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Legion spearheading Hometown Heroes effort

Project to recognize active duty, retired, honorably discharged service members

BY GWENDYLAN HARMON

Special to the Cassville Democrat
 The American Legion Post 118 and the City of Cassville are honoring local veterans through the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, a community initiative designed to recognize

HOMETOWN HEROES

What: Banners to be displayed throughout Cassville
Where: Main Street, Highway 112
More: Families of veterans, active duty military encouraged to sign up

active duty, retired and honorably discharged service members with personalized banners displayed throughout the city of Cassville.

The project, which organizer John Easley said is the first of its kind in Cassville, will feature military tribute banners hanging from light poles throughout downtown and along Main Street, similar to the seasonal decorations displayed during the holidays. Easley estimates there are currently about 70 banner spaces available, with plans to expand the display into additional areas of town as participation

increases.

The idea for the project began after Easley visited family in Pennsylvania and saw similar military recognition banners displayed.

"My wife is from Pennsylvania, and we had gone out there to visit, and they had these banners all the way up and down Main Street in Scranton and into the neighboring towns," Easley said. "I

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FELONY ARREST

Who: Kyle Loftus, 31, of Eureka Springs, Ark.
What: Charged with unlawful use of a weapon and first-degree harassment
Bond: Set at \$100,000, cash only

Man charged for shooting at home

Witness: suspect admitted to 'shooting caps off'

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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 An Arkansas man is charged with a pair of felonies after allegedly shooting at a residence from a vehicle in the Eagle Rock area.

Kyle Loftus, 31, of Eureka Springs, Ark., is charged with unlawful use of a weapon and first-degree harassment.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Deputy M. Pechstein, with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, on May 2, a victim reported Loftus drove past his home in a gray Honda Civic on Highway

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FELONY WARRANT

Who: George Dittmar, born 1973, of Eagle Rock
What: Charged with felony stealing
More: Suspect allegedly tried to sell fishing gear to local outfitter

Man charged with stealing, attempted to sell fishing gear

Suspect denied sale, allegedly left with stolen items

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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 An Eagle Rock man is charged with felony stealing after allegedly attempting to sell stolen fishing equipment to a local outfitter.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Det. Jeremy Berner, with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, on April 27, he began investigating the theft of approximately \$115,450 from a storage unit in Cassville.

The victim met with Berner and advised he had been informed by Tim's Fly Shop that an unidentified male was attempting to sell a bag of the

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Waving their way into summer



Cassville schools released for the summer on Thursday, with teachers lining Wildcat Drive to wave goodbye to their students as the buses left for the last time this year. Summer school begins on Monday and runs through June 12. The first day of school in the 2026-2027 school year is on Aug. 25, with a tentative last day of May 21, 2027. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

Cassville teachers celebrate year's end with games, awards

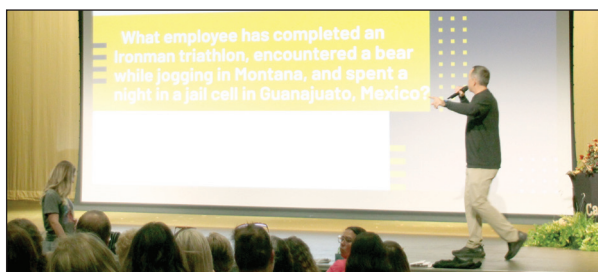


Maria San Paolo warmly embraces Shelia Littlefield after she is honored as Teacher of the Year at the intermediate school. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



Samatha Cooper presents the Best New Teacher award to Rebecca Beagle. The awards celebrate excellence in education and recognize teachers who have made a strong and positive impact during their first year in the district. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat

Teachers from every building across the Cassville school district came together to celebrate the end of the school year during a teacher appreciation luncheon filled with games, food and awards, hosted by the Cassville Community Teachers Association. The event highlights the district's gratitude for the dedication and hard work shown by educators throughout the year. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



Cassville Superintendent Merlyn Johnson leads an exciting round of trivia games for teachers and staff members gathered in the crowd. Teachers from across the district enthusiastically participate, laughing and competing together as they celebrate the end of another successful school year. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat

LOCAL

Rain can't stop shine of Field Day at Cassville



Mason Ketcher flies out of the colorful parachute his class was enjoying during Field Day last week. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Calvin Artherton weaves his way through an obstacle course at Field Day last week, which went on outside despite some chiller-than-normal temperatures and occasional rainfall. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Jessalyn Easter, left, passes a water-soaked sponge to Alayna Halog during a water bucket race at Field Day last week. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

Holstein cow model coming to Kids' Fishing Day



At Kids' Fishing Day at Roaring River State Park on May 16, Sonnie, a Holstein cow model, will be located under or next to the Big Tent. Sonnie is almost life size, and children enjoy the experience to try their hands at milking. Sponsored by the University of Missouri Extension, Sonnie is also one of the attractions at the Missouri State Fair. Other Educational Programs such as 4-H, Master Gardeners and Barry County Community Garden are also represented with their stands and volunteers under the Big Tent. There will also be games like Operation, Connect Four and Spin the Wheel for Prizes, sponsored by Access Family Care. Contributed photo

NEWS BRIEFS

Land application meeting May 19

The Land Application and Feedstock Composting Master General Permits Public Meeting will be on May 19 at 1 p.m. in Jefferson City. This meeting is an opportunity to provide input regarding the current Industrial Process Wastewater and Composting Master General Permits and new proposed permits. Attendance at this meeting may be in-person, by conference call or through Webex, using the information below. For meeting information or any questions, please contact the department by e-mail at dnr.generalpermits@dnr.mo.gov or by phone at 573-751-1139. Sign-in details and more info can be found at: <https://dnr.mo.gov/calendar/event/303061>.

Open House for renovated courtroom

The Barry County Commission will host an Open House in the historic courthouse on the square, located at 700 Main St. in Cassville, celebrating the newly renovated courtroom. The event is on May 21 from 10 a.m. to noon, and refreshments will be served. Photos will be on display, and the courtroom will be decorated in red, white and blue in celebration of America's 250th birthday.

Old Church Gallery Farmers Market open

The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market runs every Thursday from 8-11 a.m. at the Gallery, located on Farm Road 1240 in Shell Knob. The market offer farm fresh produce, eggs, jellies, relishes, baked goods, cut flowers, handmade crafts and more. The selection varies every week, so come early for the best choice. For more information, people may call 417-342-8671.

Cassville Alumni Dinner scheduled

The Cassville Alumni Association's annual dinner will be held on May 23 at 6 p.m. at the Cassville High School commons area. Doors open at 5 p.m., and dinner is at 6 p.m. The meal is catered by BBQ Station. Cost is \$15 per person, and all proceeds benefit the CHS Alumni Scholarship Program.

Pizza Party Potluck in Eagle Rock

The Eagle Rock Community Association, located at 27824 Hwy. 86, will host its monthly potluck at 6 p.m. on June 8. The pizza party potluck invites attendees to make their own pies for sharing.

Tabor to perform at Senior Center

On May 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. singer and guitar player Thomas Tabor will be performing at the Cassville Senior Center. His repertoire includes music from singers such as Charlie Pride, Mary Robbins, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash and others.

Cassville Branch Library hosting events

The Cassville Branch Library will host the following events in the coming week: Thursday, Move 'N' Groove Low Impact Exercise Class, 11 a.m., STEAM, 3:30 p.m., Re-Fit, 5:30 p.m.; Family Movie Night (popcorn provided), 4 p.m.; Saturday, Kids' Free Fishing Day at Roaring River State Park, Crochet Class, 10 a.m. to noon; Monday, Family Paint, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Tot Time, 9:30 a.m. Storytime, 10 a.m., Patriotic Star, 5:30 pm.; Wednesday, Tween Book Club (ages 10-13), 3:30 p.m.

Calling all Eagle Rock school alumni

A reunion of all Eagle Rock School alumni is planned for Oct. 10, and organizers are seeking assistance. They are trying to find former students, regardless of how long they attended the school. Please contact Kelly at ercanewsletter@gmail.com with any names and contact information for Eagle Rock alumni.

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 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 for more information. Produce from the garden goes to the Cassville Pantry. New members and/or volunteers may come and reserve a plot.

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.

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Exeter bands reel in 1s

High school, middle school musicians perform at festivals

On April 1, the Exeter High School Band participated in the Missouri Small School Band Directors Association evaluative festival in Lamar, receiving a 1, or exemplary, rating from all three judges. It is the first Exemplary rating at festival in at least 20 years for a band from Exeter.

On April 18, Exeter Middle School students participated in the Mid-America Music Festival at Pitt State in Pittsburg, Kan. A total of 18 out of 19 solo and small groups received a 1 rating. They included:

- Kenzi Davidson, Flute
- Abbilynn Farish, Flute
- Xander Jarvis, Flute
- Addison Arivett, Clarinet
- Leah Atkinson, Clarinet
- Kameron Mestas, Clarinet
- Reesie Lyons, Alto Sax
- Emma Hall, Alto Sax
- Gabby Studdard, Alto Sax
- Elleigh Harmon, Tenor Sax
- Jacob Stevenson, Trumpet



The Exeter High School band received a 1 rating at the Missouri Small School Band Directors Association evaluative festival in Lamar, the first in at least 20 years. Contributed photo

- Lillian Rogers, French Horn
- Bryson Lyons, Trombone
- Allie Stephens, Snare Drum
- Emma Higgs, Snare Drum
- Everlee Golubski, Snare Drum
- Sax Trio
- Percussion Quartet

On Jan., 4 Exeter Students were selected to perform with the SW District Middle School Band. Students are selected via audition against students from 45 schools of all sizes in SW Missouri. Those selected were:

- Leah Atkinson, 4th chair clarinet, 7th grade
- Kameron Mestas, 20th



On Jan. 4, Exeter Middle School band members Leah Atkinson, Kameron Mestas, Emma Hall and Jacob Stevenson were selected to perform with the SW District Middle School Band. Contributed photo

chair clarinet, 7th grade
Emma Hall, 2nd chair Tenor Sax and 1st Alternate Alto Sax, 7th Grade
Jacob Stevenson, 9th chair trumpet, 8th grade
The Exeter band program consists of 43 students in grades 6-12.

"The band looks forward to moving into a new custom-designed band room and rehearsal space for the 2026-2027 school year, big enough to accommodate the growth of the music program at Exeter," a band press release said.

Barry County Health Corner



Car Seat Program

When it comes to child passenger safety, proper car seat installation can help your child ride safer while in a vehicle. However, studies show that 6 out of 10 car seats are not installed properly.

Many parents assume that if a car seat is buckled in, it's secure. But improper installation, loose straps, using the wrong seat for a child's age and weight, or using a damaged or expired car seat can reduce its effectiveness in a crash. At the Barry County Health Department, our certified Car Seat Technician can examine each seat, making adjustments to ensure it is the proper seat for your child with the correct adjustments. This is a free check-up that includes hands on demonstrations to ensure your little one is riding as safely as possible.

Our car seat technician has provided this service to over 50 care givers during 2025 alone. Make sure your child is in the proper car seat and schedule a free car seat inspection in Cassville or Monett by calling the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114.

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

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60th anniversary celebration



Friends, family, and neighbors are invited to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Jim and Diane Larson. A cake reception will be held at Cedars Cabin No. 1 at Timbers Resort in Shell Knob on May 16 from 6-8 p.m. Hosted by their children, the celebration honors six decades of marriage, faith and family. Jim and Diane were blessed with 6 children: Chris, James, Danny, Shem, Stacey Anne and Amy Jo; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild on the way. Guests are welcome to stop by, enjoy cake, and share memories. "And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12 (KJV). Contributed photos

Dittmar: Total value of contents nearly \$4K

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victim's belongings. Berner obtained video footage from the business, identifying Dittmar by his facial hair and a neck tattoo, as well as having had previous dealings with the suspect.

Dittmar allegedly attempted to sell a Fishpond Tomahawk

fly-tying bag, valued at \$180, containing a Stonfo Transformer fly-tying vice, valued at \$600; multiple cases of fly-tying hooks in assorted sizes, valued at \$500; 20 years' worth of collected tying materials, valued at \$3,500; and a Renzetti Traveler fly vice, valued

at \$175. The total value of the contents and bag is \$3,955. Berner said Dittmar was attempting to sell the bag and all its contents to Tim's Fly Shop for \$250, and when denied, left the business with the bag and contents. Berner said Dittmar

has an extensive history of stealing, burglary and drug and distribution charges. He has multiple felony convictions dating back to 1995 and as recent as 2023.

A warrant has been issued for Dittmar's arrest, with the bond set at \$35,000, cash only.

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COMMENTARY

PUBLISHER'S VIEW

Letting the shutter fly

In the month of May, my camera goes into over-drive.

In the last week alone, Gwen and I have combined to attend eight events in Barry County, from graduations to non-profit events, and the annual sports day to Harvick Farms' Spring Fest. Suffice to say, we are on the go, and that's not changing any time soon.

This week will bring its own series of events. Off the top of my head, we have two more graduations, the Rotary Rodeo and Kids' Fishing Day to tackle. If I were to consult my calendar or comb through news briefs, there's likely more photo opportunities there.

This afternoon, I was clearing out my email and ran into a month-old request from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's Mass Communication program, from where I received my journalism degree, asking me to partake in a short survey about the program. One of the questions that stood out was, what classes did you take or skills did you learn that are most beneficial to your current occupation?

Though I only took one, without a doubt, the answer was the photography class I took back in 2009. In that class, I learned the basic photography rules of composition like the rule of thirds, repetition, framing and leading lines, to name a few. I have passed those rules along to many photographers I have worked with, and I still use them every time I am behind the lens.

The rules of composition also stand the test of time no matter the technology. I may be showing my age by saying this, but I largely missed out on the days of film in news. I took a photography class in high school where we developed film in a darkroom, but these days, the old darkroom at the Democrat office has been home to our mini fridge and microwave, not film strips.

Though there is an artistry to film development, I much rather prefer today's digital cameras for one simple reason — quantity. I can take as many photos as I want of any subject I want, then cull the lesser quality photos and keep the best, without having to wait for any film to develop or having to dodge or burn or crop or make any other changes that take more than just a few minutes in Photoshop.

Taking a well-composed photo is incredibly satisfying, but what tops composition every time is capturing a great subject. There's immense joy in freezing a moment in time that will never happen again. This month is fraught with such opportunities, especially at graduations.

At Cassville's for instance, capturing the hug between Jeremy Marple and his daughter Logan Marple after he, as a school board member, handed over her diploma — there's only 5 seconds of time in either of their lives that moment can happen, and I captured it.

Some of the best shots come unintentionally, like at Southwest's graduation on Friday. During the flower presentation, I happened to get a series of great shots of BreeAhna Paulsen hugging her grandmother, Mona. I didn't know the relation, nor the context, but I learned on Monday from BreeAhna's father that Mona's husband passed away recently, so the moment I captured was more poignant than I even realized at the time.

Fast forward to Saturday, and I snapped a photo of Wheaton resident Lincoln Allen as he was the first to cross the finish line in the Power of Pink's 5K run and one-mile walk. Even better, it was his 10th birthday, and the shot was timed as he was in between steps, totally airborne.

Because of all the photo opportunities, this week's edition is extremely photo-heavy and light on written news. It goes with the ebb and flow of the week-by-week coverage we provide at the Democrat. Along with being a historical record, a newspaper is also a mirror — reflecting the people, places and events of our coverage area.

Photos can tell a story just as well as words can at times, and even better in some circumstances. This week's issue is a reflection of that weight of photos and stories, and it was an exceptionally fun one to put together.

As we go into the next few weeks and more photo opportunities coming, I'm excited to hear that shutter click at the perfect moment and to capture more memories that only occur for a few seconds at best.

A great written story is satisfying, but taking a photo where no words are needed for the story to be understood — that's my favorite.

It's also worth noting all our photos can be purchased online at <https://cassvilledemocrat.zenfoliosite.com/home>. At \$5 per digital download and with prints starting at \$2 each, prices are set for affordability so you can get more with less.

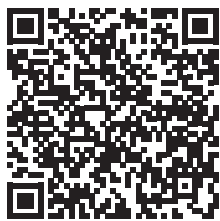
If you know any graduates this May, take a gander at the galleries posted. There are at least two photos of every grad at every commencement at each of our five schools.

I love being able to capture the memories, and I love even more that you are able to keep them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The purpose of the Commentary page is to provide a forum of various opinions, and we highly encourage letters to the editor. The opinions of columnists are not necessarily shared by the Cassville Democrat or its staff. If you have an opinion, send a letter to Kyle Troutman, Cassville Democrat, P.O. Box 486, Cassville, MO 65625, email ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com or scan the QR code to the right to submit a letter or online.



STAFF VIEW

Let's cry foul — Our nest is in danger

My recent columns about the land-application of meat-processing sludge peeved our Barry County commissioners.

"Your columns weren't incorrect; they just didn't explain enough," said one commissioner.

He was a little hot. "People have been calling us, demanding that we put a stop to the use of sludge," he said. "But, we can't. Our hands are tied."

Let me set the record straight. The commissioner is telling the truth, at least as far as he and I understand it.

In 2019, then-Governor Mike Parson signed into law Missouri Senate Bill 391, designed to protect agricultural operations — concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), in particular. Senate Bill 391 prohibited — and continues to prohibit — county commissions and health departments from passing local laws more restrictive than state laws for agricultural operations.

The passage of SB 391 represented "a big win for Missouri farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses," Governor Parson said at the time.

Jefferson City Senator, Mike Bernskoetter, sponsored SB 391 "to help farmers expand operations without having to spend money and time to comply with local restrictions," he stated in an interview with KRCGTV news (<https://krcgtv.com/news/local/missouri-supreme-court-rules-in-favor-of-sb-391>).

A hue and cry followed SB 391's passage.

Some counties already had tighter restrictions than state laws. They, along with a few environmental groups, contested the bill. Their concerns were for the possible compromise of air and water quality associated with neighboring CAFOs.

Stephen Jeffery, St. Louis environmental attorney, argued on behalf of the plaintiffs that SB 391 violated Missouri's 2014 "Right to Farm" amendment, which granted authority to counties to regulate agriculture (<https://www.stlpr.org/law-order/2023-03-22/missouri-supreme-court-upholds-state-law-prohibiting-local-regulation-of-cafos>).



SHEILA HARRIS

The Missouri Supreme Court didn't buy it. In March 2023, the court nixed Jeffery's argument and ruled in favor of CAFOs.

Counties were stripped of their jurisdiction in their attempts to preserve air and water quality surrounding agricultural enterprises.

Whether the land-application of sludge (the dead animal scraps and chemicals contained in wastewater pre-treatment skimmings) qualifies as an ag operation is a debatable question. Residents of a county would need deep pockets to argue the point, though, because the sludge-contractors don't roll over and play dead. They have lobbyists in Jeff City, and their representatives are present to comment on every piece of pending legislation that pertains to their industry.

The Barry County Commission's hands are indeed tied. They can't throw up a cease-and-desist order in the face of sludge-contractors intent on bringing their wares up from Arkansas and dumping them in Barry County. A person has to go up the chain.

Take your concerns to Missouri House Representative Scott Cupps and Missouri Senator Mike Moon. They're both farmers by trade, though, so they may have agricultural bias. Complaining about the stink of a farming operation next door is not likely to phase them, in part because a law passed in 2011 protects agricultural operations from "nuisance suits" centering around odors and other discomforts brought by living in close proximity

to ag operations. Unless (remember this phrase; it's important!) — unless monetary damages can be proven.

Although the county commissioners' hands are legislatively tied, they can voice their opinions to the people who can make a difference, just as each of us can.

"I don't want the stuff here," southern commissioner Gene Robbins said.

I was glad to hear him say it. Agriculture is not the only economic interest of Barry County.

Southern Barry County is home to Roaring River State Park, a place we long-time residents, especially those who live in the northern part of the county, tend to take for granted.

We can't afford to.

In 2025, Roaring River State Park drew in 1,254,931 visitors: up a bit from the year before, but that number remains fairly consistent. Those visitors to Roaring River spend money in our county. They stay in our resorts, eat in our restaurants, fuel up at our gas stations, shop in our businesses and enjoy a slice of nature that they can't find in St. Louis or Kansas City. They contribute to our tax revenue.

I guarantee they won't want to smell our stink.

The karst hydrogeology below Barry County is porous and fragile. If our recreational waters — and our drinking water — are fouled by excess nutrients and other contaminants that can seep through the cracks, sinkholes and caves surrounding us and below our feet, I'm pretty sure our one-million-plus annual visitors won't like that either.

Provable monetary damages could follow.

I hope it won't come to that. We've got a lot to lose in Barry County.

Sheila Harris is a long-time Barry County resident and a sales executive and investigative reporter for the Cassville Democrat with a particular interest in environmental topics. She may be reached at sheilaharrisads@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY VOICES

Gardening with natural methods

One of the benefits of growing your own food is that you are in control of the types of chemicals, both natural or man-made, used in garden beds and on your plants.

The first consideration when designing your garden is creating a favorable soil climate, because a healthy soil supports natural disease and insect control. Whether you choose raised beds or in-ground gardening, take a soil test to find out what elements are in limited supply. Missouri University Extension has a good video that shows how to take a soil sample. You can find this at [Missouri.extension.edu](https://www.missouriextension.edu).

When you submit your sample, you indicate what plants you plan to grow. The report results are sent to you with suggestions for what elements you need to incorporate into the soil bed for best results.

A couple of years ago I started a new 30x30 foot in-ground garden. I thought from just looking at it and digging around that the soil was not that great. After getting an analysis from Missouri University Extension, however, I found I only needed to add dolomitic limestone to address two deficiencies. I was very surprised. I'm so glad I didn't just start adding a little of this and a little of that. It pays to get good advice!

In caring for our planet Earth, it is a good idea to do less harm to the environment, both above and below ground. Organisms live throughout the soil and work to turn elements into forms that our plants can take up. Nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, magnesium, calcium, boron, zinc, sulphur, manganese, iron and copper are the main required nutrients that fuel new plant tissue growth and allow root function and flower/fruit formation.

Organic matter content in the soil is important to maintain good soil structure and to supply food to the micro-organisms that make the whole system work.

True organic gardening, by definition, rejects the use of all artificial agricultural chemicals, including pesticides used to control insects, diseases and weeds. I continue to try using a more organic approach to managing my garden beds. It is a transition and I'm not all the way there yet. I try to use as many naturally derived pesticide chemicals as possible.

Regular chemical applications can result in unintended transport through soil components into the water table. Chemicals that persist in the soil below our garden plants may go on to kill beneficial insects and other organisms long after we have sprayed. Chemical labels on your garden pesticide include mixing and application instructions. When the instructions say, "Do not apply directly to soil," that is a good indication that this particular chemical will persist in the soil and may move beyond your spray location.

Ten of the most common insects found in Missouri gardens are: cabbage loopers, aphids, stinkbugs, tomato hornworm, squash bugs, squash vine borer, cucumber beetle, blister beetle, corn earworm and flea beetles. I have had good luck controlling all but one of those with natural pesticides such as insecticidal soap, mineral oil, Neem oil and Bt.

Beneficial insects such as lady bugs gobble up problem insects and we find they live all season long in the Barry County Community Garden. In order to do less harm to beneficial insects, it's best to spray in early morning or late evening when the

flower buds are closed.

The early season plants that are flourishing in gardens right now are the brassicas like cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, kale and collard greens. These are loved by cabbage moths who lay their eggs on the underside of leaves.

These off-white moths are flying around all of those plants as I write this. When the cabbage moth larvae hatch, they devour the plant leaves. One natural compound, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, better known as Bt, is my go-to for controlling this pest. It was first discovered in 1911 in Germany and there are now several kinds of *Bacillus* that are used for controlling moth larvae, mosquito and black fly larvae, wax moth larvae, beetles and army worms.

The bacterial spores kill the larvae by destroying the function of its gut. It is available as a powder or a liquid concentrate. This year we have been using the liquid concentrate on all of our brassicas at the Cassville Community Garden.

Cabbage moths are flying around brassica plants this week, so it is time to start "scouting" for their activity. It is best to apply in late afternoon and to re-spray after every rain or re-apply the powder. Bt is safe for humans and animals. Always refer to the label attached to your chemical bottle as it will tell you how much concentrate to mix in each gallon of water.

It is also strawberry picking season, which started early again this year. I found a couple slugs helping themselves to my strawberries and grabbed my diatomaceous Earth to apply after the rain using a garden duster which allows even distribution. Diatomaceous Earth is a powder made up of the silicate skeletons of tiny marine creatures

called diatoms which developed millions of years ago where large bodies of water once existed.

It is not toxic if eaten but is irritating if inhaled. Therefore, wear a mask when applying it. It can kill spiders and beneficial insects as well so don't overuse it. It can control other pests such as aphids, Colorado potato beetles, immature squash bugs or whiteflies.

DE punctures the waxy coating all insects have and causes them to dry out. You can also try controlling slugs by inviting them to happy hour with trays of beer throughout your patch.

Insecticidal soaps are another tool in the gardener's toolbox that have been found to be toxic to soft-bodied insects such as aphids, grasshoppers, leafhoppers, mealybugs, spider mites and whiteflies. Surprisingly, adult Japanese beetles are also susceptible. These soaps contain fatty acids that destroy the cellular membrane of insects on contact.

Apply this soap when the air is still and be sure to cover both sides of leaves. Reapply after rain. Insecticidal soaps may cause leaf burn when applied during hot weather. Avoid spraying plants while the sun is shining directly on them. Spray early or late in the day.

Horticultural oils usually contain a processed oil and work by coating the insect and blocking the pores. This suffocates the insect. They are widely used in fruit and nut orchards to control aphids and spider mites. You must follow the labels carefully to avoid damage to the plant.

Mineral oil can be applied to the emerged corn silks with a dropper to prevent corn earworm damage. It really does

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50 years ago

May 19, 1976
— CASSVILLE BUDGET CALLS FOR SPENDING \$218,925

The Cassville city council, with a brief amending of their budget agenda to hear complaints concerning fluoridation of water, retained the present tax levy, but postponed until the June session setting of water rate increases. Mayor Bill LeCompte's prepared budget calls for water department and general revenue expenditures of \$218,925 for the coming year, compared to \$198,200 a year ago. The budget increase, \$20,000, is reflected in capital expenditures of \$12,000 for pump repair and a healthy increase in utility costs. Council action approved retaining the \$2 tax levy for the city, broken into \$1 for general revenue and \$1 for debt service. Anticipated assessed valuation this year is \$3 million, compared to \$2,700,000 last year. Revenue for the city will come from \$104,000 in water and sewer services and \$30,000 in property taxes, as major items. The city also anticipates receiving \$23,768 in federal revenue sharing payments if the program is continued under present rates. Major expenditures budgeted included \$31,000 for general salaries, \$32,000 for law enforcement, \$14,500 for utilities, \$15,000 for repairs and supplies and \$44,000 for debt service, \$32,000 for trash service and the current Eighth Street pump repair. Expenses grouped under the water department total \$136,650, with anticipated revenue at a total of \$140,500. Included in revenue is \$104,000 from the department, and \$35,000 for trash collection. General fund expenditures total \$68,625, with additional of \$8,650 for airport completion and \$5,000 for curb and gutter programs producing a grand total of \$82,275. Receipts in this department amount to \$76,818. Last year general revenue expenditures budgeted for \$80,000 and the water department figure was \$117,950. At the kickoff of the meeting, attended by aldermen W. E. Leonard, Gene Schlichtman and Marlee Edie, Nolan Potter and Keith Brock made a presentation calling for the rescinding of previous council action approving fluoridation of the water system. Potter read his argument opposing the program suggested by the Missouri Health Department. Council action was deferred until Potter could furnish copies of the presentation for individual member review. Coming water rate increases were reviewed briefly by the council, since audit reports are not complete at this time. Mayor LeCompte told the council the present rates of \$2.40 for the first 1,500 gallons of water, plus \$1.20 sewer charge, probably would be increased \$1. The new rates could be \$3.00 for

the minimum water use and \$1.50 for sewer. In addition, there will be slight increases in rates for above minimum usage. Exact structure of new rates will be determined in the June meeting, at which time ordinances will be drafted. Final audit figures will make determination of rates established. The council said hopefully, new rates would appear on July 1 billings to make up for losses at current costs. Rounding out the meeting, an on-again, off-again dedication date for the new airport was reset for Aug. 15. Dates in May and June have been scrapped when weather delayed completion. Max Fields, Chamber of Commerce aviation chairman, questioned the council on their desires for hangar and fuel facilities at the airport.

— CHANGES FILL PRINCIPAL POSITIONS AT R-4 SCHOOL

The Cassville board of education pulled a couple of switches in assignments Monday night, resulting in the filling of administrative principal posts for the school system. Don Trotter, who was originally hired as middle school principal, was promoted to high school principal. Paul Watson, who had announced retirement plans this year, was reinstated in the middle school post. The board had earlier extended the contract of Mrs. Eunice Thomas, elementary principal. With the action, principal posts on the Cassville campus for next year are complete. Trotter, coming to Cassville schools from a principalship at Pierce City, will replace Robert LeMon in the high school post. Trotter once taught in the Cassville schools and was a football assistant. He and family live on a farm down Flat Creek from town. In reconsidering his retirement plans, Watson will return to the middle school post he has held since 1956. Other action by the board included hiring John Jones, now with the Pierce City schools, as an administrative assistant to the high school principal. He has held similar duties with the schools at Pierce City. Superintendent-elect Ronald Evans and Trotter met with the board. Included in proceedings was change-over action from Superintendent James Ford to Evans of district obligations as of July 1. In other board action: The board recorded in the minutes the fact that Rotary had loaned the school a set of bleachers being used on the football field. The bleachers were loaned when the Rotary Club moved the rodeo facility from the Legion grounds to the present location. The board turned down a recommendation for summer driver training. The program will be offered in the regular program starting in the fall. The board granted a request to John Knight to attend summer school at Louisiana State University. He will



50 YEARS AGO: PIG KILLING BEAR DESTROYED — Killing pigs of a Barry County farmer in the Owens Bend country proved the undoing of a 300-pound black bear whose hide is displayed here by Conservation Commission Agents Charles Marrs, left, and Ron Glover, right. The bear was killed Saturday by Waldo Haynes, a Barry-Stone county line farmer. Haynes said the animal destroyed several of his pigs between trips to eat feed intended for the other animals. The bear's appearance in Barry County was the first for a number of years. Two roamed Mark Twain National Forest and Roaring River Park several years ago, but did not disturb domestic animals. They later disappeared. Democrat file photo

be in school from June 3 to Aug. 10. Blalack-Koon Chevrolet of Cassville, bidding on chassis and body for two transportation units, bodies \$8,663 and chassis \$14,465, were awarded by the board.

40 years ago

May 22, 1986
— ARMY WORMS MARCHING IN AREA FESCUE FIELDS

An infestation of army worms could cause considerable damage to the Barry County fescue crop, according to Dr. Emmete McCord, of the University of Missouri Extension Service. "We've been invaded and the worms are marching across grass fields," McCord said. Being damaged mostly in this area, because it's the most available, is Kentucky fescue. The attraction to worms is the seed heads and some leaves are being eaten. McCord said the cool, damp conditions that exist in Barry County are ideal for the worms. "They feed in the cool of the morning and drop to the ground in the hotter afternoons," the ag agent said. The worms are apparently avoiding legumes. Extension people encourage farmers to inspect their fields as soon as possible. The rule of thumb for action is sighting four plants with worms attached within a square foot of any field. "That's the time to spray," McCord said. Repelling the attack would also be assisted by warmer weather.

30 years ago

May 15, 1996
— COUNTY AMBULANCE BOARD APPROVES SUBSTATION FUNDING

By unanimous vote,

the South Barry County Ambulance Board agreed to increase funds to Cox Health Systems for ambulance service in the district. The fund amount was raised from \$32,700 to \$47,700 during a May 9 meeting. The additional \$15,000 will go towards the cost to place an ambulance substation in Shell Knob. A tentative start-up date of July 1 has been set. In February, ambulance district board members and Mark Alexander, director of prehospital services at Cox, held a public forum at the Shell Knob-Viola Community Center. Area residents who attended the forum voiced support for placement of a full-time ambulance service in the lake community. A survey conducted by the Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce's medical committee further substantiated the community's commitment to obtaining this service. The survey elicited responses from 234 people. Of that total, 153 said they were willing to pay an annual fee of \$56 to bring an ambulance substation to Shell Knob, 49 said they wanted the service but were unwilling to pay the annual fee, and 32 felt the ambulance was unnecessary. A new substation in Shell Knob has also gained the support of the administration at South Barry County Hospital in Cassville, who has verbally agreed to help finance the project. A contract between South Barry County Hospital and Cox Health Systems is forthcoming, which will commit the hospital to share the net operating losses with Cox during the first year. The hospital has

placed a cap of \$20,000 on their contribution. Debbie Stubbs, chief executive officer of South Barry County Hospital, said the hospital's decision to help finance the new substation was prompted by their belief that patients should have a choice of physicians and hospitals and the entire district should be served by one ambulance service. Stubbs stressed that patients will have their choice of hospitals when using the ambulance service. The ambulance and crew will be housed at the First Responders facility in Shell Knob. Pat Mrstik, a first responder and ambulance board member, said that a 20 foot by 37 foot addition to the existing building will need to be constructed. The addition will include two bedrooms, a lounge area and an office site. When the present facility was constructed in 1994, future expansion was planned. Mrstik said some utilities will need to be installed or modified. While the First Responders have enough cash to begin the project, they will need more money to see the project to completion. A fundraiser is in the planning stages. Donations of time, materials and money will also be accepted.

— WORKSTATION CLIENTS FACE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE

The options for developmentally disabled clients served at The Workstation in Cassville have narrowed to two choices: get certified to work at the Monett Area Extended Employment Workshop or stay in Cassville and participate in a supervised day program. These options were spelled out to Workstation parents, clients and employees during a meeting last week with representatives from the Joplin Regional Center and board members from the sheltered workshop in Monett. Barry-Lawrence Association of Retarded Citizens (BLARC) has operated The Workstation since around 1992. The organization's battle against debt has left the future of The Workstation unclear. John Foley, BLARC management team leader, said the facility received only minimal outside funding. The cost to keep The Workstation operating was covered by borrowed money, a practice that contributed to BLARC's debt load. Foley said The Workstation was never certified as a sheltered workshop and therefore did not receive any money from the Department of Education. Currently, the Workstation is receiving support from the Joplin Regional Center. Funding is scheduled to run out on Aug. 30. Concerned parents asked Foley to set up a meeting with the Monett Sheltered Workshop to determine whether it was possible to turn The Workstation into a satellite workshop for the Monett facility.

Board members told parents last week that creating a satellite workshop was not feasible. "We have scratched our heads and crunched numbers," said Mike Hemphill, board president. "We don't see any way we can support a workshop in Cassville." He said workmen's compensation, liability insurance, transportation and utility costs were "killing" them in Monett. Hemphill said the workshop could offer to employ as many Workstation clients in Monett as could be certified. The certification process would be handled through the Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Gene Burleson, director of the Monett workshop, said his facility has plenty of work. He said jobs range from rolling calendars, to stacking wood, to bailing cardboard. By contrast, The Workstation has two small contracts with local industries and handles recycling for the city of Cassville. Job coaching at the workshop would be less visible than it is at The Workstation. "They're an industry not a social service agency," said Foley. The state requires a one-to-15 ratio of supervisors to employees. Burleson said some of his employees are working one-to-three. Employees are paid a minimum of 75 cents an hour for hand labor. Wages can go up to \$4 an hour for those workers who are highly productive, Burleson said. The workshop receives \$9 a day per client from the state. Currently, the workshop employs 55. Workers' ages range from 18 to 75. Foley suggested that parents tour the workshop in Monett and then decide what would be best for their children. BLARC would then begin the task of rating clients based on their ability to work. The BLARC board is asking parents and guardians to decide by June 1 whether their child will go to the Monett Workshop or stay in the day program at Cassville. To work in the workshop, individuals must be certified as unemployable in the open labor market. This qualifies developmentally disabled citizens to work in a sheltered workshop for less than minimum wage. Foley said day program clients would be those who cannot be competitively employed at the workshop. To participate in the day program, individuals will need to be clients of Joplin Regional Center or pay their way. The Barry County Tax Board recently approved a \$15,000 grant to BLARC to cover unfunded Workstation clients.

Easter: Adequate water needed

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work! Neem oil is derived from the seeds and fruits of the Neem tree which originated in India and has spread throughout southeast Asia. It can be applied as a fungal preventive spray on garden plants and as an insecticide. Neem oil also has anti-bacterial properties. It is best to spray it in early morning or the evening when flowers are not open. It is used medicinally and can be found in shampoos, skin care products and toothpaste. Numerous recipes can be found on the internet for home brew recipes to control insects. One recipe combines 2-1/2 tablespoons of mild dish washing detergent plus the same amount of a vegetable cooking oil with one gallon of water. Sounds like insecticidal soap meets horticultural oil to me. I'm game to try

something that sounds less toxic than some of the traditional full assault, kill-em-all cocktails on the market. All the great soil and carefully selected disease and insect controls only work if the plants get an adequate amount of water. Too little can cause an inability to thrive, resulting in slow growth or the loss of developing fruits. Too much water, particularly in clay soils, can cause fungal problems in the root system which leads to damping off and root death. Drip irrigation lines and drip hose paired with battery powered irrigation timers can automate the watering and reduce water use. It also prevents water going to areas where nothing is planted. Spraying water over the tops of garden plants can lead to more fungal diseases such as powdery mildew

on squash, melon and cucumber plants. We have almost all our raised beds on drip irrigation at the University Extension Community Gardens behind Crowder College in Cassville. We are so thankful to Lincoln University and Missouri University Extension for donating grant money to fund our drip irrigation and other projects. A few of our beds are rented by individuals for their own gardening, but most are used to grow food that we donate to our local food pantry and the Senior Center. Stop by and check us out! Skip Easter is a forester with 44 years experience, certified arborist, member of the Barry County Master Gardeners and may be reached at treegal@sbcglobal.net.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

Meet sweet young Muggsy. Muggsy is a mixed breed with an estimated date of birth 11/18/25. She is just beginning her journey of discovering what life as a loved puppy should be after being chained up the first part of her life. She is incredibly sweet, social, and loves being around people. She's very attentive, loyal, and clearly wants to please, which will make her a wonderful candidate for training and a deeply devoted companion. Adopters can complete an application at www.havenoftheozarks.org/adopt. No appointment is needed. The Haven is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. All Haven of the Ozarks pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. For more information, people may email havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or call at 417-835-3647. Contributed photo





JEANNIE ANDERSON

Jeannie Anderson, 90, of Branson, Mo., passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Forsyth Nursing and Rehabilitation in Forsyth.

She was born in St. Louis, Mo. on August 12, 1935, the daughter of Otto and Ruth (Denno) Whitsett, who preceded her in death.

Also preceded her in death was her husband, Lawrence Wayne Anderson; a child, James Randall Hamilton; brother, James Whitsett; and sister, Judith Means.

Survivors include her children along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She had lived in Branson for the past 12 years, coming from Colo., and previously Calif. She was a homemaker and a devoted mother to 4 natural and 34 adopted children over the course of her amazing life.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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CHRISTOPHER STEVEN "CHRIS" BARTO

Christopher Steven "Chris" Barto, 76, of Shell Knob, Mo. passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield, Mo.

He was born January 21, 1950 in Wood, Pa., the son of Roy W. and Emma Mary (Shultz) Barto.

Preceding him in death were his parents and 13 siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Kristine; one brother, Richard Barto and his wife Letty of West Grove, Pa., and two sisters, Judy Kutz and her husband Ronald of Carlisle, Pa., and Della Robinson of Chesapeake Bay, Va.

After high school, he continued his education at Shippensburg University where he received a bachelor's degree. During his career he managed a grocery store in Mifflintown, Pa., for 14 years. He was a member of United Methodist Church in Shell Knob.

Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements

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MARY LOU BOLTON

Mary Lou Bolton, age 83, of Cassville, Missouri passed away Sunday, May 3, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born December 17, 1942 in Seymour, Missouri, the daughter of Luther and Mary (Cantrell) Hargus. On July 1, 1959 in Washburn, Missouri she was united in marriage to Johnnie Douglas Bolton, who preceded her in death on March 22, 2025. Also preceding her in death were her parents; daughter, Connie Willis; brothers, Lawrence Hargus, Elston Hargus, Billy Hargus, and Clarence Hargus; sisters, Lorene Goss, Marie Henderson, Louis Hargus, Juanita Ensey, Jolene Stephens, and Dorothy Porter.

Surviving are her daughters, Carolyn Noland and husband Dennis of Cassville, and Theresa Huesties and husband Jess of Rocky Comfort; son, Jeff Bolton and wife Michelle of Cassville; 12 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sis-

ter, Geraldine Fields of Exeter and brother, James Hargus and wife Gladys of Exeter and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou grew up and attended school in Exeter. She was a homemaker who found joy in caring for her home and tending to her flowers. Mary Lou and Johnnie would have celebrated their 67th anniversary this year. Their love was a testament to family and friends, wherever one was seen, the other was never far behind, one always helping the other. If you knew Mary Lou you knew she loved God and her family, she was truly a friend to everyone she met. She attended Oak Ridge Baptist Church.

Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Billy Chesshir and Pastor Russell Bishop conducted the services. Burial will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville, Missouri.

Contributions may be made to Oak Ridge Cemetery in memory of Mary Lou.

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EMERY EWING ELLISON

Emery Ewing Ellison, 93, of Wheaton, Mo., passed away Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation in Cassville, Mo.

He was born April 26, 1933 in Henderson, Iowa, the son of Ernest Ewing and Waive Catherine (Farrington) Ellison, who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death was his wife, Betty Lou Ellis; seven brothers; two sisters and a grandson, Kyle Schell.

Survivors include his daughter, Sharon Ellison of Shell Knob, Mo.; son, James Leroy Ellison of Grove, Okla.; four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

He attended school in Rocky Comfort and graduated from Rocky Comfort High School. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Beginning in the 1950s, he built and remodeled homes. He later worked in the maintenance department at Walmart until the age of 80. He was a member of Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church and attended Corinth Baptist Church.

Graveside services with military honors were held Monday, May 11, 2026 at Rocky Comfort Cemetery in Rocky Comfort, Mo., under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Hap Anders conducted the service.

Contributions may be made to Rocky Comfort Cemetery in memory of

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GLADYS MAE SPIKER-KINSER

Gladys Mae Spiker-Kinser, 83, of Goodman, Mo., formerly of Fairview, Mo., passed from this life Thursday, April 30, 2026 at her home.

She was born February 24, 1943 in Pikeville, Ky., the daughter of Freddie and Mary Ann (Ramsey) Hopkins, who preceded her in death.

She was first united in marriage to Albert Mitchell, Sr., she then married Jerry Spiker, who passed away in 2009, she then was married to Warren Kinser until his death in 2015.

Also preceding her in death were her; brothers, Vernon Hopkins and Kenneth Hopkins; sister, Jean Hopkins and fur babies, Sassy and Baby Girl.

Survivors include her son, Albert Mitchell, Jr., of Neosho; daughters, Robin Byrer and Timothy Tyler of Goodman, Patricia Zilm and Donald of Elkhart, Ind., and Evelyn Mitchell of Elkhart, Ind.; adopted daughters, Brandy Fisher and Josh of Fairview and Michelle Vick and Bobby of Wheaton; brother, Buddy Hopkins and Violet of Morgantown, N. C.; sister, Peggy Birkner and Skip of Bella Vista, Ark.; 21 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and Peanut, her fur baby that she loved dearly.

She was of the Baptist faith.

The family would like to thank Carey, Tara, and the entire staff of Compassus Hospice for the amazing care given to Gladys.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Mount Olive Cemetery in Stark City, Mo. Pastor Tony Intessimone will conduct the service. Cremation arrangements are under direction of McQueen Funeral Home

in Wheaton.

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VIOLA MAY "VI" LEVERICH

Viola May "Vi" Leverich, 87, of Wheaton, Mo. passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Lacoba Homes in Monett, Mo.

She was born March 22, 1939 in Humbolt, Neb., the daughter of Virgil and Lucille (Smith) Reeves, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Thomas "Tom" Leverich; grandson, Chris; brother, John and sister, Janet.

Survivors include her sons, Denis Leverich and wife Adele of Shelton, Wash., Chuck Leverich and wife Pickles of East Newton, Mo., Kelly Leverich and wife Diane of Buhl, Idaho, and Tom Leverich and wife Stephani of Purdy, Mo.; daughter, Tammy Doss and husband Bruce of Monett, Mo.; brothers, Mack Reeves of Kimberly, Idaho, Virgil Reeves and wife Dena of Yelm, Wash., and Bill Reeves and wife LuAnn of Manchester, Tenn.; 16 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She attended school in Castleford, Idaho. She worked for 12 years as a meat wrapper at the IGA in Rogers, Ark., before moving to Pioneer, Mo. Together with her husband, Tom, they owned and operated a dairy farm before purchasing G & S Easy Stop in Cassville. Later, they owned and operated a poultry breeder and grower operation until their retirement.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Rambo Cemetery in Rogers, Arkansas, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Brother Tony Ball will conduct the services.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Haven of the Ozarks in memory of Vi.

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61 cross graduation stage at Southwest

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BARRETT ADAM "BARRY" MCGARIGLE

Barrett Adam "Barry" McGarigle, age 62, of Purdy, Mo. passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at his home.

He was born on December 16, 1963 in Wichita, Kan., to Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGarigle, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Royce Pauline McGarigle; his son, Brentt McGarigle of Okla.; and other family members and friends who will deeply miss him.

He grew up in Wichita, where he attended school graduating from Wichita Heights High School. Following graduation, he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, spending two years stationed in San Diego, Calif.

After completing his military service, He returned to Wichita and began working in the shipping department for Hiland Dairy. He later moved to Cassville, Mo., to assist his mother. He later worked as a shipping supervisor for George's, retiring in 2012.

Memorial services to honor Barry will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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Loftus:

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86, reached his hand out the driver's side window and allegedly fired two shots from a handgun.

Pechstein's statement said the act caused emotional distress to the victim, as Loftus had allegedly driven the same vehicle onto his property and attempted to cause disturbances, and he'd allegedly previously followed the victim in his vehicle in the Eagle Rock area for an extended period of time.

A witness said he'd spoken to Loftus after the incident took place, and Loftus allegedly said, "I went by [name redacted], and I was popping caps off."

The witness also reported Loftus said, "It's in storage now," and that, "They might find a shell casing in the road."

Loftus was later arrested with the keys to the same vehicle, which had a license plate matching the one provided by the victim. Pechstein said Loftus allegedly admitted to operating the vehicle on public roadways.

Loftus has no felony convictions but does have multiple failure to appear charges, Pechstein said, all for driving while revoked.

Loftus is being held in the Barry County jail on a cash only bond of \$100,000. A bond hearing is set for Thursday at 9 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge Robert Foulke.



Valedictorian Jaretsi Quintanilla gives her speech at the Southwest High School graduation ceremony on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



A total of 61 Southwest High School tossed their caps amid a sea of confetti to end the commencement ceremony at the school on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Southwest senior Emma Outhouse twirls her flag for the final time at graduation on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



BreeAhna Paulsen, right, hugs her grandmother, Mona Paulsen, during the flower presentation portion of the Southwest High School graduation ceremony on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Salutatorian Kindred Durossette delivers her speech at the Southwest High School graduation ceremony on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Southwest band seniors, from left, Olivia Clanton, Abigail Callison and Victor Tellez, play Adele's "Hello" at the school's commencement on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

Sugary treats delight at Harvick Farms Spring Fest



From left, Rya McIntyre, 10, Reef McIntyre, 10, and Noah Stumpff, 9, all of Cassville, peruse the kettle corn stand at 2026 Spring Fest at Harvick Farms on Saturday. The event featured multiple vendors, bounce houses, paint classes, a petting pony and more. Approximately 300 people attended the annual event. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

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Fundraising record set at Power of Pink Banquet



Andrea Sitzes, one of the nine Pink Ladies supported by the Power of Pink organization through fundraiser proceeds, speaks about the challenges of being called a survivor and the lasting impact cancer has had on her and her sons' lives. She shared her story during the banquet fundraiser Saturday evening. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



Power of Pink attendees line up for a meal ahead of recognition of this year's nine Pink Ladies and a live auction to raise funds for the organization. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



Auctioneers lead bidding during the Power of Pink Banquet fundraiser Saturday evening. Attendees bid on a variety of items as proceeds supported the event's cause. The final figure was yet to be tallied, but organizers said this year's banquet set a record for fundraising. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



Janice McCracken, founder of Power of Pink, recognizes the nine women honored during the event after presenting each with individually personalized gift baskets. She also thanked donors, volunteers and attendees for supporting the organization and its mission. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



Power of Pink volunteers smile for a photo while serving food to guests attending the annual fundraiser event. Community members gathered to support local women affected by breast cancer. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat

Heroes: Project deeply personal for organizer with American Legion

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thought how wonderful it was. Every time I visit, I am just mesmerized, and I cannot even drive, because I am too busy looking at the banners, I want to see who they are."

Seeing the military tributes displayed publicly throughout those communities inspired him to bring a similar project home to Cassville.

The thought came to him, "How nice would it be if we could do that here and honor our heroes that took the oath and served?"

Easley said the response from the community has already been encouraging, and he believes the banners will become a meaningful tribute for local families with military ties.

Families, friends, businesses and organizations can sponsor a banner in honor of a veteran. Easley said individuals may also nominate themselves or a friend for recognition.

"Anybody can sign up for their own, or if they want to nominate a friend," Easley said. "For me, it's pretty open. We're

easy to work with on this."

According to the application materials, eligible candidates include veterans from any branch of the United States Armed Forces, including active duty service members, retired veterans and those honorably discharged. The program also includes veterans who were prisoners of war, missing in action or killed in action.

Sponsors are required to provide official military documentation, such as a DD-214 discharge form, along with a photograph of the veteran in uniform. Easley asks for photos to be at least 5-by-7 inches in size and clear enough to reproduce on the banners.

Each banner will measure 18 by 36 inches and will feature the veteran's name, military branch and photograph. The cost to sponsor a banner is \$125, while the City of Cassville is covering the cost of installation hardware and pole brackets.

The banners are expected to remain displayed year-round, except

during the holiday season when city crews install Christmas decorations and other displays on the light poles. Once the holiday decorations are removed, the military banners will return to the poles.

Although organizers hope banners can return to their original locations after seasonal removal, Easley acknowledged that exact placement may vary depending on city logistics.

The banners are manufactured with outdoor materials intended to withstand changing weather conditions throughout the year. Easley said the company producing the banners provides a three-year warranty, though he hopes the displays will last considerably longer.

Easley chose Downtown Decorations, a Syracuse, New York-based company, to manufacture the banners after reviewing several options.

"We initially reached out to about three different banner makers, but

this was the company that we ended up selecting based on the quality," Easley said. "Their customer support has been wonderful through this."

For Easley, the project is also deeply personal.

He plans to sponsor a banner honoring his grandfather, Jean Brock, a World War II veteran who served in the Philippine Islands and later entered Japan following the war's occupation period. Easley said seeing his grandfather publicly recognized in the community where his family has long roots will be emotional.

Easley's grandfather served Barry County Electric his whole life.

Easley explained that his grandparents were longtime residents of Cassville and well known throughout the community. His grandmother was Dora Brock.

"Most people know my grandmother because she taught piano to almost everybody in town," he said.

Remembering his grandfather's military

service and community involvement is one of the main reasons Easley became passionate about launching the banner initiative.

"I just can't wait to see my grandfather's banner up — it will be a proud moment," he said. "I wish my mother were still alive. I know she would love it."

"Barry County and Cassville is a very patriotic location. So many people that were born and raised here, or that have moved here, have served our nation."

"Many more that are living here have children or grandchildren that are currently serving, so it's an opportunity for us to recognize all those," he said.

Applications that are submitted by May 19th expected to allow enough time for banners to be produced and installed before the Fourth of July holiday.

Easley emphasized that the May 19 deadline is not the end of the project and that applications will continue to be accept-

ed throughout the year. He expects public interest to grow once the banners are displayed around town.

"Our hope is people will see them and go, 'That is so cool. We need to get Papa up there,'" Easley said. "So it's not the deadline, it's not the end. This is only the beginning, hopefully."

Applications request information including the veteran's rank, name, branch of service, years served, military conflicts participated in and any medals or honors received. Sponsors must also provide contact information for the veteran or the veteran's family representative.

Photo, Form, and Check of \$125 dollars must be submitted to: Veterans Banner Committee, C/O John C Easley, 18767 State Hwy E, Eagle Rock, MO 65641.

A photo and form can also be emailed to john.easley@outlook.com, and people seeking more information may each Easley at 479-228-0513.

Run, walk, bid for a cause



Jackie Bunch, left, and Mandy Evans pull out goody bags for Power of Pink 5K race and walk participants at Wheaton City Park on Saturday morning. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Janice McCracken, right, organizer of Power of Pink, is interviewed by KODE/KSN TV news at the 16th Annual Power of Pink run, walk and auction on Saturday in Wheaton. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Lincoln Allen, 10, of Wheaton, celebrated his birthday by running the one-mile path at the Power of Pink run, walk and auction on Saturday. Allen was the first to finish the one-mile. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Sarah Groom, left, and Helen Wink, both of Pierce City, examine baskets as they put their tickets in for the raffle at the Power of Pink run, walk and auction on Saturday in Wheaton. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Nine Pink Ladies were recognized this year as recipients of funds from the annual Power of Pink banquet and run, walk and auction. The organization, in its 16th year, has now donated more than \$500,000 to women battling breast cancer. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Runners in the Power of Pink timed 5K race take off along Main Street in Wheaton. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Payton Wallace, 10, of Washburn, carefully selects the perfect donut to fuel her for the Power of Pink run, walk and auction on Saturday at the Wheaton City Park. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cristian Sellars, of Cassville, crosses the finish line as the winner of the timed 5K race at the Power of Pink run, walk and auction on Saturday in Wheaton. Sellars had an unofficial time of 17:58. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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44 tassels turned in Purdy



A total of 44 Purdy graduates celebrate their accomplishment with confetti, silly string and the traditional hat toss at Purdy's graduation on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Easten Goetz accepts his diploma from Ken Terry, Purdy school Board president, at Purdy's graduation on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Gracelyne Logan delivers the first of three commencement addresses at Purdy's graduation on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Courtney Patterson gives the final commencement speech at Purdy's graduation on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Pablo Alvarez-Hernandez gave a bilingual, and at times emotional, commencement speech at Purdy's graduation on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Sua Na Lee, Lucy Lee and Marelly Salas delivered the greeting at Purdy's graduation on Saturday, where 44 seniors turned their tassels. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



The Senior Ensemble performs "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" at Purdy's graduation on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Lauren Brooks and Simon Walker delivered a lighthearted closing address at Purdy's graduation on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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WILDCATS GOLF

What: Had one golfer qualify for state
How: Placed 5th at Class , District 3 Tournament in Cassville
More: Artherton to compete at state on May 18-19

Artherton heads to state golf

Junior takes 5th place at Class 3, District 3 tourney

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

Hosting the Class 3, District 3 Tournament on its home course on Thursday gave Cassville's boys golf team a familiar setting, but Coach Clayton Bagby said the Wildcats could never fully settle into a rhythm.

As a team, the Wildcats finished fourth with a score of 343. Springfield Catholic won the event with a 326, followed by Monett in second with a 327 and Nevada in third with a 340.

Individually, Kaleb Artherton was Cassville's top finisher and sole state qualifier, shooting a 79 to finish in fifth place. Tyson Bohmke and Dennis Craig just missed the cut, tying for 22nd with scores of 87, 1 stroke away from qualification. Cheney Kelley and Aiden McBroom also matched scores, shooting 90s and tying for 33rd. The winner, Springfield Catholic's Harper Elliott, shot a 72.

"We wanted to host [districts] to get the boys on their home course and hopefully give them an advantage," Bagby said. "We had a few struggles early, then had some stretches of playing pretty good, but we just got a few too many high numbers on the cards."

Bagby said the inconsistency reflected the challenges that come with the sport, where momentum can change quickly from one round to the next.

"Golf's a really hard game," Bagby said. "It can be going really well one day and then the next day it's hard to find it."

Despite the team's ups and downs, Artherton delivered a strong round, and Bagby said his progression this season has been impressive.

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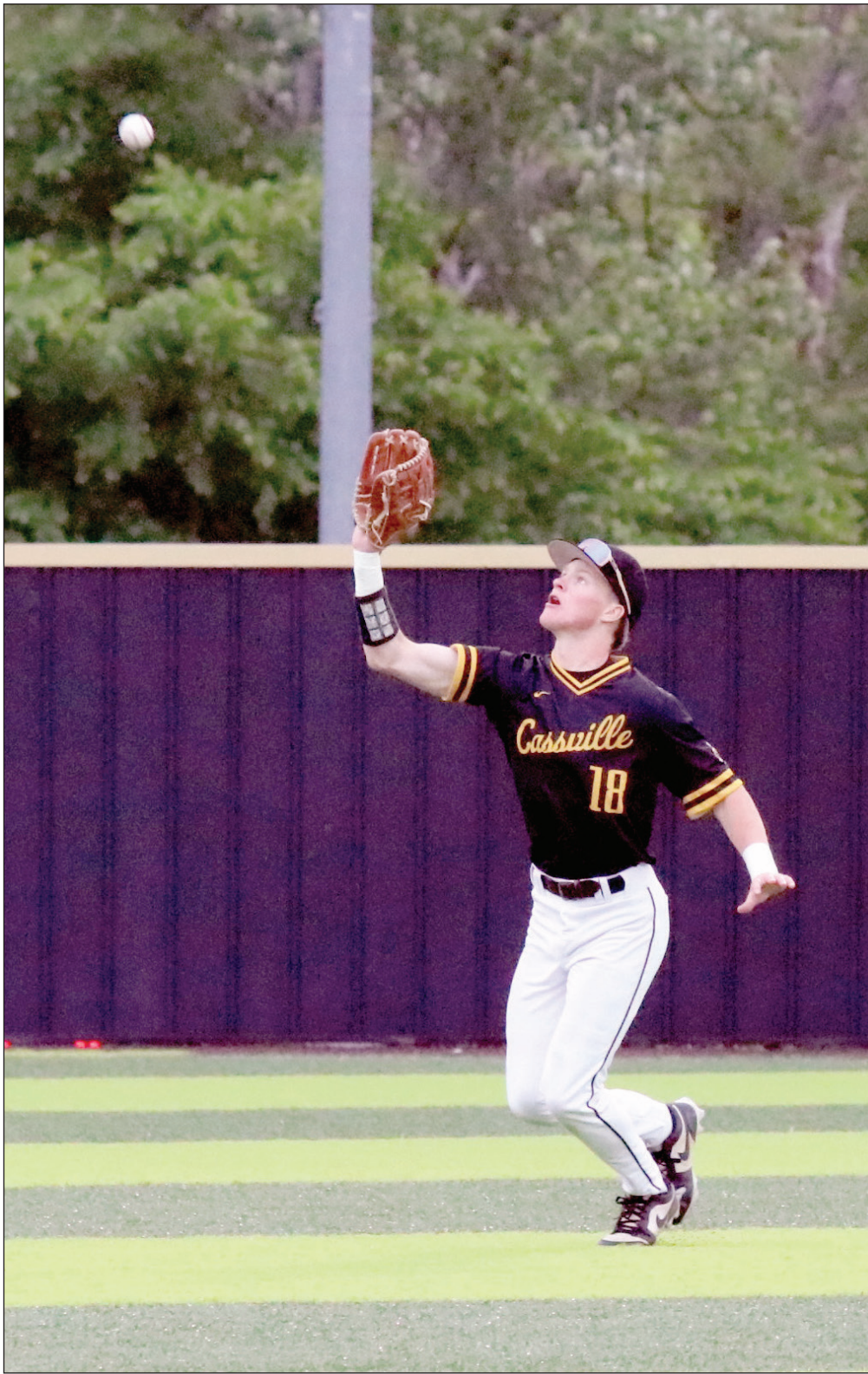
2 Wildcats advance to sectional meet

Two Cassville boys track and field athletes have advanced to the Class 3, Sectional 3 Meet in Buffalo on Saturday. Corbin Rhoads and Logan Parsons will both represent the Wildcats in the pole vault after placing 3rd and 4th in the Class 3, District 6 competition in Lamar. Full results from districts include:

- 3rd Place**
Corbin Rhoads, Pole Vault, 3.75m (Sectional Qualifier)
- 4th Place**
Logan Parsons, Pole Vault, 3.35m (Sectional Qualifier)
- 5th Place**
Tyler Rattigan, 110 Hurdles, 17.07
- Jacob Hudson, 1600m, 5:03.68
- Mace Bredeson, 200m, 23.60
- Preston Driskill, 3200m, 11:01.53
- 6th Place**
Preston Driskill, 1600m, 5:06.42
- 7th Place**
Mace Bredeson, 100m, 11.73
- Colton Beebe, 300 Hurdles, 45.85
- Cash Smith, Colton Beebe, Corbin Rhoads, Mace Bredeson, 4x100 Relay, 46.42
- 8th Place**
Dade Zajac, 800m, 2:10.77
- Zach Myers, High Jump, 1.63m
- Cash Smith, Mace Bredeson, Colton Beebe, Dade Zajac, 4x400 Relay, 3:44.25

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DISTRICT OPPONENTS DETERMINED



Cassville's Spencer Drollinger brings in a fly ball during a contest at home against Seneca last week. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Cassville takes No. 5 seed; Purdy earns No. 1 seed

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

District baseball tournaments will be underway this week, with three of the five local teams' brackets all set.

In Class 4, District 10, Cassville (7-19), took the No. 5 seed and will face No. 4 East Newton at noon on Saturday in Aurora. The winner will face No. 1 Seneca at 4 p.m. on Monday. At the bottom of the bracket, No 2 Aurora and No. 3 Monett play on Monday at 6 p.m. The championship is on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The Wildcats fell to East Newton, 7-4, on April 21, and earlier in the season at the Cassville Classic, 5-4. The Wildcats also took losses to Aurora, 13-2, and Seneca, 16-6, this season, but they do hold a win over Monett, 4-2.

In Class 2, District 11, Purdy (23-1-1) received the

No. 1 seed and a bye into the semifinals. On Friday at 4:30 p.m., the Eagles will face the winner of No. 4 New Heights Christian and No. 5 Marionville. On the other side of the bracket, No. 2 Miller — Class 2 defending state champion — also received a bye and awaits the winner of No. 3 Jasper and No. 6 Greenfield. The championship is set for Monday at 5 p.m., with all games being played in Marionville.

The Eagles have a spotless record against district opponents so far this season, defeating New Heights, 8-3; Marionville, 14-2; Jasper, 7-1; and Greenfield, 13-3. Purdy won the Miller Invitational last week, defeating Miller, 3-0, in the championship game. The result of a Monday matchup at home against Miller was unavailable at presstime.

In Class 3, District 11, Southwest (5-15) took the No. 5 seed and faces No.

4 Pierce City at 4:30 p.m. Friday. The winner will take on No. 1 Diamond at 2 p.m. Saturday. On the other side, No. 2 Lamar will battle No. 3 Sarcoxie. The championship is set for 5 p.m. on Monday, and Southwest is hosting the tournament in Washburn.

The Trojans fell to Pierce City 17-0 on May 2, and on Friday in the Miller Invitational, the Trojans fell to the Eagles, 10-2. Lamar defeated Southwest 16-0 this season, and Sarcoxie also topped the Trojans, 7-1.

In Class 1, District 10, Wheaton (11-11), earned the No. 3 seed and will face No. 6 Verona at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday. The winner will battle No. 2 Galena at 6:30 p.m. on Monday. Exeter (8-15) took the No. 4 seed and will face No. 5 Hurley at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, with the winner taking on No. 1 Billings at 4:30 p.m. Monday. The championship is set for 5

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COLLEGE SIGNING

Who: Cassville senior Joeli Blankenship
What: Will play softball at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
More: Decision made because school felt like home after visit

Blankenship signs to NEO for softball

People, atmosphere made NEO feel like place to be

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

A member of the Cassville softball team that helped the squad make history multiple times in her career is extending that career beyond high school.

Joeli Blankenship has signed to play softball at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Okla., next year, citing the comfort of the school during a visit as a major factor in her decision.

"As soon as I stepped on campus, NEO felt like home," she said. "The people and the atmosphere made me feel as if it were the place for me to be. I knew that NEO was going to be the perfect fit because I was looking for a school that would help me continue to get an education in agriculture while also being able to continue my softball career."

Blankenship was part of Cassville squads that won the program's first ever district championship and first-ever Big 8 Conference co-championship. She also played on last year's team that reached the Final Four, finishing in fourth place.

"My greatest accomplishment while playing high school softball has been going to the district championship all four years, being co-conference champs this year, along with going to state my senior year and being semi-finalists," she said.

Though the accomplishments on the dirt were aplenty, Blankenship said what she will remember most is the camaraderie with her teammates.

"My greatest memory of playing softball at Cassville has definitely been going to the state on the charter bus and listening to music with all the girls," she said.

Blankenship said the people who had the biggest impact on her career at Cassville were her teammates, and she hopes to make an impact in return.

"My biggest piece of advice to those who want to play in college is to never give up and fight through adversity because there are going to be people who don't want you to succeed," she said. "Push

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4 Southwest athletes advance to track sectional

Pair of seniors, sophomore, freshman taking shot at state qualification

Four Southwest athletes will have the opportunity to qualify for the Class 1 State Track Meet, as they will be competing at the Class 2, Sectional 3 Meet in Buffalo on Saturday.

Southwest seniors Dylan Frost and Tobias Smith, sophomore Sidney Roe, and freshman Race Pippin were all Sectional qualifiers after performances last weekend at the Class 2 District 6 meet at Lamar.

Frost and Roe each qualified in two events. Frost won the high jump and earned bronze in the long jump, and Roe had an 8-second personal record in the mile, finishing in 5:36, and added an 11-second personal record in the 3200 at 12:44.

Pippin set a personal record in the high jump at 6 feet and placed 4th. He narrowly missed qualifying in the long jump finishing 5th. Smith had a 19-second personal record in the 3200 and earned silver.

"It's an exciting time of year in track," said Steve Voyak, Southwest coach. "All four seem to be peaking at the right time. Nothing will be easy at sectional. Everybody wants to qualify for state. Each will need their best performances to advance."

Frost, Smith, Roe and Pippin compete Saturday in Buffalo, with the top four in each event there advance to State the following weekend at Jefferson City.

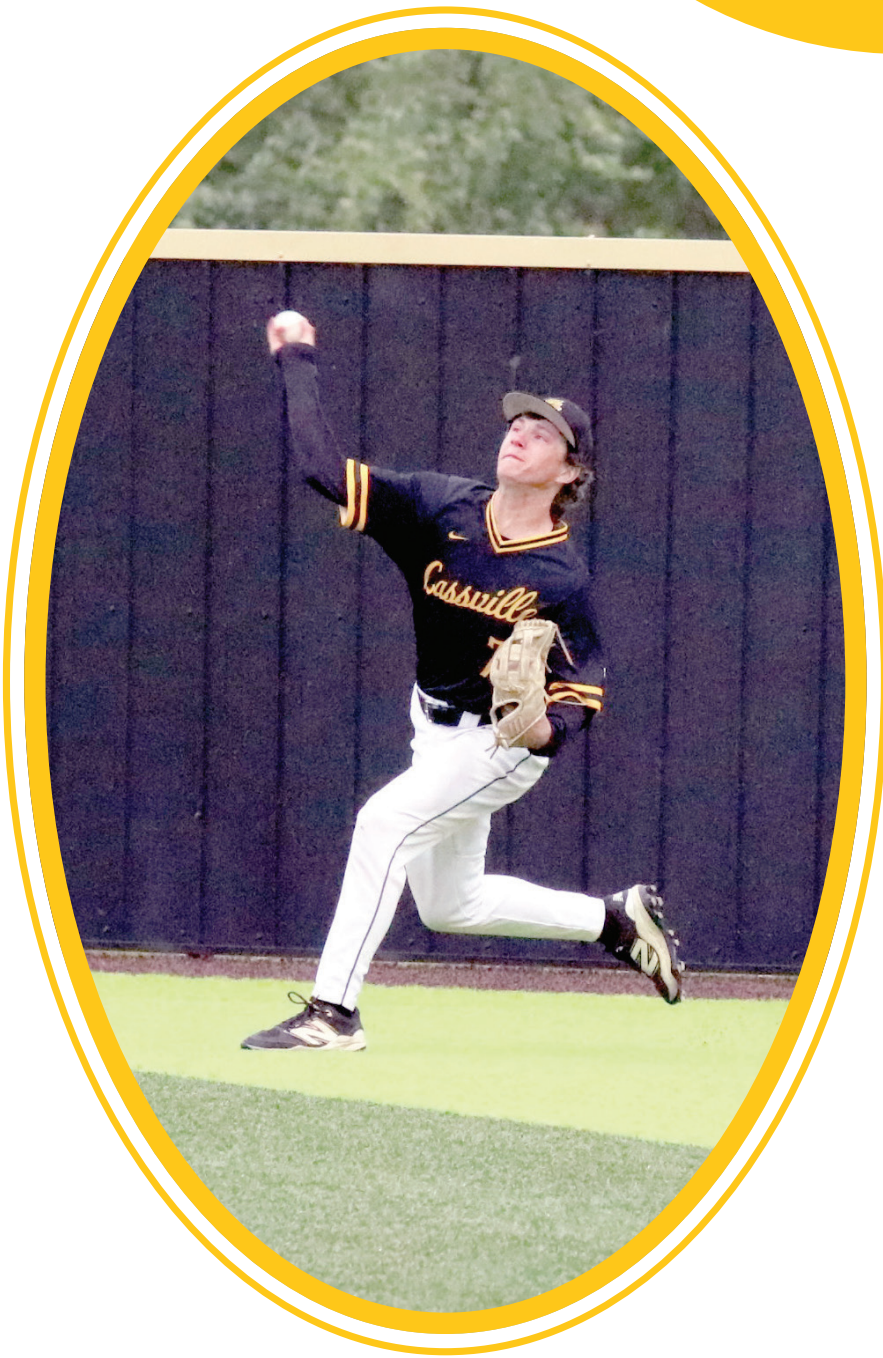
Other highlights from the sectional meet included:

- Junior Lane Hendrix broke his own school record in the javelin, placing 7th in the finals at 37.11 meters. He broke the mark earlier this season at Seneca at 36.69. "I am really

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Southwest sophomore Sidney Roe competes in a distance race at the Wildcat Relays in Cassville this season. Roe qualified to the sectional meet in the 1-mile and 2-mile events. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



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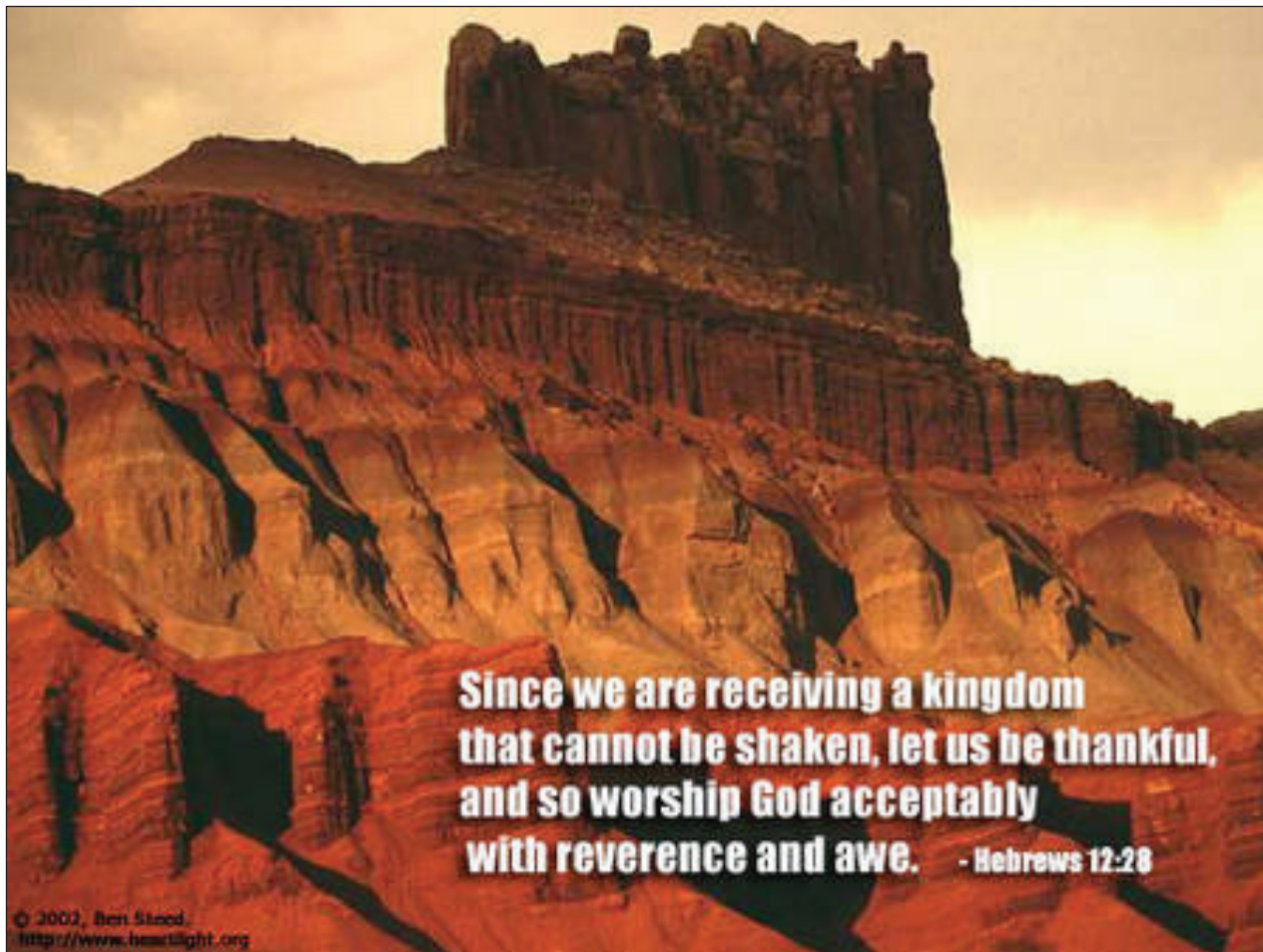
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

ROBERTO ORTEGA, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 MICHAEL CORUM and MICHELLE CORUM
 If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives, spouses and all Other persons, corporations or successors claiming by, through and under them.

Defendants.
 Case No: 26BR-CC00059

NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The State of Missouri to Defendant, Michael Corum and Michelle Corum
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property:

SAPP TO CASSVILLE: LOT 7
 The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and
 the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Blake B. Fields, 605 Main Street,
 Cassville, Missouri, 65625.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 29th day of April 2026, judgment by default will be rendered against you.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

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 Barry County Health Department seeks full-time, non-exempt Executive Assistant. Duties include payroll, accounts payable/receivable, recordkeeping, board meeting support, and office administration.
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 Apply by May 29. EOE.

ROBERTO ORTEGA, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 LORENE RUPP
 If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives, spouses and all Other persons, corporations or successors claiming by, through and under them.

Defendants.
 Case No: 26BR-CC00057
NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The State of Missouri to Defendant, LORENE RUPP
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property:

HAYS TO PURDY: WEST 210 FEET OF BLOCK 11 AND NORTH 35 FEET OF WEST 210 FEET OF BLOCK 10 OF SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP 24 RANGE 28

The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and
 the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Blake B. Fields, 605 Main Street,
 Cassville, Missouri, 65625.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

ROBERTO ORTEGA, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 BILL S. BOOTH and FRANCINE BOOTH
 If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives, spouses and all Other persons, corporations or successors claiming by, through and under them.

Defendants.
 Case No: 26BR-CC00058
NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The State of Missouri to Defendant, LORENE RUPP
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property:

PUBLICATION
 The State of Missouri to Defendant, BILL S. BOOTH AND FRANCINE BOOTH
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property:

PURDY O.L.: PART OF O.L. 43, PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (REQUESTED SPLIT FOR HOUSE TO MTG. CO.) OF SECTION TWO TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FOUR RANGE TWENTY-EIGHT

The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and
 the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Blake B. Fields, 605 Main Street,
 Cassville, Missouri, 65625.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

ROBERTO ORTEGA, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 RANDY GOODIN and SHIRLEY GOODIN
 If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives, spouses and all Other persons, corporations or successors claiming by, through and under them.

Defendants.
 Case No: 26BR-CC00060
NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The State of Missouri to Defendant, Randy Goodin and Shirley Goodin
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property:

Hays to Purdy: Lots 1,2 & 3, Block 1
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 the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Blake B. Fields, 605 Main Street,
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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

Saturday, May 16, 2026 — 10 AM
Location: Cassville, MO. From Cassville go East on Hwy 248 for 5.7 miles. Turn Right on Fr 2147. Go 2/10 mile and turn right on Newman Rd to auction. (16159 FR 2147, Cassville MO.)

REAL ESTATE, NICE BRICK HOME, NICE SHOP & MORE – TRACTOR – IMPLEMENTS – TOOLS – ZERO TURN RIDING MOWER – TRAILER – OLD HORSE DRAWN EQUIP – ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES – FURNITURE & APPLIANCES – LOTS OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS FOR DERBY & CLASSIC CARS, ETC – GUNS – 1969 FIREBIRD (NEEDS RESTORED)



Trailer: 2014 Homemade, triple axle, all steel trailer with ramps, 28' + 5' dove tail – Pickup bed trailer.
Tractor: International 684 Diesel tractor, with 2250 front loader, 7' bucket, 4784 hrs. (nice tractor).
Implements: 6', 3 pt box blade with rippers – 6' & 3' forks – 3 pt 6' blade. **Tools:** Lincoln AC/DC arc welder – welding helmets – air hose & reel – 4 ton Porta Power -chain saw sharpener – torch gages – (2) Campbell Hausfeld 5 hp, 20 gal air compressor – pancake air compressor - Alum 8' step ladder – mech creeper – organizers – old automobile bumper jacks – scissor jacks -log wrenches –(2) Mikita grinders(2) B & D Jig saws – electric sanders – grease guns – alum single ramp – push yard seeder – sledge hammer – axes – splitting mauls –hand saws – levels - Craftsman 2550 psi pressure washer w/ new hose – car ramps – bottle jacks – jack stands – receiver hitches – chains & booms – 1 ½ ton chain hoist – misc. long handle tools – ext. cords – Coleman Power mate 4000 watt generator – nuts, bolts, screws, nails, etc. – misc. sm elect tools, drills, air tools grinders - Murray 800 series snow blower (like new) – Craftsman push mower – weed eaters – gas cans –20 lb propane bottles - sm air compressor – 20 lb. propane bottles – saw horses – chicken house fan – chain hoist – wood tool cabinet – B & D chop saw w/stand – welding rod, several boxes – engine & transmission stands. **Mowers:** Bad Boy ZT Pro Series, 60" 27 hp Kohler, zero turn mower w/manuals, blades & extra belts – Craftsman 50" 22.5 hp Kohler Command, hydrostat, riding mower. **Firebird:** 1969 Firebird, original ram air 400, (2) 400 engines, heads, crank, new floor pans, quarter panels, rear end, hood, doors, fenders, in primer, auto transmission, comes on rotating rotisserie (Restoring needs completed). **Automotive Parts, Demolition Derby Car Parts:** Coil springs – leaf springs – 70's & 80's bumpers – 60+ Ford & GM 14" & 15" steel wheels – 15" skid steer, forklift, mud & steer tires, 7.00-15 tires - "doubled" derby tires mounted on 15" GM wheels, hoods, gas tanks – steering columns – battery boxes – steering gear boxes – 70's GM Arms – air cleaners – GM & Ford 5 lug rear ends – upper & lower trailing arms – spark plug wires – fan's – starters – alternators – power steering pumps – transmission coolers – tach gauges – temp & oil gauges – 1 ton Silverado emblems – 94-01 Dodge Ram passenger door – Pontiac 6H & 51 jeads – drive shafts – distributors – Holley carburetors – flywheels – 1969 Camero/Firebird rearends – misc 1969 Camero parts. **Automobile Lift:** Eagle 9000 lb. 2 post lift. **Dirt Bike:** 2004 Suzuki DRZ dirt bike. **Old Horse Drawn Equipment:** (3) sickle mowers – (2) walk behind plows – (2) one bottom plows – (2) planters (incomplete) (2) planters (complete) – hay rake – planter manure spreader, (needs assembly) – front half steel wheel wagon – drag behind cultivator – (2) barn loft hay dollies – (2) barn loft hay grabbers – a few steel wheels & odd and end parts. **Guns:** Mossburg & Sons 16 ga, mdl 190 bolt action with adjustable choke – Mossburg & Sons 20 ga mdl 185D-B bolt action w/adjustable choke – Remington mdl 700, 50 cal black powder w/3x12 Bushnell scope – misc black powder ammo – 1967 & 68, 7.62x51 ammo – double glass door gun cabinet. **Antiques & Collectibles:** Knife collection, Wild life set, Frost Cutlery, Case, Maxam, etc – Missouri Tigers Pennants –Mexican pottery - old metal lawn chair – galvanized tub – (4) milk cans – old trunk – (3) galvanized trash cans – 70's wheel horse metal yard wagon – (2) old barn doors – old iron headboard – old tractor gear – approx. 250 license plates – old Halsey Taylor water fountain – vintage golf clubs & cart – misc deer antlers – Coors light clock – Miller Genuine Draft lighted clock – Diecast 1968 Ford Galaxie 500 mdl car – Diecast 1948 F1 pickup mdl truck – Diecast 1912 Ford Texaco mdl truck – Diecast Ford F 100 mdl truck – ant tackle box – Heineken Beer lighted sign – Coors glasses – Chip & Salsa set – old wash pan – old galvanized wash tubs – old galvanized bath tub – Buckeye cast iron tractor seat – Vulcan plow Co cast iron seat - Hoosier cast iron seat – cross cut saw – Anheuser Busch sign – Maxis Tire sign – Jack Daniels sign – Acme automotive sign – Interstate Batteries lighted sign – well pulley. **Furniture & Appliances:** Pine entertainment center (nice) – chest of drawers – coffee table – folding chairs – mini grandfather clock – Roper shop refrigerator – asst stereo speakers – Signature side by side refrigerator – 3 station crock pot – elec griddle – insulated cups – dehumidifier - Ethan Allen table. **Misc:** Mannequin – area rug – wall décor – "Game On" décor – aquariums – kids toys – board games - wood picnic table – park bench – side table – chimney – SS trash can – swing set/playhouse – turtle sand box – boat gas tanks – step stool – kitchen sinks – bathroom sinks – gas firepit – 8" triple wall & misc stove pipe – power antenna rotator – exterior lights – metal shelving – elec fence items – (15) T post – asst angle iron & 20' pipe – old motor grader blades – several concrete blocks – alum canoe – basketball goal – yard swing – stepping stones – snow ski's – Christmas lights – Pre lit 6' Christmas tree – BBQ – 5 gal of cedar wood stain – Thompson water seal – roll of flashing – Insta hot water heater – 1 ½" brass shut offs – Teeter Inversion table – 7' Skee ball game. **Real Estate:** Nice brick home, 4 could be 5 bedroom, 2 bath home. Enter this home into a nice foyer area with vaulted ceiling with see through to the kitchen. To the right is the dining room that circles around into the kitchen and to the left of the entry is a nice size living room with vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan & free standing wood burning stove that circles around to the kitchen & upstairs or into a nice laundry room with utility sink & outside entry door leading out to a covered patio area with fantastic views of the rolling hill sides. The kitchen features custom cabinets, smooth top range, built in dishwasher, built in microwave, lg county sink & more. Now down a short hall to 2 bedrooms and the master bedroom with his and hers mirrored closets, coffin ceiling, ceiling fan & windows and a master bath with shower. Just off the kitchen is a full bathroom and a door leading down to a partial unfinished basement/storm shelter that houses the hot water heater, pressure tank, etc. Upstairs you will find a bedroom w/walk in closet & window and another room that is currently used as a large walk in closet, could be a hobby room or a 5th bedroom with dormer & window. **Outside Amenities:** A very nice 40'x60' shop building with a walk door, 2 overhead doors, concrete floor with chain pots in the floor, elect, water & insulated. A nice 1930's barn with electric, chicken coop with water & electric, an oversized detached 3 car garage with bathroom and 2 other outbuildings for all kinds of storage. Lots of updates, great country views, well & septic all on 3 plus acres and only 5.7 miles to Cassville. **Note:** If you're looking for a nice home with some fantastic out-buildings, then you found it. This is a must see for the serious person looking for a very nice place close to town. 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Craig Williams
Barry County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

NUBIA ALEXANDRA ZEPEDA ORTIZ, :
Petitioner,

VS.
SALVADOR TAPIA LOPEZ,

Respondent.
Case No. 25BR-DR00156

The State of Missouri to: SALVADOR TAPIA LOPEZ

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is dissolution of marriage.

The names of all parties in this action are NUBIA ALEXANDRA ZEPEDA ORTIZ, and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is

J. Michael Riehn,
Attorney at Law,
P. O. Box 324, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after APRIL 29, 2026, judgment by default will be entered against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Cassville Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court his 21st day of APRIL, 2026.

Craig Williams
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The Jenkins Special Road District is requesting bids for three miles of single coat chip/seal. Please mail the bids to:

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with any questions.
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PROBATE

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

In the Estate of MICHAEL HUNTER BOLEN,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MICHAEL HUNTER BOLEN,
Decedent:
Case Number: 26BR-PR00044

On April 20, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MICHAEL HUNTER BOLEN, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address is:

JUDITH L BONNELL,
7681 FARM ROAD 1025
PURDY, MO 65734-8801.

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

CORDELIA F. HERRIN,
702 WEST STREET,
P.O. BOX 276,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
417-847-2734.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law.

Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods.

Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death:

February 23, 2026
Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,
Probate Clerk

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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

IN THE ESTATE OF MARVIN MCFALL,
Estate No.: 25BR-PR00024
Deceased.

NOTICE OF FILING OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE NAME ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Independent Representative will file a Statement of Account and Schedule of Proposed Distribution in the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, Probate Division, on April 27, 2026, or as continued by the Court; that if no objections are filed in the Court within twenty (20) days after the filing of the Statement of Account, the Independent Representative will distribute in accordance with the Schedule of Proposed Distribution in the Statement of Account.

You are further notified that:

1. If no proceeding is commenced in the Court within six (6) months after filing of the Statement of Account, the Independent Personal Representative thereby will be discharged from further claim or demand by an interested party.

Dates of Publication
Andrew McFall
Independent Personal Representative
OZARKS ELDER LAW

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

In the Estate of: MARY LEE SHORTELL,
Case No. 26BR-PR00051
Deceased

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY LEE SHORTELL,
Decedent:

On April 16, 2026, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of MARY LEE SHORTELL, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The name, business address, of the personal representative is:

BARBARA WHITE,
10010 FARM ROAD 1085
PURDY, MO 65734.

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

DONALD L. CUPPS,
ELLIS, CUPPS, HERRIN AND SCHWARTZ,
702 WEST STREET,
P. O. BOX 276,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
417-847-2734.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law.

Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the 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 decedent's death: MAR-27-2026

Date of first publication: APR-29-2026

J Craig Williams
by S. Parker
Clerk
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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of MARIJAYNE TAYLOR,
Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00057

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARIJAYNE TAYLOR,
Decedent:

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

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

The personal representative's name and business address is:

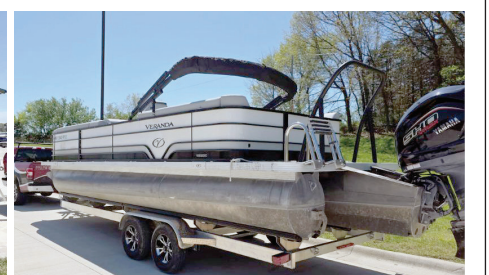
KEVIN TAYLOR,
2805 ALAN STREET,
FORT COLLINS, CO

BANK REPO AUCTION

Friday, May 22, 2026 — 10 AM

Location: Intersection of Highway 37 & 76, Cassville, MO

Pontoons & Tritoons & Other Items - Collector Cars - Toy Hauler Campers - Trailers & More



Go to stumpffauction.com for complete listing and more photos.
Seller: CS Bank & More



Auctioneer:
Donnie Stumpff
MO & AR State
Champion Auctioneer
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417-847-2507



Auctioneer:
Parker Stumpff
AR State Champion
Auctioneer
#2352

(2) BOAT SLIPS AUCTION

Saturday, May 23, 2026 — 12 PM

Location: Shell Knob, MO. (23580 Cherry Lane, Shell Knob MO)



Boat Slip #2: 10'x30'. The Determined Dock Association, Permit #8451 (Address 23580 Cherry Lane, Shell Knob MO). Very nice dock, only approximately 5 years old. Nice swim platform, nice locker, nice cove and only a couple minutes on a short golf cart ride to the Table Rock Air Strip. **Boat Slip #18:** 12'x30'. The Determined Dock Association, Permit #8451 (Address 23580 Cherry Lane, Shell Knob Mo) Super nice slip, dock is only approx. 5 years old, really nice cove, nice swim platform, Table Rock Air Strip just up the road. **Note:** Great opportunity here. We will be selling (2) very nice boat slip's in the same newer dock. Everyone is wanting larger slips and here's your chance. Note the time!!!! Saturday May 23rd at 12:00 noon on location. 23580 Cherry Lane, Shell Knob MO. Call 417-847-2507 with any questions. **Boat Slip Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with current photo ID. If paying by check, 2 checks will be required. Balance will be paid in full day of auction. Buyer will receive a bill of sale when funds have cleared. 10% buyer's premium will apply. Any announcements made day of auction will supersede any and all printed material.

Owner: Joy Phillips



Auctioneer:
Donnie Stumpff
MO & AR State
Champion Auctioneer
#1409 | PB00051442



www.stumpffauction.com

417-847-2507



Auctioneer:
Parker Stumpff
AR State Champion
Auctioneer
#2352

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

ANGELA C ARTHERTON,
10388 FARM ROAD 2172,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
(870) 688-0619

The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is:

ANGELA C ARTHERTON,
10388 FARM ROAD 2172,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
(870) 688-0619

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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: Dec 01, 2025

Date of first publication: April 29, 2026

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Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,
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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of MARY MCCracken,
Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-

PR00061

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL ESTATE)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY MCCracken,
Decedent.

On April 27, 2026 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY Missouri.

All creditors of Decedent, who died on 26-OCT-2025, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

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

In the Estate of:
CHARLES THOMAS TYLER,
Deceased
26BR-PR00062

NOTICE OF HEARING

To all persons who claim any interest in the property CHARLES THOMAS TYLER, 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 Charles W. Tyler, for the determination of the heirs of Charles Thomas Tyler, deceased, and of their respective interest as such heirs in and with respect to the following described real property located in Barry County, Missouri, that the decedent owned at the time of his death:

Lot Three in Block Two in Spriggs Twin Coves Number One a subdivision of land located in the West Half of Section Two, Township Twenty one, Range Twenty five, Barry County, Missouri.

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 June 26th, 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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Craig Williams
Circuit Clerk
By: S. Parker
Probate Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

At Cassville
In the Estate of:
Dorothy Joe Karrick,
Deceased
Estate No.
25BR-PR00153

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY JOE KARRICK,
deceased:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal/real estate of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property, on or about June 18, 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. CORDELIA F. HERRIN, Attorney DUSTIN EDWARDS Ellis, Cupps, Herrin & Schwartz Personal Representative P. O. Box 276 Cassville, MO 65625 (417)847-2734 Dates of Publication – 5/13/2026, 5/20/2026,

5/27/2026,
6/3/2026
THE ABOVE REFERENCED DATE IS NOT A COURT APPEARANCE DATE.
It is an estimated date as to when the Final Settlement will be filed with the court.
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TRUSTEE'S SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Jose Munoz; Tina K. Munoz, dated December 17, 2001, and recorded on December 26, 2001, in Book No. 01, at Page 8653 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on May 13, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, Cassville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

Lot No. 3 in Block 3 in Townsend Addition to the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri EXCEPT the East feet of Lot 3 in Block 3 in Townsend Addition to the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri, EXCEPT an easement for ingress and egress for Block 3 of said addition adjoining the right of way of a public road, thence in an Easterly direction along the South boundary line of said Lot 70 feet for a point of beginning, thence in an Easterly direction along the South boundary line of said Lot 15 feet, thence North 13 degrees East 25 feet, thence in a Southwesterly direction to the point of beginning, commonly known as 1105 Townsend, Cassville, MO, 65625 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C.
Successor Trustee
First Publication: April 15, 2026. For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 255473-1090158).

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE:
Cade Coppage,
single man Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Cade Coppage, single man dated June 24, 2024 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 24, Page 3021 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, May 19, 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:

THE WEST HALF OF LOT 20 AND ALL OF LOTS 21 AND 22, ALSO THAT PART OF AN ALLEY 10 FEET WIDE THAT LINES ON THE WEST SIDE OF LOT 22, ALL IN BLOCK 2, SMITH AND HAYES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CASSVILLE, BARRY COUNTY MISSOURI, AND HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEYS TOUCHING AND BORDERING ON SAID ABOVE DESCRIBED LOTS, ALL IN BLOCK 2, SMITH AND HAYES

ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CASSVILLE, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

to satisfy said debt and cost.
MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No:
232167.051926.467009 FC
NOTICE

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by Hunter L Bradshaw, an unmarried man, and Alyssa L Taylor, an unmarried woman, dated September 27, 2022 and recorded on September 28, 2022 in Book 22, Page 6182, as Document No. 202206288, Office of Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on May 21, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at 12:00PM, at the Barry County Courthouse, 700 Main, East Front door, Cassville, MO 65625, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ABOUT 75 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 22, RANGE 28, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, WHICH POINT IS 51 FEET NORTH OF THE CENTER OF A DITCH, THENCE EAST 210 FEET, THENCE NORTH 101.5 FEET, THENCE WEST 210 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 101.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING .50 ACRE, MORE OR LESS. AND BEGINNING AT A POINT ABOUT 24 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 22, RANGE 28, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, IN THE CENTER OF A DITCH, THENCE EAST 210 FEET, THENCE NORTH 51 FEET, THENCE WEST 210 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

S&W Foreclosure Corporation
Successor Trustee
Pub Commences April 29, 2026
LLG File No.25-041031
By: LOGS Legal Group LLP
www.LOGS.com
ServiceLink
Purported address: 1012 2nd Street, Washburn, MO 65772
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 2026-22735-MO
For default in the payment of debt secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Bobby Hale And Lindy Hale,
Husband And Wife,
dated 1/2/2015, recorded on 1/5/2015, as Instrument Number 002621520018 and in Deed Book 15, Page 16, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, Missouri, the

undersigned Successor Trustee will on 5/21/2026, 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. All Of A Tract Of Land Described As Follows: Beginning At The Southeast Corner Of The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Thence Running North 24 1/4 Rods, Thence Running East 37 3/4 Rods, Thence Running South 24 1/4 Rods, Thence Running West 37 3/4 Rods To The Point Of Beginning, Said Land Being Located In The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Containing Approximately 5 3/4 Acres. Also, A Small Plot Of Land Being A Part Of The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Described As Follows: Beginning At A Point 150 Feet West Of The Northeast Corner Of Said Forty Acres, And Running Southwest About 142 Feet To A Certain White Oak Tree, Thence West 170 Feet To A Point 11 Feet West Of The Southwest Corner Of A Certain Brooder House (100 Feet Long) Line To Be About 3 Feet From And Along South Side Of Said House, Thence North To North Side Line Of Said Forty Acres, Thence East To Place Of Beginning. The Above Parcel Of Land Contains About 1977 Square Yards More Or Less. Also, A Strip Of Land 20 Feet Wide Squarely Off The East End Of The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4), Lying South Of Missouri State Highway No. 39 In Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri. Also, A Tract Of Land Described As Follows: Beginning 37 3/4 Rods West Of The Southeast Corner Of The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Thence Running North 24 1/2 Rods, Thence Running West 350 Feet, Thence Running South 24 1/2 Rods, Thence Running East 350 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Said Land Being Located In The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Containing Approximately 3 1/4 Acres More Or Less. Also, A Tract Of Land Described As Follows: Beginning 24 1/2 Rods North Of The Southeast Corner Of The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Thence Running West A Distance Of 58.96 Rods, Thence North 150 Feet, Thence East To East Line Of Said North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Aforesaid, A Distance Of 58.96 Rods, Thence South 150 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, The Same Being Located In The South Half (S1/2) Of The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri. More commonly known as: 5185 Private Rd 1194 Aurora, MO 65605

Notice To Bidders:
Please be advised that the highest bidder ("purchaser") at this trustee's sale may

be required to provide information, documentation and/or certification as mandated by applicable federal law, and entity and trust purchaser should be prepared to provide beneficial ownership information as required by federal reporting requirements effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. If applicable, the required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. 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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Virginia A. Meek, decedent.

The undersigned Glenn Meek is acting as Trustee under a trust, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee(s) upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

The addresses of the Trustee is:

Glenn Meek
PO Box 155
Golden, MO 65658

All creditors of the decedent are noticed to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Date of First Publication: 04/29/26
Glenn Meek, Trustee
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE:
Donald Adamson Jr
and Rhonda Adamson,
husband and wife
Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Donald Adamson Jr and Rhonda Adamson, husband and wife dated April 25, 2019 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 19, Page 2143 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, June 9, 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 EIGHTEEN (18) AND 18 FEET OFF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT SEVENTEEN (17) IN BLOCK ONE (1), WOOLSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONETT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND 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:
233957.060926.469584 FC
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE:
Marvin A Fleming,
and Cheryl L Ryan,
husband and wife
Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Marvin A Fleming, and Cheryl L Ryan, husband and wife dated October 29, 2019 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 19, Page 6010 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, June 9, 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:

A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD AND THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 24, RANGE 26, THENCE SOUTH 204 FEET, THENCE EAST 554 FEET, THENCE NORTH 204 FEET, THENCE MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD 554 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 24, RANGE 26, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

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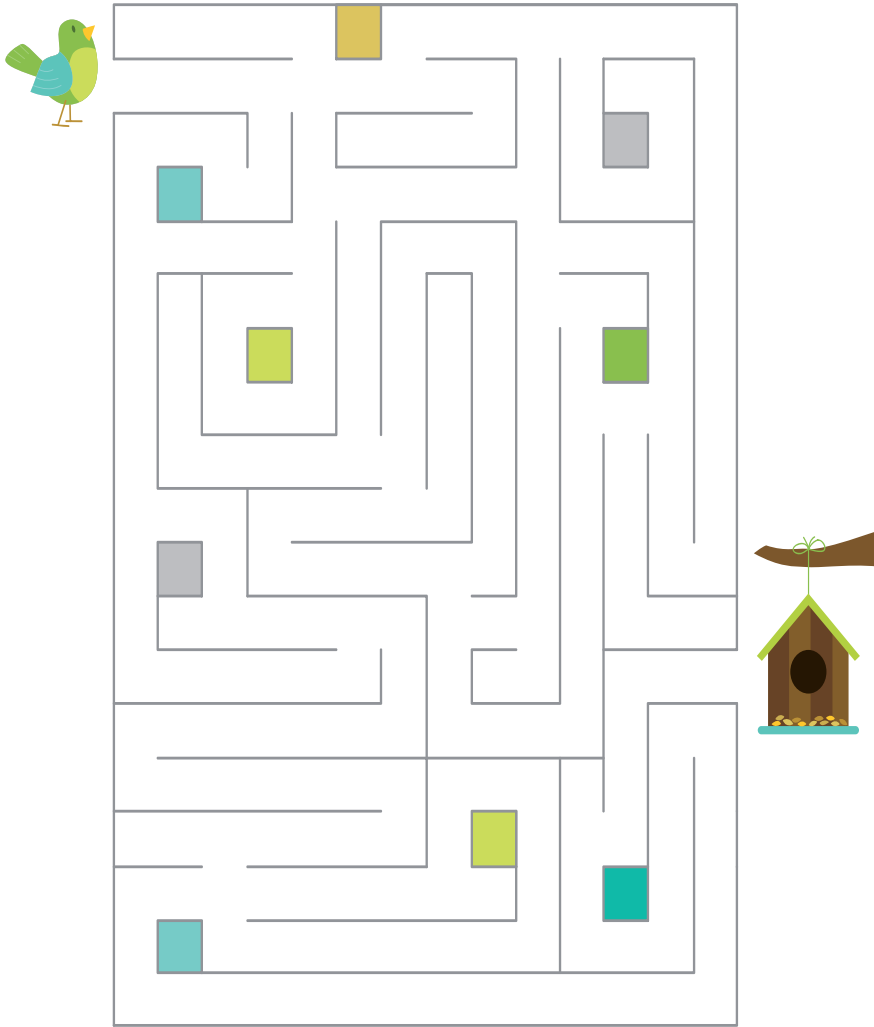
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Cassville pole vaulter 3rd in district

The Cassville girls track and field team saw one member advance to sectionals on Saturday with a third-place finish in pole vault. Hopelyne Thompson will be the sole Lady Wildcats representative in the Class 3, Sectional 3 Meet in Buffalo on Saturday after finishing third in the pole vault with a height of 2.65 meters. Full results include:
3rd Place
Hopelyne Thompson, Pole Vault, 2.65m
5th Place
Shelby Knoefler, Shot Put, 10.31m
7th Place
Claire Reuter, 400m, 1:11.64
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Q: What did the grape do when it got stepped on?

A: It let out a little wine.



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Q: What did the judge say when the skunk walked into the courtroom?

A: Odour in the court.



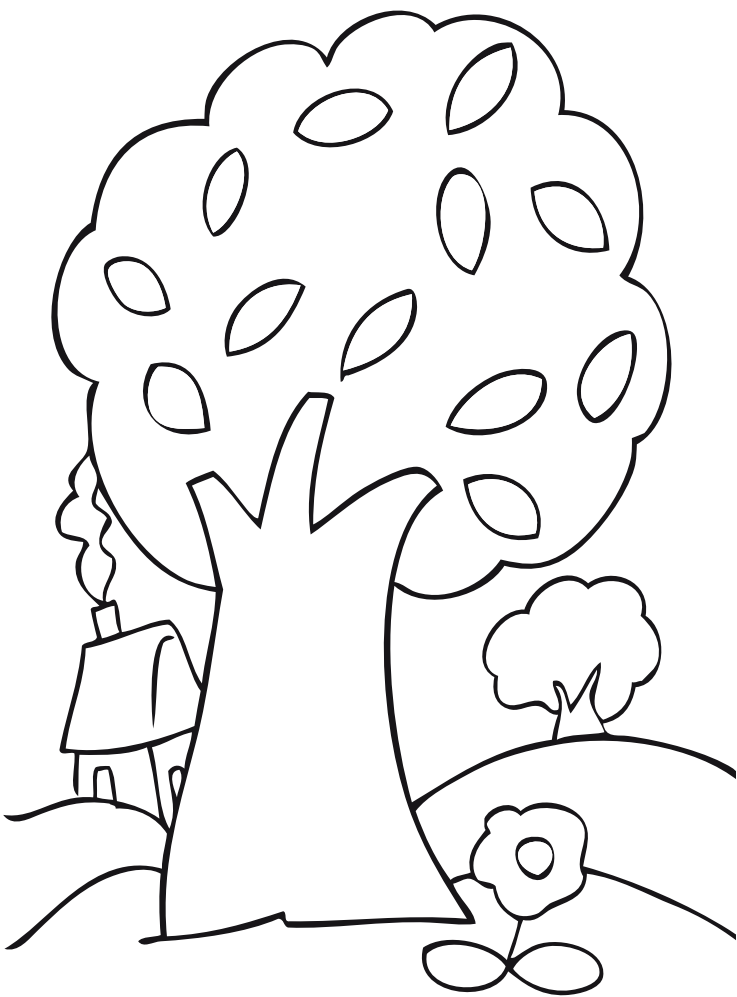
JUST kidding

Q: What did the fish say when he swam into the wall?

A: Dam!

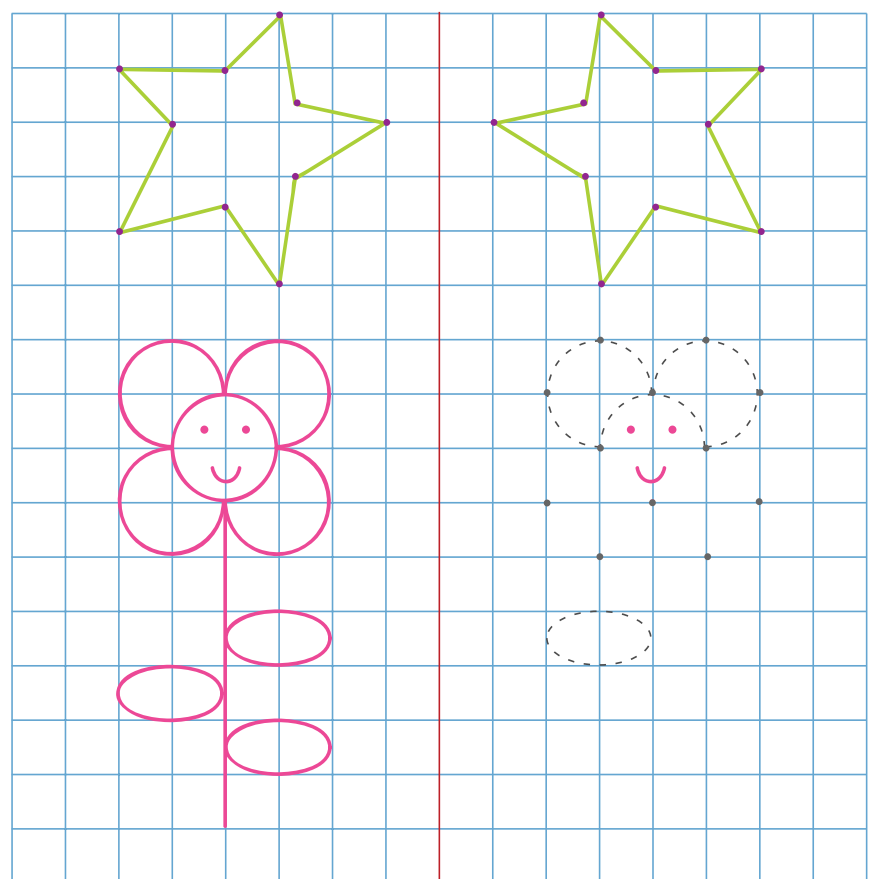


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- a number can only appear once in each box of 6 squares

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3	2	1	5	4	9
4	1	2	3	9	5
5	3	6	2	1	4
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Southwest senior Dylan Frost competes in the long jump at the Wildcat Relays this season. He qualified for sectionals in the high jump and long jump events. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Southwest: Juniors set personal records in events

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proud of Lane," Voyak said. "Throwing javelin is not easy. He keeps setting goals and achieving

them. He has worked for this. His expectations next season will be off the charts."

• Juniors Cash Harbick and Lucas Ingram both earned personal records and finished 7th in the

discus and 200 meters. • Sophomore Lucias Villaceros was 5th in both the mile and 2-mile.



Cassville softball player Joel Blankenship, front center, signs a letter of intent to play for Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Okla., next year. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Blankenship: Still deciding on major

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through it and show them why you deserve to

be there." Blankenship is the

daughter of Clint and Bobbi Blankenship, of

Jenkins. She is undecided on a major.

Districts: Tigers have wins over Verona, Wheaton

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p.m. Tuesday, with all games being played in Billings.

Wheaton holds wins over Verona, 11-1, Hurley twice, 17-2 and 11-5, and Galena twice, 9-0 and 3-2. The Bulldogs also lost a game to Galena, 2-0, and fell to Billings, 11-1. The result of a Monday matchup at Exeter was unavailable at presstime.

Exeter defeated Verona twice this season, 16-0 and 18-3, and Wheaton once, 2-0. The result of a Monday home game against Wheaton was unavailable at presstime. The Tigers fell to Galena twice, 4-3 and 7-3, and Billings once, 6-5, this season. A Tuesday matchup at Hurley was unavailable at presstime.



Exeter's Gabe Fuller connects on a pitch in a game at Southwest this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Kaleb Artherton hits a shot during play at the Cassville Tournament earlier this season. His 79 on Thursday earned him a spot at the state tournament in Sedalia May 18-19. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Golf: First time at state

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"He was very consistent throughout the day," Bagby said. "I'm really proud of him and the way that he fought the whole year. We had a lot of guys capable of scoring, and he struggled at the beginning of the year. He had to really play well down the stretch to earn the spot to play in districts, and he definitely took advantage of it."

Now, attention turns to the Class 2 state tournament, scheduled for May 18-19 at the Sedalia Country Club.

Before the trip, Bagby said preparation will focus on becoming as familiar with the course as possible.

"We're looking at maybe trying to get up there before that Sunday to play," Bagby said. "I don't know the course, and he won't know it either, so we want to get an early look."

Bagby said seeing the course ahead of time could help identify

areas needing extra work before competition begins.

"That way, if there's anything we need to adjust for or he thinks he needs to practice on, we'll do it," Bagby said.

This is Artherton's first appearance at state, adding another layer of excitement to the trip. Although he will be traveling without teammates competing alongside him, Bagby said the accomplishment still reflects the work he has put in throughout the season.

"I think he's proud of himself," Bagby said. "I think he'd tell you he'd rather be going up there with his teammates, but he's worked really hard to get to the point he's at."

Bagby expects that preparation and determination to carry over when the tournament begins in Sedalia.

"He'll be ready to go up there and do his best," Bagby said.

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