Petitioners,
v.
ROBERT EADE,
Respondent,
Case No. 24BR-DR00078

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BID NOTICE

Butterfield Special Road District is accepting sealed bids for approximately 10 acres located along U Highway until April 21, 2026 at the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 PM at the Butterfield Community Building in Butterfield.
Property survey location is N1/2, N1/2 Lot 2, SW Tract ¼, Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 27 W.
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, March 28, 2026 — 10:00 AM

Location: Shell Knob, MO. From Hwy 39 across from Central Crossing Fire Department, take Stallion Bluff Rd 8/10 mile. Keep right on Stallion Bluff Rd and go 1.1 mile to auction on left. (25924 Stallion Bluff Rd, Shell Knob, MO)

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Tools & Wood **Working Tools:** Pittsburgh A frame – (1) section of scaffold – elect cement mixer – creepers – tie down straps – saw horses – 3100 psi pressure washer – receiver mount motorcycle carrier – several lg & sm roll around dollys – shop vac – lots chains – Shindaiwa backpack leaf blowers – 15 gal 12 sprayer – several ext cords – furniture dolly – US General Pro roll around tool chest – 14" abrasive cut off saw – wood work bench – several ladders – wheel barrows – yard carts – yard aerator – Skilsaw chop saw – Oregon chain saw sharpener – commercial rotary blade grinder – 26 gal gas caddy – boomers – yard seeders – Troy Bilt pony rear tine tiller – Power Horse 7000 generator – asst of hand tools & power tools – asst straight shaft weed eaters – 2 ¼ ton floor jack – shop lights – Stihl leaf blower – misc long handle tools – misc gas cans – Fimco pull behind yard wagon – Die Hard charger/starter – air hose – Hobart 25 to 140 amp welder – Craftsman 150 psi bhp, 30 gal upright compressor – 12 sp, ¾ hp, HD drill press – Grizzly 10" table saw – Grizzly 14" band saw – routers – wood clamps – sanders – Delta 2 sp. 16" scroll saw – casters – Campbell Hausfeld 110 psi air compressor – DeWalt work table – Grizzly bench top 13" planer – Grizzly 4" jointer – Delta shop master – Grizzly oscillating spindle sander – DeWalt 20 v cordless drill – Chicago metal band saw – Bostitch nail gun – Bostitch brad nailer – Pneumatic brad nailer – lots more tools not listed. **Furniture & Appliances:** Queen bed w/matching night stands & chest – Oak computer desk & matching desk (nice) – pine desk – sofa – sm piano & bench – misc. table lamps – drop leaf table & chairs – recliner – Whirlpool Cabrio Platinum elect dryer – Kenmore upright freezer – several file cabinets – misc. rugs – misc. lawn chairs – 9'x12' rug – sm Haier Refer/Freezer. **Misc:** Sony portable stereo – 5000 BTU window air conditioner – misc. camp gear – misc. lake toys – Sentry safe's – trolling motor – asst pieces of wood – GM pickup bed liner – (4) wire panels – asst steep post – (2) chain link dog pens – approx.. 2 ½ ric of seasoned firewood – cabinet bases – Lean On Me Tender Moments collector plates – Competition water ski – coolers – Road Master MT Sport SX women's bicycle – Christmas décor – RV antifreeze – many shop items not listed. **Real Estate:** Nice, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, berm home, wrap around deck, lots of nice shop & garage buildings, park like setting on 37.5 wooded acres. Boarders thousands of acres off of National Forest. Enter this home under a covered front deck, that wraps around to the master bedroom, step into a nice size living room w/vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan & freestanding wood burning stove. Open to the dining area w/ceiling fan, open to the kitchen. Kitchen features a small bar area, lots of cabinets, Corian countertops w/large built in sink, garbage disposal, built in Bosch dishwasher, GE smooth top elect range & Whirlpool refrigerator/freezer. From the kitchen go on into a large utility room & a door leading out to the attached 2 car garage w/automatic garage door opener. The East end of the home has a full bathroom & a bedroom w/window & closet. The West end of the home has the master bedroom & a office area with closet & a door leading out to the covered deck. Large master bathroom w/jacuzzi tub & shower & walk in closet. The home has new windows on the back side of the home & newer shingles. Very nice property. **Outside amenities:** Wrap around deck, park like setting, 24'x24' detached garage, 30'x40', 16' sidewalls, nice shop, 30'x50', 10' sidewalls (nice), 16'x20' shed. Large tall carport for RV, etc. & more. All on 37.5 acres m/l. **Note:** Looking for property with a nice home & outbuildings, deer hunters, turkey hunters, horse back riders, ATV riders, come take a look at this place. Boarders thousands of acres of National Forest, trails & hunting deluxe. Lake weekenders come play on Table Rock Lake then put you boat & water toys in your own very nice shop building. This one is a unique property, paved road to drive and only 2 miles to Hwy 39. Call to view the real estate before auction day or to learn how to pre register for the auction. 417-847-2507. **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. If paying by check on large items, items will be held until check clears auction company bank unless arrangements have been made with auction company before auction day. If paying with credit card a 5% convenience fee will be charged. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any & 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.

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Owner: Jack Deal

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on April 9, 2026, at which time the sealed bids will be opened and read aloud.

All bids will be opened in the County Commission's Office and the bid will be awarded to the lowest or best bidder.

All bids shall be marked "sealed bid –and with the "bid opening date".

Barry County Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids or any parts thereof.

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BID NOTICE

Butterfield Special Road District is accepting sealed bids for Chip and Seal for approximately 5 miles of roads. Bids will be accepted until 6:00 PM April 21, 2026.

Bids will be opened at regular monthly 6:30 PM meeting at the Butterfield Community Building in Butterfield.

Bids should be submitted to Butterfield Special Road District, 7049 Farm Road 2115, Purdy,

MO 65734.

For further information contact road supervisor Randy Isley or Commissioners Gene

Cowherd, Pat Caddell, or Bobby Ragdale.

Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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CITY OF EXETER IS ACCEPTING BIDS

The City of Exeter will be accepting bids for the demolition of a condemned structure and outbuildings.

Deadline for bids will be 4/04/26.

Bids can be submitted by email to

cityofexeter@outlook.com or mailed to:

City of Exeter
Po Box 113
Exeter, MO 65647
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BUTTERFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACCEPTING BIDS FOR OVERHEAD DOOR MAINTENANCE

The Butterfield Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for maintenance of overhead doors at their fire station,

located at 10600 E. 1st St., Butterfield, MO 65625.

Services will be provided for a two-year period.

Licensed and insured bidders are preferred.

Sealed bids may be submitted to the

Butterfield Fire Protection District,

P.O. Box 706, Cassville, MO 65625,

and must be postmarked by April 10, 2026.

For more information, contact Donnie Privett at (417) 846-3565.

The fire district reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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BUTTERFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MOWING SERVICES

The Butterfield Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for biweekly mowing/weed eating services (April-September) at their fire station,

located at 10600 E. 1st St., Butterfield, MO 65625.

Services will be provided for a two-year period.

Licensed and insured bidders are preferred.

Sealed bids may be submitted to the Butterfield Fire Protection District,

P.O. Box 706, Cassville, MO 65625,

and must be postmarked by April 10, 2026.

For more information, contact Donnie Privett at (417) 846-3565.

The fire district reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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BUTTERFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACCEPTING BIDS FOR PEST CONTROL

The Butterfield Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for pest control services at their fire station,

located at 10600 E. 1st St., Butterfield, MO 65625.

Services will be provided for a two-year period.

Licensed and insured bidders are preferred.

Sealed bids may be submitted to the

Butterfield Fire Protection District,

P.O. Box 706, Cassville, MO 65625,

and must be postmarked by April 10, 2026.

For more information, contact Donnie Privett at (417) 846-3565.

The fire district reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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EXETER SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT IS ACCEPTING BIDS

The Exeter Special Road District is accepting bids for the following:

1. Base rock and cold mix by the ton.

2. Hauling of base rock and cold mix by the ton.

3. Single and double chip and seal, according to State Specifications, and job must be completed by August 1, 2026.

Please include the type and size of equipment when submitting your bids.

Bids should be submitted in writing to

Exeter Special Road District,

15907 Farm Road 1055,
Exeter, MO, 65647

no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 8, 2026.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Done by order of the Exeter Special Road District Commissioners

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THE ROARING RIVER SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT BIDS

The Roaring River special Road District is now taking bids on the following:

General Road Repair and maintenance.

Mowing of right of way within district.

Tree trimming and storm damage of trees within district.

Backup with snow removal as needed.

Please mail your bid, with BID written on the envelope to:

P.O.BOX 9
Eagle Rock, Mo 65641

Include your name, bid amount, and phone number.

Also a copy of insurance policy.

Bids will be opened and read on April 14th 2026.

Any questions call 417-665-9839 Marc Landrith

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Probate

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

In the Estate of
CHAD C SPRINKLE,
Deceased.
Case Number:
26BR-PR00011

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of

CHAD C SPRINKLE, Decedent:

On February 19, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

CHAD C SPRINKLE, decedent,

by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address is:

MAGGIE M SPRINKLE,
130 HODGE DRIVE ,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

ANGELA CHRISTENE ARTHERTON,

10388 FARM ROAD 2172, CASSVILLE, MO 65625, 870-688-0619.

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:

04-FEB-2026
Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,
Probate Clerk

Date of first publication: March 4, 2026

Date of second publication:

March 11, 2026

Date of third publication: March 18, 2026

Date of fourth publication:

March 25, 2026

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.

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

In the Estate of
AUSTIN JAMES PRIER,
Deceased.
Case Number:
26BR-PR00022

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of

AUSTIN JAMES PRIER, Decedent:

On February 23, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

AUSTIN JAMES PRIER, decedent,

by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address is:

JEFF PRIER,

27524 STATE HIGHWAY J, GOLDEN, MO 65658.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

HARRY DANIEL SCHWARTZ,

702 WEST ST,
PO BOX 276,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
417-847-2734.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first

publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month

period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death:

20-JAN-2026
Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,
Probate Clerk

Date of first publication: March 4, 2026

Date of second publication:

March 11, 2026

Date of third publication: March 18, 2026

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

In the Estate of
EMMETT LENDELL COCKRUM,
Deceased.
Case Number:
26BR-PR00023

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of

EMMETT LENDELL COCKRUM,
Decedent:

On February 25, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual

was appointed personal representative of the estate of

EMMETT LENDELL COCKRUM,
decedent

by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY, Missouri.

The name, business address, and phone number of the personal representative is:

SAM MADSEN,
102 WEST STREET,
SUITE 5,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
417-847-0541

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

HARRY SCHWARTZ,
702 WEST ST,
PO BOX 276,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
417-847-2734.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first

publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month

period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as

provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section

473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier

through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death:

22-JAN-2026

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Date of fourth publication:

March 25, 2026
Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,
Probate
Clerk

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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:
JAMES R. DURHAM,
deceased
26BR-PR00032

NOTICE OF HEARING

To all persons who claim any interest in the property JAMES R. DURHAM, deceased, as an heir of said decedent or through any heir of said decedent: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above court by Jane Durham Covel, for the determination of the heirs of James R. Durham, deceased, and of their respective interest as such heirs in and with respect to the following described personal property that the

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Monday, March 30, 2026 — 10:00 AM

Location: Mano, MO. Just before the Big M boat dock, turn right to go to Mano Community. (25203 Fish Hook Lane, Cassville MO)

LOTS OF ASSORTED OLD FURNITURE – ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES – ASSORTED OLD CAR PARTS – LOTS OF FISHING ITEMS – GOLF CARTS – TOOLS – PICKERS & CRAFTERS DREAM!!!

Antiques & Collectibles: Old Drink, Coca Cola cooler (needs restored) – lot's of old metal wheels – old milk cans – old metal wagon wheel rings – old sleds – old tractor seats – ant iron head & foot bed frames – Coca Cola button (rough) – sm Coca Cola button – old barb wire – old porcelain knobs – cast iron bull hat rack – Hop A Long Cassity Hi-Yo Silver, ant rocking horse – asst costume jewelry – cast iron door stops - old cow bells – old well pulleys – ant yard gates – galvanized water cans – old wood rocking horse – old wood garden seed box – old metal minnow bucket – sm old metal wheels – old wood post – ant corbel – ant garden cart – misc old lanterns – misc galvanized oil & gas cans – lots of crafts & hand painted items – bowling pins – old hay fork – 10 gal milk cans – ant cheese grader – ant egg basket – old wash board – misc granite ware – misc old jars – old Pepsi crate – old metal stools – Alamito galvanized porch milk container – Winchester wood box – stained glass in wood box – misc wood boxes – several shutters & old windows – asst silver plated items – oil lamps – metal Coca Cola sign – printers box – wood bread box – duck decoys – old paper dispenser – misc Indian dolls – ant wood chicken coop – old Holiday Camaro bicycle – wood wheel barrow – ice skates – railroad spike coat rack – misc wood cut outs & wood for crafting – old porcelain knobs & casters – old Coke crate – old sm game caller w/cassettes – old porch swings & yard benches (to be restored) – old metal locker – several old wood step ladders – old barn doors – old wood stove, dampers & stove top covers – old dairy milk bottle holder – sm iron fence for flower garden – milk glass steins – misc stemware & glassware, pitchers, etc – chenille bed spread – asst hand & machine quilts – lots of pictures of flowers, old barns, wildlife – Betsy Ross 48 star flag – crystal – crock bowls – old table cloths – decorative baskets, picnic baskets, etc – yarn – (2) flags – loom rugs – Route 66 picture – Roaring River picture – Frank Lloyd frame blue prints – barnwood & misc lumber – many more antiques & collectibles not listed. Antique furniture in furniture heading. **Furniture:** Church Pews – metal table w/rollers – ant school desk – sm secretary desk – old brass chandelier – hutch top – asst coffee & end tables – piano bench – lots of dining tables, Duncan Fyfe & more – lots of chairs for crafters – lots of sm tables – sm desk – sm benches – 1930's metal porch bench – lots of mirrors – old ant trunks – cedar chest – butcher b lock table top – several dressers – old buffet – misc wicker furniture – misc stools – old light shades – Green wicker chair – (2) spring back iron lawn chairs – lots & lots of crafters furniture. **Golf Carts:** 800 mdl EZ Go gas powered golf cart with top & windshield – old 3 wheel Harley Davidson golf cart (needs restored) – golf cart tires. **Tools:** misc pneumatic tools – battery starter jump box – 2 wheel dolly's – tool box – Ryobi 10" table saw – shelf brackets – lots of casters – misc air hose – Skil saw – jack stands – routers & router bits – misc long handle tools – wheel barrow – misc hand tools & sm power tools – ramps – Craftsman tiller – sm compressor – post driver – saw horses – shop vac – sander – router table – ladder – sand blaster – air hose – nuts, bolts, screws, etc – hydraulic jacks – drill bits – pipe threader – more tools not listed. **Old Car Parts:** Mdl A fenders – 49/50 Ford hood – Chevy hood – VW chopped top on a pickup frame – 1986 Tracker, 17xxx miles – Ford truck frame – old auto steering wheels – old Ford mdl A instruction book. **Fishing:** Buzz baits – smelting pots – lead molds – 4 hp Johnson motor – several tackle boxes – lots of asst tackle – Johnson 20 hp boat motor elect start – trolling motors – misc fishing reels. **Misc:** 55 gal barrels – old golf clubs – elect Honda motorcycle – Edlebrock helmets – boat ladder – concrete wire – lake booey – Samsung surround sound – Sentry safe – license plates – leather motorcycle chaps – cash register – skate board – hunting heater – old jet ski trailer (no title) – jet ski motor – live traps – bird bath pedestals – misc household – asst yard ornaments. **Note:** This will be a large auction and will allow some time so bring a friend or two. We will sell in two rings as much as possible. Lots & lots of oldies & craft items. Something here for everyone. Come spend the day with us at the lake on Monday March 30th at 10 AM. Parking is good. Cater & porta pot on site. **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card w/2 forms of current ID. Must have current driver's license to obtain bidder number. If paying with a credit card a 5% convenience fee will apply. 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.

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decedent owned at the time of his death: Arvest Wealth Management Brokerage Account: #WAB-033358 Petitioner's attorney is Harry D. Schwartz, whose business address is

702 West Street,
P.O. Box 276,
Cassville, Missouri 65625.

You are hereby required to appear to answer said petition on April 20, 2026, at 8:45 o'clock a.m., in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, at Cassville, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment may be entered in due course upon said petition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION AT CASSVILLE

In the Estate of:
JOAN BECK,
Deceased
Estate No.
25BR-PR00104

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF
JOAN BECK,
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 April 23, 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 days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

HARRY D. SCHWARTZ,
Attorney
SAM MADSEN,
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
Ellis, Cupps, Herrin & Schwartz
Personal Representative
P. O. Box 276
Cassville, MO 65625
(417)847-2734
Dates of Publication –
3/18/26,
3/25/26,
4/1/26,
4/8/26

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.

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TRUSTEE'S SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by the Deed of Trust executed by
Cristopher Green
And
Chelsey Green,
Husband And Wife,
dated 7/6/2023, recorded on 7/10/2023, as Instrument Number
202303387 and in Deed Book 23, Page 3320, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County,
Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on 3/26/2026, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, starting at 2:00 PM at the Barry County Courthouse - East Door - 700 Main Street, Cassville, MO
65625, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the below described real
estate to satisfy said debt and costs. Certified funds must be delivered to the auctioneer at the
conclusion of the auction. Purchasers take property as is, without warranty. A Tract Of Land, Consisting
Of One (1) Acre, More Or Less, In The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) Of
The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4), Of Section 36, Township 25, Range 26, Barry County, Missouri, And
More Particularly Described As Follows: Commencing At A Point 15 Feet North Of The Southeast Corner
Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4), Thence North 276 Feet, To A
Point On The East Line Of Said Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4), Thence
West 158 Feet To A Point, Thence South 276 Feet To A Point, Thence East 158 Feet To The Point Of
Beginning. Subject To Easements And Rights-Of-Way Of Record. More commonly known as: 6949 Farm
Road 1182 Verona, MO 65769 Notice To Bidders: Please be advised that the Trustee may require entity
or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the
vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for
transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required
information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered
transfers. These federal regulations will require reporting if a trustee's deed is issued on or after March 1,
2026, even if the foreclosure sale is conducted prior to March 1, 2026. Additional information regarding
these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at
https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/
2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-
regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 . Nestor
Solutions of Missouri, LLC Successor Trustee (888) 403-4115.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE:
Billy T Sharp Jr and
Emily Nicole Sharp, husband and wife

Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Billy T Sharp Jr
and Emily Nicole Sharp, husband and wife dated July 1, 2024
and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri as Book: 24
Page: 3322 and modified by Loan Modification Agreement (Deed of Trust) recorded on May 14, 2025 at Book: 25 Page: 2401 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:50 AM), at the East Door of the Court House, City of Cassville, Barry County, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following
described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Barry County, State of
Missouri, to wit:
LOT THIRTY-NINE (39), FAIRWAY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT
THEREOF, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF
WAY, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AN COVENANTS OF RECORD OR FACT.
to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No: 231008.033126.464687 FC

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The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for
that purpose.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE:
Harry Edward Lassley and Carole Lassley, husband and wife and Harry E Lassley
Jr. a married man
Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Harry Edward Lassley and Carole Lassley, husband and wife and Harry E Lassley Jr. a married man dated January 4, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of
Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 22, Page 96 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:50 AM), at the East Door of the Court House, City of Cassville, Barry County, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Barry County, State of Missouri, to wit:

PART OF THE EAST HALF (E1/2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 24, RANGE 27, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 1000.09 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 0 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 357.29 FEET, THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 486.87 FEET, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 278.66 FEET, THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 115.02, THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 326.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND A TRACT OF LAND 7 FEET WIDE AND 393.68 FEET ALONG THE EAST SIDE THEREOF, AND 15 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE THEREOF MAKING THE BACK WEST LINE 372.29 FEET AND THE EAST LINE 408.68 FEET AND THE NORTH LINE WILL BE 333.45 FEET.

ACCESS EASEMENT: AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS PURPOSES BEING 30 FEET WIDE AND HAVING PARALLEL LINES DESCRIBED ALONG THE WEST LINE AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF (E1/2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 24, RANGE 27, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST
215.0 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 7 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 791.53 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 187.75

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8:03 AM
01/02/26
Accrual Basis

City of Washburn
Profit & Loss by Class
July through December 2025

	Court	General	Police	Sewer	Street	Water	Unclassified	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
4000 · Sewer Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,497.61	0.00	0.00	-57.68	32,439.93
4020 · Reconnect Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
4100 · Sales Tax 1 cent General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,506.04	0.00	19,506.04
4120 · Use Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,209.72	0.00	19,209.72
4130 · Sales Tax 1/2 Capital Imp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,007.63	0.00	10,007.63
4140 · Sales Tax 1/2 Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,007.63	0.00	0.00	10,007.63
4200 · Missouri Motor Fuel Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,247.40	0.00	0.00	9,247.40
4210 · Missouri Motor V Sales Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,357.06	0.00	0.00	2,357.06
4230 · Missouri Motor V Fee Increases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.90	0.00	0.00	835.90
4250 · Personal Property Taxes	0.00	4,240.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,240.08
4420 · Late Fee	0.00	-8.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,709.55	0.00	2,701.09
4500 · Licenses, Permits & Fees	0.00	1,481.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,481.42
4600 · Fines & Forefiets	4,381.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,381.00
4800 · Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	488.70	2,147.26	1,236.13	0.00	3,872.09
4850 · Meter Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,450.00	0.00	3,450.00
4900 · Miscellaneous Income	0.00	2,493.14	0.00	2,457.80	0.00	287.70	426.00	5,664.64
4955 · Trash Removal	0.00	22,088.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	-21.78	0.00	22,066.64
4960 · Sales Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.14	0.00	349.14
4985 · Bulk Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	589.00	0.00	589.00
4990 · Water Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,959.31	24.00	73,983.31
4995 · Tapping Fee/New Connection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	656.47	0.00	656.47
Total Income	4,381.00	30,294.60	0.00	35,444.11	24,595.25	132,038.91	392.32	227,146.19
Expense								
5150 · Prosecutor Fees	5,349.30	1,503.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,852.70
5300 · Payroll Taxes	0.00	351.52	1,635.62	2,138.17	627.86	2,773.11	0.00	7,526.28
5310 · State Income Withholdings	0.00	0.00	0.00	720.00	360.00	720.00	0.00	1,800.00
5400 · Employee Appreciation Dinner	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
6020 · Audit Fees	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	7,000.00
6035 · Building Inspector Fees	0.00	943.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	943.60
6040 · Chemicals Labs	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.71	0.00	1,374.88	0.00	1,915.59
6050 · Computer Software	0.00	1,102.40	3,655.31	1,008.70	0.00	1,008.76	0.00	6,775.17
6070 · Contract Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,235.00	0.00	2,235.00
6120 · Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	956.91	0.00	210.31	0.00	60.00	0.00	1,227.22
6205 · Electric	0.00	324.21	0.00	3,685.98	3,558.55	4,218.24	0.00	11,786.98
6220 · Fuel	0.00	0.00	1,083.20	25.96	99.09	706.14	0.00	1,914.39
6225 · Street Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,720.80	0.00	0.00	1,720.80
6300 · Insurance	0.00	5,921.00	70.00	5,921.00	5,921.00	5,921.00	0.00	23,754.00
6330 · Jail/Inmate Boarding	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
6350 · Leased Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	496.47	0.00	635.48	0.00	1,131.95
6425 · Mo One Call	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.62	0.00	23.63	0.00	47.25
6460 · Membership Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.00	0.00	325.00
6480 · Meter Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,609.20	0.00	1,609.20
6485 · Municipal Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,533.62	0.00	41,533.62
6490 · Office Equipment	0.00	1,334.59	54.00	11.00	0.00	689.31	0.00	2,088.90
6500 · Office Supplies	0.00	2,287.75	19.00	67.58	0.00	105.22	0.00	2,479.55
6550 · Postage	0.00	1,010.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,010.84
6560 · Printing	0.00	340.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.54	0.00	385.39
6565 · Propane	0.00	52.50	0.00	105.00	0.00	105.00	0.00	262.50
66000 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	19,549.48	0.00	0.00	6,200.28	0.00	25,749.76
6620 · Repairs & Maintenance Equip	0.00	297.50	0.00	94.45	140.67	5,610.64	0.00	6,143.26
6621 · Repairs & Maint Facility	0.00	1,276.40	0.00	22.04	0.00	895.04	0.00	2,193.48
6622 · Repairs & Maint Vehicles	0.00	0.00	829.76	0.00	91.95	584.08	0.00	1,505.79
6650 · Returned Checks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	241.70	0.00	241.70
6670 · Sales Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.40	0.00	31.40
6700 · Supplies	0.00	4.91	0.00	270.45	110.74	349.54	0.00	735.64
6800 · Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.77	314.91	900.78	0.00	2,116.46
6840 · Trash Collection	0.00	16,732.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,732.60
6845 · Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	2,747.75	0.00	0.00	232.05	0.00	2,979.80
6850 · Travel Training	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
6855 · Uniforms	0.00	104.60	21.00	190.80	85.80	335.29	0.00	737.49
Total Expense	5,349.30	37,045.58	34,675.12	18,183.01	14,781.37	81,218.93	0.00	191,253.31
Net Ordinary Income	-968.30	-6,750.98	-34,675.12	17,261.10	9,813.88	50,819.98	392.32	35,892.88
Other Income/Expense								
Other Income								
Blue Shield Grant	0.00	0.00	3,085.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,085.49
CD-Interest	0.00	1,362.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,362.26
MO Coalition Grant	0.00	0.00	2,481.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,481.00
6310 · Insurance Claim	0.00	904.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	904.48
Total Other Income	0.00	2,266.74	5,566.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,833.23
Other Expense								
5000 · Salaries	0.00	3,556.93	0.00	21,720.92	7,169.85	23,819.56	0.00	56,267.26
Total Other Expense	0.00	3,556.93	0.00	21,720.92	7,169.85	23,819.56	0.00	56,267.26
Net Other Income	0.00	-1,290.19	5,566.49	-21,720.92	-7,169.85	-23,819.56	0.00	-48,434.03
Net Income	**-968.30**	**-8,041.17**	**-29,108.63**	**-4,459.82**	**2,644.03**	**27,000.42**	**392.32**	**-12,541.15**

Absolute Real Estate Auction

10:00 AM * Saturday March 28* 10:00 AM

Location: 21607 Lawrence 1040 Pierce City, Mo. 65723
Directions: from Pierce City take Hwy 97 north 1 mi. then right on Law. 2220 ½ mi. then left on Law. 1040 ½ mi. to Sale.

1600+Sq. Ft. Shop-House plus Garage on 5/10 Acres,
2/3-Bedroom, 1-Bath, Big Closets, Lots of Storage, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Laundry Room, Nice Covered Front Porch,
1 Car Attached Garage with Steel Storm Shelter,
20'X20' Lean-to on the east side of House, 16'X40' Shed,
Private Well & Septic, Propane Heat & Mini Split Heat and Air Units,
Pierce City Schools,
This is a Morton Metal Building-Shop House. Leave it like it is or easily change the floor plan to your liking. Would make a nice home in the country.
Move in ready or update to your liking.
This property will be offered in Two Tracts and as a Whole.
Tract #1 is 5 Acres with Home, Shed, Well & Septic.
Tract #2 is 5 Acres bare land with road frontage, and joins tract #1
Property Sells Absolute to the highest bidder!
Terms: 10% Down, Balance due at closing 45 days or less.

Property shown by appointment only.
Please Contact Larry Foster at 417-839-6860 or bidnowsold@aol.com

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FEET, THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 115.02 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 278.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINATION.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No: 229868.040726.467569 FC

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS,

Clifton O. Mitchell and Melissa G. Mitchell, Husband and Wife,

by their Deed of Trust With Future Advance Clause, dated April 5, 2001, and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for Barry County, Missouri, on April 9, 2001, in Book 01 Page 2173, conveyed to Gary Fields,

Trustee, the following-described property situated in the County of Ban-y, State of Missouri, to-wit: Lot 89 Coral Fountain Shopping Center, recorded in the Recorder of Deeds office, Barry County, Missouri. Subject to a permanent easement for public use as described and shown on or before mentioned plat of Coral Fountains Shopping Center. Subject to any easements, rights of way or restrictions of record or fact.

which conveyance was made to the said Gary Fields, Trustee, m trust to secure the payment of promissory notes in said Deed of Trust described; and WHEREAS, default was made and still continues in the payment of said promissory notes; and, WHEREAS, Security Bank of Southwest Missouri as the legal holder of said promissory notes has appointed Jon Homer as Successor Trustee under said Deed of Trust; NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said promissory notes and in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust, I, Jon Homer, Successor Trustee, will sell the property above described at public venue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the East Door of the old Barry County Courthouse, at 700 Main Street in the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri, on April 3, 2026, at l:00 pm, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

By:
Jon Homer,
Successor Trustee
Cordelia F. Herrin
Ellis Cupps Herrin & Schwartz
Attorneys at Law
PO Box 276
Cassville, MO 65625
417-847-2734

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE for default in the payment of debt secured by a Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") executed by

Willard Bellon and Bonnie Bellon,
husband and wife,
as Grantors,

in which Arvest Bank is named Lender ("Original Lender") and James Kevin Checkett, was named as original trustee (Book 22, Page 3012); and Deed of Trust executed by Willard Bellon and Bonnie Bellon to Tammy Willhoit, Trustee for Arvest Bank, recorded on March 13, 2024 (Book 24, Page 1143); and Sarah Dalton, is named as successor trustee (instrument recorded March 17, 2026 in Book 26, Page 1330), all filed for record with the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, Missouri (the "Records"):

The undersigned Successor Trustee will on April 21, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., more particularly at 1:00 p.m. at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, 102 West Street, Cassville, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash paid:

The real property situated in the County of Barry, State of Missouri, described as follows:

Commencing at the NE Corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 33, Township 23, Range 27; thence S 368'; thence N 89°56' W 896' to a point of beginning; thence N 89°56' W 412.41', to an existing fence; thence Northerly along said fence to the SW Corner of Lot 39 in Southern Hills Subdivision; thence Easterly 411.23' along the South side of Lots 39, 36 and 27 in said Southern Hills Subdivision to a point North of the point of beginning; thence S 363' to the point of beginning and being a part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 33, Township 23, Range 27, Barry County, Missouri.

ALSO: All of Lot 39 in Southern Hills Subdivision, as per the recorded plat thereof. Said Lot being part of the West Half of Section 33, Township 23, Range 27, Barry County, Missouri.

The sale of all of the foregoing property shall be "AS IS, WHERE IS" , for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust, and shall be subject to all conditions of title, of records and in fact and neither the Successor Trustee, nor any other party makes any representation or warranty of any kind or nature regarding the condition of, the description of, or title to the property.

Sarah Dalton
Successor Trustee
503 Main Street
Cassville, MO 65625
(417) 846-1500

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TRUSTEE SALE

In Re:
Thomas Eugene Loftis,
a single man.

TRUSTEE'S SALE –

Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Thomas Eugene Loftis, a single man. dated 12/20/2024, and recorded on 12/26/2024 Book 24 Page 6492 Document 202406668 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 04/20/2026 at 10:00 AM at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, 700 Main St Cassville, Mo. 65625, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit:

LOT 9, ENGLAND ADDITION TO WHEATON, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS PER RECORDED PLAT THEREOF FILED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 179.

Eastplains Corporation
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
Published in the CASSVILLE DEMOCRAT
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McDonald County Polling Places
General Municipal Election April 07, 2026

Polling Places open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

R.E.C. at Longview: 18.02
McDonald County Road Barn, 16393 E. State Hwy 76

Central Polling Voting
County Clerk Office, 502 Main, Pineville
417-223-7530

OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT
MCDONALD COUNTY, MISSOURI APRIL 7, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice,like this ●

CANDIDATES: Complete the oval next to the name of the Candidate for whom you wish to vote.

PROPOSITIONS: If you are in FAVOR of the proposition or question, complete the oval next to the word YES. If you are OPPOSED to the proposition or question, complete the oval next to the word NO.

WRITE-IN: To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for such purposes and complete the oval next to the space provided.

McDonald County Question

Shall the County of McDonald exempt eligible taxpayers from certain tax increases on eligible taxpayers' primary residence above the liability incurred during the initial credit year?

0 **YES**
0 **NO**

MCDONALD COUNTY POLLING PLACES

General Municipal Election April 07, 2026
Polling Places open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
R.E.C. at Longview: 18.02
McDonald County Road Barn,
16393 E. State Hwy 76
Richwood/Elkhorn/Center Voting Precinct
Central Polling Voting
County Clerk Office,
502 Main, Pineville
417-223-7530
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Wheaton R-111 School District Board of Directors

Proposition 1. To choose by ballot three (3) directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each.
(Vote for 3)

0 **Josh Kinnaman**
0 **Tony Ball Lewis Royer Elizabeth**
0 **Goetz Nikki Allen**
0 **Rodney Allen**
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0 (write-in)
0 (write-in)
0 (write-in)

Wheaton R-111 School District Proposition Critical Infrastructure

Shall the Board of Education of the Wheaton **R-111** School District borrow money in the amount of $2,000,000for 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 $0.8200 per $100 of assessed valuation.

0 **YES**
0 **NO**

Baseball: Defense a strength

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dard we've set, which is to graduate respectable young men of good character who will go on to become beneficial, productive members of society? Because that is the basis of this program."

Beeson said defense will be a strength for the team entering this year's campaign.

"I think our defense is most proficient right now," Beeson said. "We've got good athletes who can cover ground and make plays; it's just going to be up to our pitchers to throw strikes and force contact. We can't defend walks, and those killed us last year.

"Offensively I've been pleasantly surprised with where we are so early in the season, but still lots of room for improvement, particularly within our approach."

Beeson said pitching and hitting will be key areas of focus moving forward.

"We only threw 56% strikes last year, and it hurt us big time, so the biggest focus for our pitchers is being more competitive and having better intent with our locations," he said. "Offensively, we have to cut down on our strikeouts and find ways to put the ball in play and give ourselves a chance — force the defense to make plays."

Beeson said senior night remains a highlight of the season.

"Just like last year, I will always choose senior night [as the go-to game]," Beeson said. "Our seniors deserve a good turnout on their night of recognition, and I would love for our community to come out in full force and give them the sendoff they've earned."

Beeson said the schedule this season will provide a challenge for his team.

"It's tough," Beeson said. "We've got 29 games scheduled, including three tournaments with good opponents who all made solid runs in the postseason last year. As long as we stay focused on our character and process, and stay healthy, we should have no problem being competitive within our district and our conference."

As games get underway, Beeson said team chemistry has stood out early.

"I don't know how much it separates us from other schools, but the thing I've noticed most about this year's team is how much fun they seem to have just being around one another," Beeson said. "They enjoy one another's company and there's a deeper sense of brotherhood amongst them — which hopefully translates to a willingness to fight for each other instead of for personal glory."

The Wildcats kicked off the season on Thursday with a 10-5 loss to Gainsville in the 28th Annual Forsyth Tournament, then a XXXX against El Dorado Springs.

The Cassville Classic runs Thursday through Saturday in Cassville, and the regular-season home opener is April 2 against Marionville.

Cassville anglers 3rd in tourney

Cassville Fishing Club members Deagan Gross and Colton Yockey competed in the third and final qualifier of the Missouri B.A.S.S. Nation Youth Tournament held March 15 at Pomme de Terre Lake. Despite extremely challenging conditions, the Cassville duo brought in a total weight of 7.42 pounds, earning third place in the tournament. Anglers faced rapidly changing weather throughout the day, including a 30-degree temperature drop, winds of 35 miles per hour and three-foot whitecaps on the lake. Gross and Yockey secured their final two keeper bass in the last two hours of the tournament, helping them finish strong in the standings. With the third-place finish, the pair also maintained their lead in the overall Missouri B.A.S.S. Nation Youth points standings, earning them a berth to compete at the National Championship on Kentucky Lake later this year. Contributed photo

SAMPLE BALLOT
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, APRIL 7 2026

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the General Municipal Election will be held in the County of Barry on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 as certified to this office by the participating entities of Barry County. The ballot for the Election shall be in substantially the following form.

COUNTY OF BARRY

QUESTION

"Shall the County of Barry exempt eligible taxpayers from certain tax increases on eligible taxpayers' primary residence above the liability incurred during the initial credit year?

- YES
- NO

MONETT R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

To choose by ballot three (3) board members who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each.

Vote For THREE

- ANNIE SMITH
- ASHLEY BAILEY
- JARED R. WORMINGTON
- RYAN NESTLEROAD
- JENNIFER LEWIS
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN

PURDY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

To choose by ballot three (3) directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said School District. (THREE directors for a term of three (3) years each.)

Vote For THREE

- KALEY THIGPEN
- DAVID WORMINGTON
- NATHAN LAMP
- DAVID YOUNG
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN

SHELL KNOB SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78

FOR BOARD MEMBER THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For THREE

- LEAH DENTON
- PRESTON FORSYTHE
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN

PIERCE CITY R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT

To elect, by ballot, three (3) directors, who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said District for a term of three (3) years.

Vote For THREE

- JOSEPH FRANKLIN REBER
- APRIL ELLIS
- LEE JONES
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN

PIERCE CITY R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL SCHOOL LEVY ELECTION PROPOSITION EAGLE PRIDE

Shall the Board of Education of the Pierce City R-VI School District, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy to $3.6200 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation and to eliminate fully the Proposition C Sales Tax Rollback in its operating levy under Section 164.013 R.S.Mo., as amended, for the purposes of attracting and retaining quality certified and support staff, maintaining and expanding educational programming and facilities, and meeting additional operating expenses?

(If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating tax levy of the District is estimated to increase by $0.8700 from $2.7500, currently, to $3.6200 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2026 Tax Year and will be applied to the assessed valuation for each year thereafter.)

- YES
- NO

BOND ELECTION PROPOSITION CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Shall the Board of Education of the Wheaton R-III School District borrow money in the amount of $2,000,000 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.

- YES
- NO

VERONA R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposition 1
To choose by ballot three directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three years.

Vote For THREE

- LOUIS CARRASQUILLO
- ABE SHERWOOD
- BETH HILTON
- KEVIN E. HILTON
- TINA JENNINGS
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION PROPOSITION K.I.D.S.

Shall the Board of Education of the Verona R-VII School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,900,000) for the purpose of providing funds to repair and replace heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units, roofs, windows, and flooring; to the extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at $1.0073 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

- YES
- NO

WHEATON R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

To choose by ballot three directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said School District for a term of three years each.

Vote For THREE

- JOSH KINNAMAN
- TONY BALL
- LEWIS ROYER
- ELIZABETH GOETZ
- NIKKI ALLEN
- RODNEY ALLEN
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN

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FOR DIRECTOR
FOUR YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

PURDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FOR BOARD DIRECTOR
SIX YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO

WRITE IN

WRITE IN

FLAT CREEK SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

KENNY TUCKER

JAMEY SMITH

WRITE IN

MINERAL SPRINGS SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

PIONEER SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

PLEASANT RIDGE SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

ROARING RIVER SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

SUGAR CREEK SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

MICHAEL BLACKBURN

NEAL STANLEY

WRITE IN

WASHBURN SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

JERRY YARNALL

WRITE IN

QUESTION

Shall the Washburn Special Road District of Barry County, Missouri vote to retain the $0.1277 additional levy per one hundred dollar assessed valuation for a period of four (4) years? The total additional levy will be $0.1277 per one hundred dollar assessed valuation.

YES

NO

WHEATON SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

WHITE RIVER SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT #7

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER
THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

SEAN NICODEMUS

WRITE IN

SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY REQUEST

Shall the White River Special Road District #7 of Barry County, Missouri, levy an additional tax rate of 0.35 per one hundred dollar assessed valuation for a period of four (4) years.

YES

NO

CITY OF BUTTERFIELD

FOR MAYOR
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN WEST WARD
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

RUSSELL LOWE

WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN EAST WARD
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

WRITE IN

No-excuse absentee voting ongoing at Clerk's Office through April 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

QUESTION

Shall Butterfield, Missouri, issue its sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of $5,000,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the City's sewerage system, including acquiring land and rights of way, the cost of operation and maintenance of said sewerage system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City from the operation of its sewerage system, including all future improvements and extensions thereto?

YES

NO

CITY OF CASSVILLE

FOR NORTH WARD ALDERMAN
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

TAYLOR WEAVER (ELLIS)

WRITE IN

FOR SOUTH WARD ALDERMAN
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

JUSTIN GATES

WRITE IN

CITY OF EXETER

FOR ALDERMAN
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO

TERESA ALVERSON

KARRY LEWIS

WRITE IN

WRITE IN

CITY OF WASHBURN

FOR ALDERMEN AT LARGE
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO

CONNIE DEANS

ANTONY BLAND

WRITE IN

WRITE IN

QUESTION

SHALL THE CITY OF WASHBURN, MISSOURI, IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX OF ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY, THEREBY MAKING THE GENERAL SALES TAX OF THE CITY OF WASHBURN TWO PERCENT (2%)?

YES

NO

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CITY OF SELIGMAN

FOR WEST WARD ALDERMAN
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

- **KENNETH GREENE**
- WRITE IN

FOR EAST WARD ALDERMAN
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

- **RICHARD CARTER**
- WRITE IN

PROPOSTION

Shall the City of Seligman, Missouri, issue its combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of $10,000,000.00 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?

- **YES**
- **NO**

CITY OF WHEATON

FOR EAST WARD ALDERMAN
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

- **BRANDON SHOCKLEY**
- WRITE IN

FOR WEST WARD ALDERMAN
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

- **JON BRATTIN**
- **KURT HOEMANN**
- WRITE IN

PROPOSITION

Shall the City of Wheaton impose a City Sales Tax of one percent on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail for the purpose of the Police Department funding, subject to the sales tax imposed by the state of Missouri?

- **YES**
- **NO**

April 7 election results to be posted online at: cassville-democrat.com

PROPOSITION

Shall the City of Wheaton impose a City Sales Tax of one percent on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail for the purpose of the Police Department funding, subject to the sales tax imposed by the state of Missouri?

- **YES**
- **NO**

VILLAGE OF EMERALD BEACH

FOR TRUSTEE
TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO

- **BOB LANGREDER**
- **BRUCE VONBUSCH**
- **SHELLEY NEEL**
- WRITE IN
- WRITE IN

Clerk's Office open on April 4 from 9 a.m. to noon for absentee voting.

Registered voters who have moved and have had an address change, need to contact or visit the Clerk's Office to have information updated before Election Day.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY)

I, Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, within and for the County of Barry, State of Missouri, hereby certify that the attached form of Official Ballot is in compliance with requirement of Section 116.230 of 1984 Cumulative Supplement of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office. Done at the Barry County Courthouse this 24th day of February, 2026.

Joyce Ennis

Barry County Clerk

JOYCE ENNIS SEAL BARRY COUNTY, MO.

NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACCESSABILITY FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that no less than one-half of the sites provided for voter registration shall be accessible to handicapped persons (RSMo 115.140). In addition, a disabled or elderly citizen may register to vote by alternative means, including registration by mail and curbside registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND VOTING: Persons may contact their election authority by telephone at: 417-847-2561 or by mail at 700 Main, Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625.

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Kings Prairie/Pleasant Ridge.....Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
Monett-City/Rural/Capps Creek.....Monett City Park Casino
Ozark/Crane Creek.....Madry Christian Union Building
Purdy/McDowell.....Purdy City Hall
Roaring River.....Eagle Rock Community Building
Seligman.....Seligman Community Center
Shell Knob.....Shell Knob Community Building
Washburn/Ash.....Washburn 1st Baptist Act. Center
Wheaton.....Wheaton Community Building

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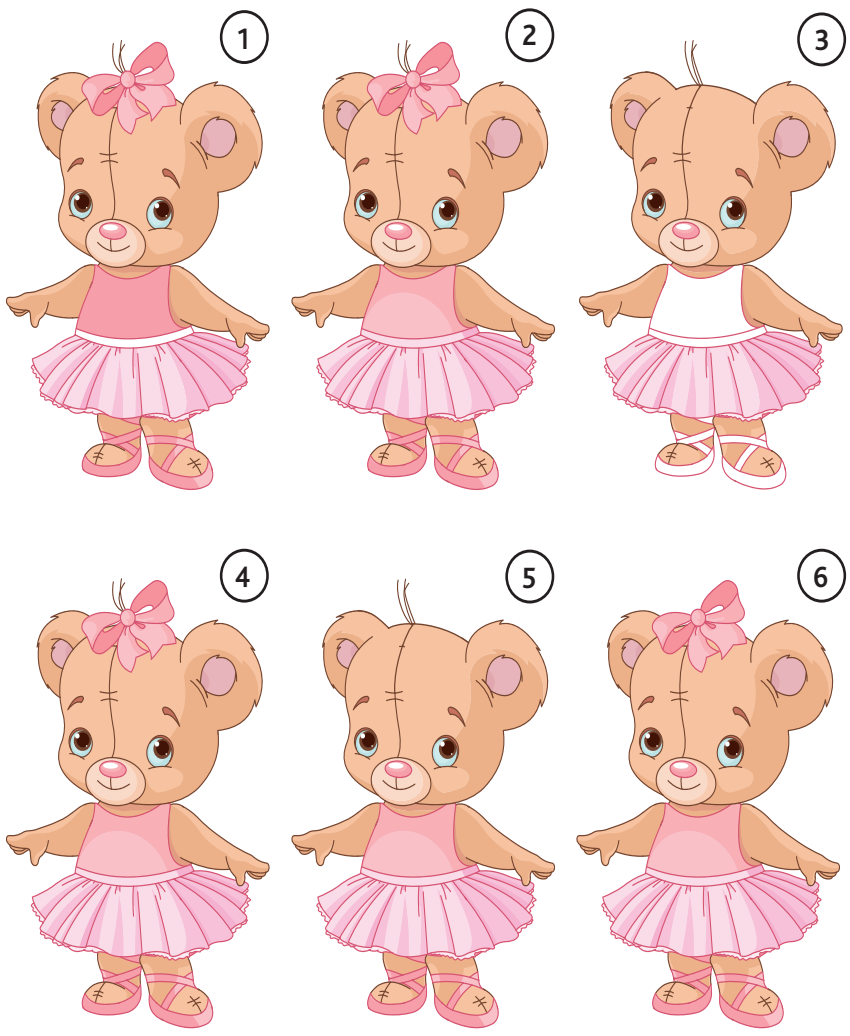

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Q: How does a cucumber become a pickle?

A: It goes through a jarring experience.

JUST kidding

Q: What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?

A: A tuba toothpaste.

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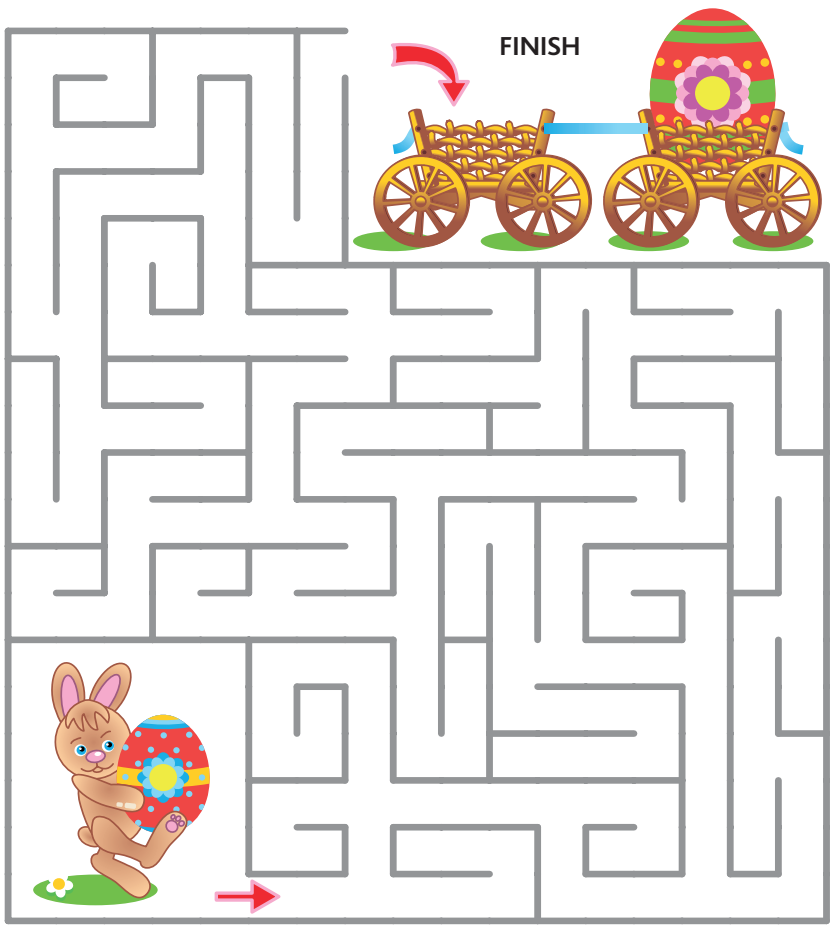
Q: Why didn't the orange win the race?

A: It ran out of juice.

Amazing maze

Help the bunny to deliver his beautiful egg to the empty basket.



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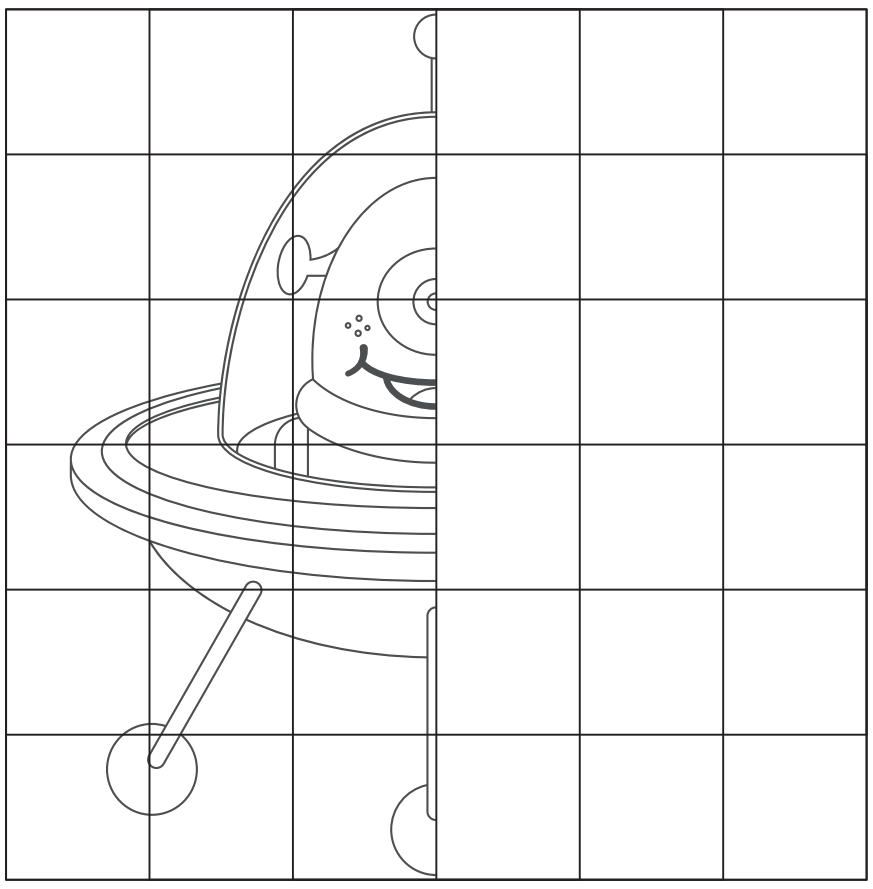

Sudoku 6 x 6

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3	6				
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1				3	

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- a number can only appear once per column
- a number can only appear once in each box of 6 squares

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4	2	1	5	6	3
3	6	5	1	2	4
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Weldy wins state title

Brynn Weldy, wrestler in the Wildcat Takedown Club, wrapped up her season by placing first in the state in the 10U 80-pound girls division. She pinned all four of her opponents with a total mat time of just under 6 minutes, and not a single point was scored on her during the entire tournament. Aleah Williams, Hazel Hunter and Emmelynn Brewer have also completed their seasons. Each of them showed incredible improvement this year and fought hard to earn their spot at the state tournament. The Club's boys faced some very tough competition this season, but they all put in the work to earn their trip to state, whether they placed or not, and they accomplished exactly that, a Club press release said. Justus Greek, Jace Ross, Steven Hall Jr., Brantley Stubblefield, Austin Quirk and Isaiah Horton have finished their season and are already looking forward to coming back stronger next year. Contributed photos

Southwest's Lane Hendrix puts a shot up during a Southwest Holiday Tournament game this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Trojans: Team was competitive

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"Two of our Sophomores, Ayden Flippo and Dominick Sierra, both started for us, and Race Pippin is a freshman who came off the bench and will bring great on-ball defense and experience for us," he said. "They all had a good year for being underclassmen. They are going to keep on growing and gain more confidence through the next few years."

Treat said the team met its internal goals despite the record.

"My biggest goal was to have a good attitude and play hard for the whole year," Treat said. "Were we going to make improvements throughout the year? I thought we did that.

"We built a foundation for the returners for next year, and we are more process-driven than result-based. We all got better as individuals and as a team, and I am very proud of each one of them."

Looking ahead, Treat said the focus will remain on daily improvement and representing the school.

"My goal for our team is to continue to get better each and every day, and to represent Southwest School District in a positive way," he said. "If we do those two things, then I think we can compete for a district championship."

Treat said the team remained competitive throughout the season and returns a promising core.

"This year's group never gave up, we were very competitive in most games," Treat said. "I am very excited for the group I have coming back. Lane Hendrix had a great year, averaging 14 points per game and 9.8 rebounds per game. Skyler Reines had a great year being our point guard, averaging 7 points per game and 2.5 assist per game. We will also have Elijah Keeney coming back, who had a couple games with double-digit points. I am very excited for the coming years of the Southwest Boys Basketball program."

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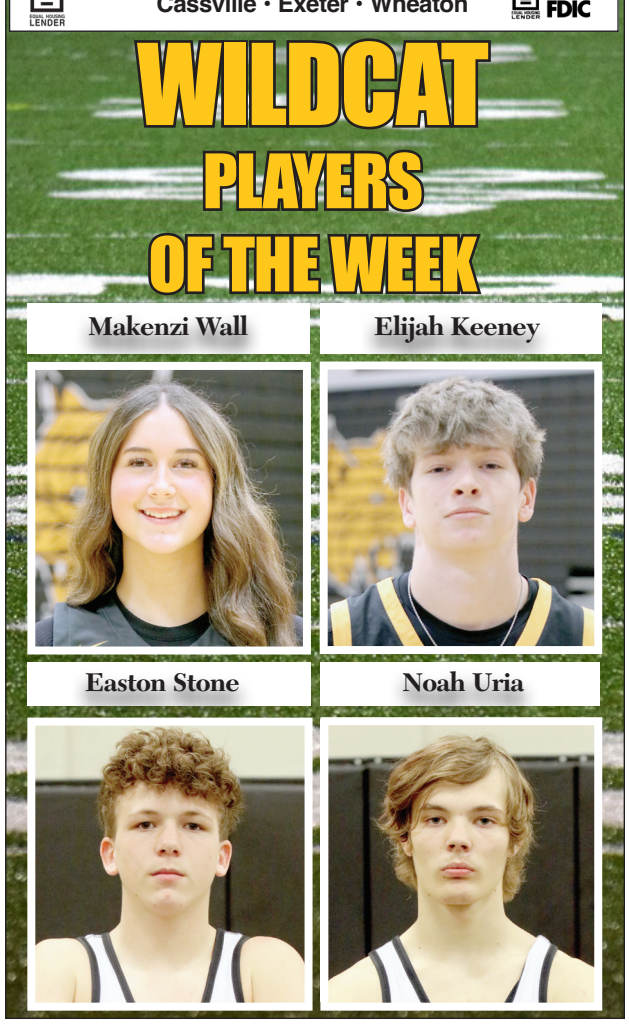

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