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CITY OF PURDY

What: Held City Council meeting recently
Discussion: Fourth of July celebration, recent activity in town
More: Material from citywide cleanup fills nearly nine dumpsters

Purdy preps for nation's birthday

Annual celebration planned by Terrys on July 3

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat
In a low-key session, the Purdy City Council provided a green light for the annual Fourth of July celebration and discussed recent activity around town.

Ken Terry, whose family provides the fireworks show for the nation's birthday celebration, appeared before council members to ask for permission for his annual event, slated this year for July 3.

"Since this is the 250th birthday, [our event] will be bigger and better," Terry said. "With gas prices the way they are, we're expecting more people."

Having given away 900 hot dogs last year, Terry said they were planning for 1,000 this year.

Council members raised no objections. Terry said the perimeter established last year to avoid intrusion into the fireworks zone by the school playground had worked well and would be used again. Kevin Cook, public works foreman, said he would secure porta-potties again for the park.

When Police Chief Jackie Lowe returned from a call, council members followed his recommendation to permit discharge of fireworks over two weekends over 10 days, from June 26 to July 5. Terry planned to begin selling fireworks on June 20.

Lowe said last year's crowd size was significant. The only issues he had came from some individuals shooting off their fireworks too close to the fireworks zone, where the Terrys had their fireworks in place. Lowe told those individuals to put their fireworks away or he would confiscate them.

In department reports, Cook said the citywide cleanup had gone well. Material almost filled nine dumpsters. He obtained new tires for the front of the backhoe. Cook expected to need new tires for the front of the tractor in the near future but hoped to get a bit more wear out of what he had prior to that.

Lowe reviewed the fatal crash on Highway 37 on April
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Speaking out

James recounts years-long journey of child sex crime case

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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The last year-and-a-half has been the hardest time of Faith James' life.

Now 20, James was the victim of a child sex crime when she was 13. Her assailant was the father of her half-siblings,

VICTIM STORY

Who: Faith James, 20, Cassville graduate and student at Missouri State
What: Discusses journey of emotion, courage after being sexually assaulted when she was 13
More: Assailant was found guilty on Thursday in Stone County Circuit Court bench trial

Anthony Sizemore, who was found guilty of child molestation on March 12 in a Stone County Circuit Court bench tri-

al. On Friday, he was sentenced by Judge Alan Blankenship to 8 years in the Department of Corrections. An appeal has been filed, and Sizemore has been released on a \$10,000 appeal bond with the conditions he may not have any contact with minors other than his biological children, and no contact with the victim.

"This has been one of the hardest things ever," James said. "I was really in disbelief that could happen, and I never thought it could."

James disclosed the crime at the time it happened, but at that point, elected not to file charges.

"When charges weren't filed, I felt overlooked," she said. "We just acted like it didn't happen and wasn't a big deal, but on the inside, I knew it was a big deal and something really bad that happened. I decided I didn't want to press charges because I was really scared. I knew what happened to me, but I knew the statute
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Skills thrill at annual Cassville Rotary Rodeo



Cody Driskill catches some air in the saddle bronc riding competition at the Cassville Rotary Rodeo Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktROUTMAN@cassville-democrat.com



The courtroom of the Historic Barry county Courthouse is pictured in years past. Renovations at the building aimed to bring back the historic look. An Open House is set for Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Contributed photos



Open House to celebrate courtroom renovation

Work aimed to bring back historic feel of facility

BY SHEILA HARRIS

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Renovations to the historic Barry County courtroom are complete.

County officials are inviting the public to an Open House in the courtroom at the Historic Barry County Courthouse on

the Cassville Square Thursday to see a rejuvenated piece of the county's history.

Jeff Myers Construction completed the renovation work.

"We restored the courtroom to its original form by raising the ceilings back up, opening the balcony area, and letting the natural light shine in," said Joyce Ennis, county clerk. "We repurposed as many of the original elements as we could, including

some old swinging doors. We couldn't match the original globe lights, which were probably milk glass, so we went with what was available on those."

Ennis said the original paint color was anybody's guess, so they opted to use a shade of light taupe, with white window trim and white balcony railings, with red, white and blue bunting accents. Plenty of historic photos from the county will also be on display on

the courtroom walls, courtesy of the Barry County Museum.

The effect is stunning: a setting that can be used to host future county events, Ennis said.

Refreshments will be served Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.



NEWS BRIEFS

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 Thursday 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 Saturday 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., Dickerson Park Zoo at FEMA Event Center, 1:30 p.m., Re-Fit, 5:30 p.m.; Friday, Grand Reopening, 8:30 a.m., Paint Night/Open Craft, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Crochet Class, 10 a.m. to noon; Monday, Library Closed; Tuesday, Storytime, 10 a.m., Home School, 11 a.m., Scrapbooking, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Kids Book Club (ages 6-9), 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 ercansletter@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 on 10160 Farm Road 2160. Tentative working days depend on the weather and will be updated on the organization's Facebook page, "Barry County Community Garden," and people may contact the page 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.

19 walk in Wheaton



Jelissa Vue, left, and Leanna Millian-Gomez share a laugh during a video presentation at Wheaton High School's graduation ceremony on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Wheaton valedictorian Riley Roller gives his speech at the school's graduation on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Wheaton's Jayci Park delivers her salutatorian address on Thursday at Wheaton's graduation ceremony. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



A total of 19 Wheaton students celebrated graduation on Thursday with confetti, silly string and the traditional hat toss. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Wheaton's Mallory Kelly hugs Josh Kinnaman, Wheaton School Board member, after receiving her diploma at Wheaton's graduation on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Wheaton's Analynn Phomdouangsy smiles as she delivers flowers to her family at Wheaton's commencement ceremony on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com

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Learning on the fly at Kids' Fishing Day



A young participant takes aim at the archery range as volunteers and locals sponsors, including the Barry county Sheriffs Office, help teach children proper bow safety and shooting skill using animal and dinosaur targets. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



A young angler proudly displays her many catches of the day as children gather around the weight station along Roaring River, celebrating a day of fishing and outdoor fun. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



A volunteer helps a young participant learn how to fish during Kids Fish Day at Roaring River State Park. Volunteers and sponsors fishing classes during the event, teaching children how to tie flies and make fishing lures. The class was sponsored by Missouri Parks Association, Mako Fly Fishing Club, and Mid-West Flies. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



Annie, middle, proudly shows off the fish she caught during Kids Fish Day at Roaring River State Park. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat



The Cassville Library booth featured an interactive game where participants spin a colorful wheel and try to guess different book characters based on silhouette images displayed on a board. Volunteers behind the table help run the activity. Gwendylan Harmon/Special to the Cassville Democrat

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.

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COMMENTARY

PUBLISHER'S VIEW



KYLE TROUTMAN

A nod to Faith for exemplifying courage

Most people — myself included — know Faith James for her accomplishments on the wrestling mat, but for the last seven years, she has been wrestling with a different opponent.

At 13, James woke up in the middle of the night to a trusted individual in her household committing an act that has stuck with her since. Now 20 years old, James has received justice.

Our top story this week recounts her experiences over that period of time. Amidst the heartbreak, however, is story of resilience, determination and courage she hopes others will recognize and be inspired by.

I have written columns before about sexual assault in Barry County. It happens staggeringly often, and it's not what you might see on "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," where the victim is attacked in an alleyway, drugged or kidnapped.

In the overwhelming majority of cases, especially in cases involving children, the perpetrator is someone the victim knows, and more often than not, trusts.

I saw the probable cause statement against Anthony Sizemore the week the change was filed back in September 2024. As such statements go, it was an odd one to me. The charges were being filed four years after the incident, and the incident was reported at the time it occurred. I hesitated to report it for that reason. Why were charges not filed in 2020, I thought.

Fast forward a few months and I was in the midst of reporting another series of sex crimes when James reached out to me asking why Sizemore's went unreported. At the time, I had no idea she was the victim.

A family member of James' asked me about the case again in February 2025. It was at that point I was able to connect the dots, and it floored me.

Throughout all of her high school years, James had been dealing with the effects of being assaulted in her own home. Trouble sleeping and fear when someone entered her room at night were just two of the consequences of Sizemore's actions.

At the time she was assaulted — at age 13 — she said it was left up to her whether or not to file charges. That compounded the confusion and myriad of emotions. It was a position she should have never been in.

Sizemore's excuse at the time is that he was wrestling with James and accidentally touched her vagina and he "could tell that he had hurt her by the look on her face."

James, on the other hand, said she was asleep at the time Sizemore committed his actions. The fact the stories varied so greatly should have been enough for charges to be filed at that time.

Asking a young teenager to put her family at risk by pursuing charges against the father of her half-siblings is not something any 13-year-old should be compelled to do. The system, at that point, failed her.

Yet, James is resilient. Four years later, before the statute of limitations had expired, her courage shined through.

She chose to reinitiate the process and move forward with charges, even if it meant losing important people in her life or causing division among loved ones. She felt it was the right thing to do because it wasn't about her, it was about others who have suffered the same experience.

In February of 2024, James won a state wrestling championship. It was her senior year, and she was on the warpath. It was incredible to watch and an honor to be a part of. My favorite sports photo of all time is the moment she won that title.

That fact that through all of that she was managing a lingering trauma that still affected her daily — that's astounding.

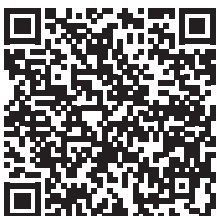
What's just as astounding is that she wants to tell her story. I have never written an article centered on the victim of a child sex crime after a case had been adjudicated. As someone who knows multiple women who have been sexually assaulted in the past, I hope sharing her story inspires those who have been through a similar ordeal to speak out if they can, or if that is not possible, confide in someone who can help.

Courage can be hard to come by, which is why James' story is so important. She is not alone — especially in Barry County.

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STAFF VIEW

Hungry giants this way come

Some say the mushroom-like proliferation of data centers across the country can't be stopped.

Those in favor of the giant support platforms for digital cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) cite the "economic development opportunities" the massive computer terminals could offer. Opponents are concerned about the unknown, potentially negative environmental impacts data centers could have. Arguments for both sides have merit.

On a whim, I drove to Marshfield last week to attend a meeting hosted by Webster County commissioners to provide the public with information about a planned data center there. I learned a lot: fundamentally, that there's a lot I don't know about the hungry giants.

The groupings of massive computer terminals can cover as many as 100 acres, gobble well over 30 megawatts of power (some sources say 100 megawatts) and guzzle an average of 300,000 gallons of water a day (some as much as 5 million gallons a day) from well and surface intakes.

That's a lot of water. The larger quantity is equivalent to the needs of a town with up to 50,000 residents, states the Brookings Institution (<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/ai-data-centers-and-water/>).

The several hundred residents who packed the auditorium at Marshfield High School didn't show up to be pacified. They were angry that ground-clearing and construction was well underway on a five-acre site where a 7,000-square-foot data center was planned, with no prior notice given to residents.

Commissioners defended themselves by pointing out that residents had voted against Planning & Zoning ordinances three different times. Such laws, said one commissioner, might have prevented the construction of the data center.

An equally pressing concern was the data center's future impact on air and water — including the possibility of lowered water pressure in neighboring wells — and whether the data center's electricity usage would affect their utility bills.

Their concerns are valid. Concrete answers to some questions are elusive, because long-term effects are unknown.

Barry County residents should care.

Missouri has vast water resources and relatively cheap power — and most rural Missouri counties have no Planning & Zoning restrictions.



SHEILA HARRIS

We're ripe for data-center expansion, in other words.

According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Missouri has hosted data centers since the early 2000s, but large "hyperscale data centers" are new to the landscape (<https://dnr.mo.gov/data-e-services/centers>).

The DNR does not regulate data centers, specifically, but implements and enforces state statutes and other regulated activities that impact soil, air and water.

We're wading into uncharted territory, with the Missouri legislature attempting to establish guardrails on one hand, while attempting to humor power companies on the other.

Last year, they approved legislation requiring data centers to pay for all of the electricity they consume, designed to ensure that everyday utility customers will not bear any of the cost (<https://themissouritimes.com/missouri-continues-to-finalize-data-center-laws/>).

How that will play out remains to be seen.

Earlier this year, Missouri legislation was introduced requiring data centers to follow a set of requirements on electricity and water usage. That bill received a public hearing in March, but appears to have foundered.

Water usage — for any purpose — is not currently regulated by the DNR, unless a user intends to export water beyond state lines or has the capability of pumping 100,000 gallons per day (approximately 70 gallons per minute). Such a person or entity is classified as a "Major Water User," and is required to obtain a use-permit and file annual usage reports with the DNR.

In the 2024 Missouri legislative session, a bill was introduced that, if passed, would have shielded the identity and water usage of Major Water Users from the public eye. If this sounds shady, it just might be.

The water used by data centers is needed to cool their computer terminals. Some data centers (including the one planned for

Marshfield) employ a closed-loop water-recirculation system — which uses much less water.

Whether a company continuously pumps water from wells or uses a closed-loop system, diffused heat from the terminals will still need to be released into the ground or the air, potentially changing surrounding flora and wildlife habitats, said one Marshfield resident.

According to the DNR's website, local communities and governments are typically aware of proposed data centers before the department becomes aware of them.

As of last Thursday, Barry County commissioners had no knowledge of any planned data centers in our county. However, there's no requirement that private property owners would have to report such plans to the commission.

One Marshfield resident said that, while there are lots of downsides to having a data center in the community, there didn't appear to be many community benefits. The construction crew, the 15 people the facility will employ, Webster Electric, and the gentleman who sold the property to Lumon Solutions appeared to be the only beneficiaries, he said.

Lumon Solutions countered that property tax and sales tax revenue (on electricity) will benefit the county.

We're on the cusp of a changing landscape in southwest Missouri, I suspect. I don't much like the idea, but I intend to adopt a watch-and-learn attitude.

However, if I were a rural resident enjoying the serenity of country living, I would be extremely unhappy to learn that a noisy, well-lit giant that operates 24/7 was going up next door.

We're not talking about a farming operation, here. Ordinances might yet be passed on a county level if residents are concerned enough.

A hyperscale data center is currently in the planning stages by Geronimo Power for a rural Jasper County location. A public informational meeting about the proposed facility will be held in the Gene Taylor community building in Sarcoxie on May 28 at 6:30 p.m. Even if you don't live in Jasper County, it might be worth your while to attend.

The giant's next boot could land on your neighbor's farm.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I had all kinds of a range of emotions. It was really hard to deal with. I thought if I just removed myself from Cassville, it wouldn't be as hard, which is why I went to school in Kansas. But, that didn't help. I thought a lot about what if people didn't believe me? I was sad for the people I knew it would affect, but I was fighting everything in my head. I eventually thought, you don't get to do something horrifying to a child and not have any repercussions. There are plenty of kids people have access to, and they shouldn't, so it became about other people."

— FAITH JAMES ON WHAT LED HER TO PURSUE CHARGES AGAINST ANTHONY SIZEMORE YEARS AFTER THE MOLESTATION TOOK PLACE

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May 26, 1976
— COMPANY'S A-COMIN TO AREA FOR MEMORIAL DAY

If last year's figures and some projections for this Memorial Day weekend are indicators, Barry County's 19,000 population will increase by nearly 35,000 persons during the first three-day holiday of the spring season. That means a bunch of company will be arriving for the Friday through Monday holiday. And, they will find an easily accessible latch string on the welcome door at the south part of the county where recreational facilities are concentrated around Roaring River State Park and Table Rock Lake. Of the projected figures, 22,935 would be using facilities of seven public use areas on the reservoir. Last year for the same holiday, they attracted the following numbers: Campbell Point 4,079, Big M 3,287, Eagle Rock 7,000, Viola 3,202, Kings River 2,194, Viney Creek 1,299 and Big Bay 1,976. More up-to-date figures were predicted by Superintendent John Hardin. He said there will be about 3,200 campers and those using accommodations at Roaring River over the holiday. Another 3,500 people will picnic in the park and an additional 5,000 visitors will just wander through. Charles Curry, hatchery superintendent, said 2,312 anglers purchased tags last year for the holiday. "But, that will be up this year, all other records from last season are being broken this year," he observed. Hardin said Roaring River was ready for the big influx of people that will begin arriving Friday. He said a general spruce-up of the park and a possibility of a new saddle horse concessionaire being on duty would give the park a boost. Table Rock facilities, including resorts, who admit reductions during May mostly because of other than ideal weather conditions, are expecting no vacancy signs to flicker on early this holiday. Jim Rogers, Roaring River concessionaire, said accommodations under his control were full. Cassville and nearby motels have vacancies at this time that undoubtedly will be filled with off-the-road traffic. Memorial Day, the lone holiday during which no special event is promoted in this area, will also be swelled by those who will join friends and families for visits through Monday. During the remainder of the summer season, special events are scheduled to go along with the observances. Generous rainfall in May has the Roaring River stream in better condition than it was for the earlier season opening March 1. Table Rock Lake, which climbed to a 198 level earlier in the month and then dropped, was "rising slowly" Tuesday. Heavy traffic expected in Missouri and this area brought a plea from the Missouri Highway Patrol for drivers to avoid mistakes as they travel over the weekend. Col. Sam Smith, superintendent, reminded drivers 13 persons were killed in traffic over the same holiday last year.

— RAIN-FREE OUTING FOR CASSVILLE'S TROOP 76

Scouts of Cassville's Troop 76 got an unusual experience over the weekend, they were in Broken Arm Valley for a rain-free outing, according to Scoutmaster Charles Vaughan. The troop usually experiences rain or snow on their weekend outings in the area, owned by the local scout organization. For the Friday-Saturday-Sunday event, the troop divided into two groups, an older contingent which is practicing for a summer outing at Philmont in New Mexico. This group backpacked from Fortune Branch Valley, joining the troop Saturday morning. Included were: Dr. Max Edmondson, Stanley Beeson, Jon and Jay Edmondson, Randy Norton, Rickey Jagger and Keith Brisco. Younger scouts entered

the troop area Friday, working on site improvements and camping skills. Included were Mike Lowe, Whitney Norton, Scott Norton, David Young, Mike LeCompte, Tom Lowder and Jeff Nickols. In addition to Vaughan, other adults assisting were: Raymond Jagger, Terry Beuterbaugh, Jerry Beuterbaugh, Steve Reed, Steve Vaughan and Jim Henderson.

40 years ago

May 29, 1986
— HOLIDAY WEEKEND CROWDS WERE BIG

The Barry County Ozarks hosted good crowds of visitors for the Memorial Day weekend. The bell-ringer of the area, Roaring River State Park, had nearly 200 more anglers than last year, according to concessionaire Jack Nickols. Tag sales over the three-day weekend were 933 for Saturday, 1,064 for Sunday and an estimated 1,010 for Monday, producing a 3,007 total. This exceeded the 2,852 for the same weekend last year. Nickols said the six-tenths of rainfall that visited the area over the weekend in showers didn't seem to phase many of the fishers. By contrast, three-inch rains visited recreation areas to the east of Barry County, causing some flooding and evacuation of areas. Sheriff Jim Hopkins praised the behavior of crowds that were in the area. "Public use areas on the lake were crowded, but we didn't have any problems," the sheriff said. Visitation figures from the Army Corps of Engineers covering Table Rock Lake were not available at presstime.

— OSBORN'S VAULT SETS DISTRICT RECORD AT 14'

A junior pole vaulter from Cassville High, that really didn't have a pit to practice on at Wildcat Stadium, set a new sectional record for first place last week and as a result will be in state 3-A competition Saturday in Columbia. Allan Osborn Jr., a transfer student from California, put the new record in the books when he vaulted 14 feet. Coach Rick Lawson said the athlete probably is just hitting his stride for the year because of the practice handicap. Osborn went a full foot over the old record of 13 feet in the meet at Logan-Rogersville. "Most of his improvement has been during or after his event was completed at meets this year," Lawson said earlier. Because of inadequate facilities here, the youngster worked extra jumps into trips to other schools which had pits that were sufficient protection from coming down from the heights Osborn jumps. In his first year at CHS, Osborn lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lea of rural Cassville. Other entries for the Wildcats at sectional included a sixth place finish for the 800 meter relay, Long, Bohns, Basye and Jett. In the 400 meter dash competition, Jett was eighth at a time of 53.8. Lawson said the times weren't all that bad, but that competition in the class was extremely hard for this meet. He noted his squad included only one senior, with the season providing a great deal of good experience for the younger runners for the Wildcats.

30 years ago

May 22, 1996
— BID FOR NEW ROARING RIVER LODGE CAME IN UNDER BUDGET

Bids on a new lodge complex at Roaring River State Park were opened last Thursday with one of the five bids coming in under the \$4.2 million budget figure. Apparent low bidder is Edgewater Construction Co., of Eureka Springs, Ark. They submitted a base bid of \$3,940,000. Other bids were received from: Branco Enterprises, Inc., Neosho, \$4,280,000; R. E. Smith Construction Co., Joplin, \$4,339,000; Nabholz Construction Co., Rogers, Ark., \$4,485,000; and Oakridge Builders, Springdale, Ark., \$4,745,000. Edgewater



30 YEARS AGO: A BITTERSWEET GOODBYE — Cassville High School graduates Britt Stimson and Noelle Edie, pictured on the left, succumb to a tearful embrace following Friday night's commencement activities. The evening, which honored the class of 1996, marked the first graduation in Cassville's new high school. Graduate Michelle Hudson is pictured on the right. Democrat file photo



30 YEARS AGO: A BITTERSWEET GOODBYE — **RUNNING AS FAST AS THEY CAN** — Students in Ann Nickles' second grade class are shown above, competing in the 100-meter run during sports day at Eunice Thomas Elementary School last Thursday. Levi Poe finished first in the race. Others pictured, from left to right are: Quinten Dow, Nicholas Schlichtman, Joe Gauss, Dakota Russell, Blake Westpheling, Teli Ramirez and Daniel Crum. Students in Eunice kindergarten through second grades enjoyed sports day on Thursday, and third through fifth grades competed Friday. A listing of sports day participants and results will be featured in upcoming issues of the Cassville Democrat. Democrat file photo

was also the low bidder during the first bid submission in November 1995, when all of the seven bids came in over state estimates. The company's first bid was \$4,506,621. Other bids ranged from \$4,995,000 to \$5,357,000. The state opted to reject the first bids, re-design the facility to cut construction costs and accept a second set of bids. According to Mark Bruenger, project manager with the state's Division of Design and Construction, project modifications totalled about 30 in number. The scope of the 47,000-square-foot facility was not changed but rather fine-tuned. The building elevation was raised, the central parking lot design was changed from circular to rectangular, and wood siding was substituted for stone facing on the exterior of the building. Bruenger said the award notice to proceed should be mailed to the low bidder within the next week. From the date the paperwork is mailed, the contractor has 458 consecutive days to complete the project. The lodge project at Roaring River also received a boost in the form of a \$900,000 supplemental appropriation approved by the state legislature this session. In an effort to ensure that there was enough funding available to complete the Roaring River lodge project, the Department of Natural Resources requested a \$1 million supplement to the \$4.2 million originally allocated. Bruenger said additional funding would allow the state to complete Alternate #4, which would restore the complex's stone facing. Edgewater submitted a \$300,000 bid on Alternate #4.

— VETERAN CHS COACH RETIRES FROM COACHING AFTER 17 YEARS

Veteran Cassville High School Coach Ron Cowan resigned from his coaching duties after devoting 12 years, to Wildcat athletes. Cowan has been a coach for 21 years, putting in 17 years as high school head coach. He spent his first five years coaching at Hilldale High School in Muskogee, Okla. While at Hilldale, Cowan led the high school baseball team through five winning seasons with a record of 52-25. He also coached the

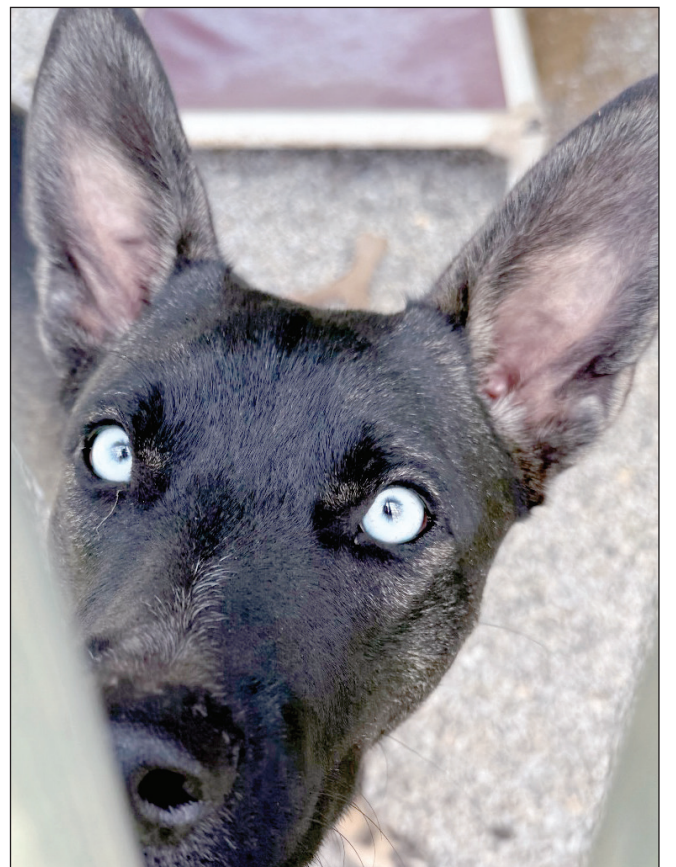
high school girls fastpitch softball team, amassing a 61-9 record over five years. Cowan took the driver's seat as head boys basketball coach at Cassville in 1984. He held this position for two years. Under his leadership, the 1985-86 boys team made history with their 16-10 record. They were the last winning boys basketball team until this year. Cowan then went on to coach the Lady Wildcats basketball team in 1986 and has remained at that post up until now. His 1986-87 girls team finished their season second in the conference and district with a 23-4 overall record. During this time period, the Lady Wildcats, under Cowan's direction, have either tied or won second place in the Big 8 Conference five times. "I've been head coach for 17 years in two to three sports every year," Cowan said. "After this basketball season was over I just decided it was time to take a break. I'm ready to take a break and spend more time with my family and kids." Cowan also spent eight years as the head high school volleyball coach, stacking up 101 wins, 86 losses and 4 ties. CHS was conference co-champions in 1991 and

1992 and district champions in 1991, 1992 and 1995. In 1991, Cowan was selected as Big 8 Coach of the Year. "I have had a lot of great kids over the years, and there are some great ones coming up," Cowan said. Cowan is someone who is deeply admired and respected, not only by his players, but by his colleagues as well. "One of the things that I admire most about Coach is that he lives a good example in his own life," said Martha Dunnam, Cassville Elementary principal. "He's a very conscientious person, offering to assist other staff members. He's always willing to talk with the parents whenever there is a problem." Taking over one of Cowan's roles is Coach Chris Shore, who has been named head girls basketball coach for the 1996-97 school year. Shore used to play basketball under Cowan back in 1985-86. "He's probably one of the reasons why I went into coaching," Shore said. "He's been a big influence on me, a positive influence." There is something about Cowan that brings a smile to people's faces when someone asks about him. "You have to be special to have little

kids in P.E.," said Paula Holtzman, first grade teacher at Cassville. "He's very good, very patient and puts on a good sports day. The kids love him." Someone who has filled Cowan's shoes previously is Jim Orrell, Cassville Middle School principal. "I took over the boys program from him, and it was in good shape," Orrell said. "He had trained the boys well. He's been easy to work with and has a good rapport with other staff members." Jennifer Arnaud will now be the head volleyball coach after serving under Cowan as his assistant for the past three years. Cowan said some of his fondest memories were beating a team nobody thought you could beat and winning tournament championships. These accomplishments will remain happy memories for Cowan. The coach with an overall basketball coaching record of 240-189 over 17 years and 177-130 during his 12 years at Cassville, plans to continue teaching P.E. at the elementary school and also driving a school bus. Cowan adds that he will now enjoy being on the opposite side of the court "watching a lot of games."

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

Say hello to Wilbur! He was found as a stray, but he was already neutered when brought to us. His estimated birth date is May 1, 2022. Wilbur has gorgeous piercing blue eyes and weighs 45 pounds. Adopters can complete an application at www.havenoftheozarks.org/adopt. No appointment is needed. The Haven is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. All Haven of the Ozarks pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. For more information, people may email havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or call at 417-835-3647. Contributed photo



OBITUARIES

ROBERTA MAE HENBEST

Roberta Mae Henbest, 90, of Cassville, Mo. passed away Monday, May 11, 2026 at her home. She was born December 25, 1935 in Exeter, Mo., the daughter of Troy and Opal (Cooper) Sapp, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death, was her husband Carl L. Henbest; son, Mark Douglas Henbest and brother, Carl Gene Sapp.

Survivors include her son, Max Henbest of Collins, Mo.; daughter, Donna Gilmore of Ft. Worth, Texas; sister, Peggy Gentry of Joplin, Mo.; three grandsons, four great grandchildren.

She grew up and attended school in Exeter, graduating from Exeter High School. Her entire life was spent in the Exeter and Cassville communities. She devoted her life to her home and family as a homemaker and enjoyed working alongside Carl on the farm. As a member of Calvary Baptist Church, she shared her musical talent by playing the piano there until the age of 89.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor

Randy Comer will conduct the services. Burial will be at Antioch Cemetery in Cassville, Mo.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 P.M. until service time Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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JOHN ROLLIN KECKLER, JR.

John Rollin Keckler, Jr., 64, of Monett, Mo. passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at home, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born October 31, 1961 in Woodland Pointe, Md., the son of John Rollin Keckler, Sr. and Wilma "Gene" (Dorsey) Keckler, who

preceded him in death.

Also preceding his death was his wife, Linda Jerome, and daughter, Lindy Hall.

Survivors include his son, John (Becky) Keckler, III of Monett; daughter, Amanda Keckler of Monett; son-in-law, Adrian Hall of Billings; four granddaughters; brother, Jim Keckler of Monett, and sister, Ethel Richardson of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

He grew up in the Purdy and Monett area and attended school in Purdy. He met his wife Linda while she was attending college in Bolivar. He lived and worked around the Monett area.

Services were held Monday, May 18, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jeff Allee conducted the services. Burial was at New Site Cemetery in Monett, Mo.

Contributions may be made to the family in memory of John.

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CATHERINE EILENE "KATIE" MCKEAN

Catherine Eilene "Katie" McKean, 80, of Exeter, Mo. passed away Friday, May 8, 2026 at Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield, Mo.

She was born February 26, 1946 in Seattle, Wash., the daughter of John and Yvonne (Allen) Murphy, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Jerrold McKean; sisters, Yvonne Jones, Gail Eugena Zyto, and Margaret Ann Murphy and brothers-in-law, Greg Zyto and Leon Jones.

Survivors include her son, John Owens and fiancée Cheri of Exeter; daughter, Christine Hammers and husband Tony of Exeter; seven grandchildren, and nine

great grandchildren.

She attended school in Norfolk, Va., graduating from Granby High School. Furthering her education, she attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk earning an Associate degree in Social Work. She was employed as a switchboard operator at the naval base in Norfolk, as a police officer in the downtown Bay Tunnel in Norfolk, was a social worker for Crossroads in Virginia, a delegate in Virginia and she worked at Piedmont in Crewe, Va.

In 1996, she moved to Exeter from Green Bay, Va. She made a majority of the costumes for the Passion of the Christ production in Cassville and was very politically motivated. She attended First Baptist Church in Cassville.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Cassville United Methodist Church in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jeff Fugitt conducted the services. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter, Mo.

Contributions may be made to Haven of the Ozarks in memory of Katie.

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ALEXANDER JOSEPH "ALEX" TRUJILLO

Alexander Joseph "Alex" Trujillo, 34, of Eagle Rock, Mo. passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, May 10, 2026.

He was born on March 24, 1992, in Santa Fe, N.M., the son of Floyd J. Trujillo and Trudy (Duran) McAdams.

Preceding him in death was his father, Floyd J. Trujillo; paternal grandmother, Shirley Trujillo, aunt, Pamela Trujillo; maternal grandpar-

ents, Gloria and Manuel Duran; aunt, Veronica Duran, and stepfather, Ted McAdams.

Survivors include his mother, Trudy McAdams and husband Bill Flaspohler of Eagle Rock; grandfather, Tye Trujillo of Santa Fe, N.M.; brother, Eric Trujillo of Santa Fe, N.M.; many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and his girlfriend Christina.

He grew up in Santa Fe, and later moved to Joliet, IL with his mother, where he graduated from Joliet West high school before later moving back to Santa Fe with his father. He moved to Eagle Rock to be close to his mother about three years ago. He worked in the maintenance department at Walmart in Cassville, Mo. up until a few months ago.

Arrangements are currently pending under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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KARYL SUE VERMILLION

Karyl Sue Vermillion, age 72, of Monett, MO passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Oak Pointe in Neosho, MO after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born in Monett, MO on Friday, December 18, 1953; daughter of Curtis and Betty Jean (Belch) Kelly.

Karyl was a 1972 graduate of Pierce City High School. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Missouri Southern State University (MSSU). Karyl married Jim Vermillion on Friday, June 23, 1978, in Monett, MO. She retired as a kindergarten teacher from Cassville School District. Later, she taught first grade at Berean Christian Academy in Monett, MO. She loved teaching and enjoyed seeing her students learn and grow. Halloween was always a favorite holiday

because she would see her students and former students. Karyl loved the pool, beach, tanning, and warm weather. She enjoyed sweets such as ice cream and sweet tea. She was a very good cook and baker. She always had time to shop with her family or play a game of cards (i.e. Uno, Skip-Bo, etc.) with them. She loved to clean house and enjoyed entertaining others. Karyl was a life-long democrat. She was active in the National Education Association (NEA) while teaching. She was a member of Liberty United Methodist Church. She will be missed by many!

Surviving are the following: her husband, Jim who is in the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, MO; one daughter, Krista Vermillion of Springfield, MO; one brother, Kerry (Stacy) Kelly of Jenks, OK; one sister, Kathy (John Dawson) Conley of Pierce City, MO; seven nieces and nephews, Sean Kelly, Kaitlyn Kelly, Trey Kelly, Breeghan Kelly, Kaylee Creech, Jim C. Conley, and Kelsy Hall; and several more nieces and nephews by marriage; as well as former students and many friends.

Those welcoming her to heaven include her parents, Curtis and Betty Jean Kelly and two dogs that she loved so much, Maci and Dottie.

The family received friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Funeral service were at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, May 16, 2026, beginning at 2:00 PM with Chaplain Robert Mattingly officiating. Burial was Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, MO.

Memorials may be made to the Pierce City backpack program in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lakinfuneralhome.com.

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Library grand re-opening Friday

New children's area, teen zone, study rooms

The Barry-Lawrence Regional Library is invit-

ing the community to the grand re-opening of the Cassville Branch Library on Friday.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m., kicking off with a ribbon cutting by the Cassville Chamber of Commerce.

"Following a partial closure that began on March 2, we are opening our doors to reveal a fully revitalized space," a library press release said. "To celebrate this milestone, we will be hosting an all-day reception to welcome back our patrons and showcase the extensive improvements made to your local library."

What's new at the

Library?

The renovation includes repairs, repainting and reorganizing of the branch to better serve patrons. Highlights of the renovation include:

- Dedicated teen zone: A space designed specifically for young adults to study and connect.
- Private study rooms: Quiet spaces perfect for remote work, tutoring, or focused research.
- Reimagined children's area: An engaging environment built to foster a lifelong love of reading.
- Upgraded seating: Comfortable, modern furniture throughout the branch for our adult

patrons.

"While the main floor was under construction, we remained committed to providing services from our lower level," the press release said. "We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our patrons for their patience and flexibility during this transition. Your support while we worked to improve your library experience has been invaluable."

"Join us Friday, May 22. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for a day of celebration. Come explore the new space, enjoy the reception, and see firsthand how Lisa Peterson's legacy is shaping the future of Cassville."

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Stake hosts annual dance in Carthage

On April 18, the 3,000 member Monett Missouri Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held its annual dance at the Civil War Ranch in Carthage.

More than 175 adult members and friends, including from Cassville, attended the event — coming from as far north as Cedar County and as far south as the Arkansas border — to enjoy line dancing, square dancing and swing dancing.

This year's added bonus was dinner, horseshoes, bean bag throw, hay bale throw, corn hole

and roping, all without charge.

A Stake in the Church of Jesus Christ is similar to a Catholic diocese, covering a large area and overseeing smaller units where members regularly worship and hold activities. The smaller units are called Wards or Branches, depending on their size. The Monett Missouri Stake has nine such units.

Why does the Church sponsor dances?

"The reason why wholesome recreation is part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is because it enhances our social/emo-

tional health and is something to look forward to," said Esther Pointer, Cassville Branch Relief Society president.

The restored Church of Jesus Christ also sponsors service projects for social/emotional health. The Cassville Relief Society women will be cleaning up one of the local graveyard's headstones, documenting them, and sending them to <https://billiongraves.com> for public access.

"Both recreation and service are vital to people's health," a Stake press release said.



Eli Roper, left, and Chuck Miner sort donations in the Cassville Pantry warehouse after the Stamp Out Hunger food drive by the Cassville Post Office. Contributed photo

Stamp Out Hunger food drive fills pantry shelves

Cassville Post Office collects 1,240 pounds of food in annual drive

May 9 was designated for Stamp Out Hunger, the USPS sponsored food drive.

Stamp Out Hunger is held each year on the second Saturday of May and is the country's largest single-day food drive. Residents were given a blue grocery bag in their mailbox and asked to leave nonperishable food donations by their mailbox for the mail carrier to pick up for distribution.

All donations will be given out to residents in Barry County assisting our neighbors fac-

ing hunger and helping them keep meals on the table. The residents of Cassville offered a generous response in support of the food drive which resulted in a collection of 1,240 pounds of food.

Janet Mills, Cassville Pantry director, extends gratitude to all who donated food items to the Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

"Greatly appreciated was the time and effort put forth by Postmaster Cheryl Jewers and the Cassville Post Office letter carriers for their commitment to helping collect food donations," Mills said. "This boost in resources will help replenish the shelves at the food pantry. New visitors and more of them

have recently been seeking out food assistance. Many families are struggling to make ends meet due to current economic challenges including increased gas and grocery prices."

In April alone, Cassville Pantry served 572 families, comprised of 1,746 people, with food boxes. This escalation in demand reached a peak high volume of persons seeking help with groceries matched only historically during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cassville Pantry is located at 800 W. 10th St. For additional information about hours and services phone 417-846-7871 or refer to the Pantry website at <https://www.cassvillepantry.com>.

3 qualify for National Tournament



Cassville High School students Kim Hang, David Rehbach and Kaid Williams, have qualified for the National Speech and Debate Competition. In order to qualify for the National Tournament, students must finish in either first or second place in each category. Results are as follows: Hang, Dramatic Acting, 1st place; Williams, Program of Oral Interpretation, 2nd place; and Rehbach, United States Extemp, 2nd place. Contributed photos



Speaking: James gives victim impact statement prior to sentencing Friday

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of limitations was forever, so I thought I would deal with it later. Now, looking back, I wonder why that was even an option, to be left up to a 13-year-old?"

Four years after the assault, James went back to the Sheriff's Office and reinitiated the process to press charges. During that period, things were difficult, she said.

"I would think about it all the time, especially when I would lay down to go to sleep," James said. "I would think about why we acted like nothing happened and how the person who did this to me just gets to live their life like nothing happened. When I did file charges, I was a big kid. When I was little, I thought a lot about how it could affect my siblings. I've known others this has happened to, and people were mean to them. As I got older, I realized I would rather my siblings hate me than to have to go through something like this. I thought maybe I could prevent it by telling my story. It became less about how I felt and more about protecting others."

James also said as she got older, she felt more and more like the situation needed to be dealt with. And, over that time, she had to face a whirlwind of emotions.

"I had all kinds of a range of emotions," she said. "It was really hard to deal with. I thought if I just removed myself from Cassville, it wouldn't be as hard, which is why I went to school in Kansas. But, that didn't help. I thought a lot about what if people didn't believe me? I was sad for the people I knew it would affect, but I was fighting everything

in my head. I eventually thought, you don't get to do something horrifying to a child and not have any repercussions. There are plenty of kids people have access to, and they shouldn't, so it became about other people."

That focus on others and possibly preventing any similar situations in the future was what pushed James to pursue charges, but filing them, she said, did not make things easier.

"The last year-and-a-half has been the hardest of my life," she said.

James attended the two-day jury trial in Stone County in March, but as a witness who took the stand, she did not get to be in the courtroom the whole time. And, after closing arguments, she did not want to be.

"When they went to recess before the verdict, I left," she said. "I couldn't be in the room because I did not know how I would handle it if the verdict went the other way. I had a friend that was there who kept calling me and calling me, but I didn't want to answer. Finally, I did, and it was the prosecutor on the line who told me the judge found [Sizemore] guilty. Then, I cried a lot.

"I had a lot of questions and anxiety if what we had was enough to get a conviction in our judicial system. I remember fighting that feeling and trying to figure it out. And, I'm happy he was found guilty, but my heart breaks because there are people I know who will be affected negatively by this. But, I keep telling myself that's not my fault. He was a grown man that

made his own decision. It wasn't something I did, and he is getting the justice he deserves."

James said she had multiple supporters in the courtroom at the jury trial, which really sunk in when she took the stand.

"It was surreal to have that many people there for me," she said. "It made me feel less alone, because I wasn't."

Through all of the emotions, fears, trauma and anxiety in recent years, James said her advice to others in similar situations is to find their courage.

"Don't be scared, and understand it will be really hard," she said. "As a victim, it is about you, but you also have to be strong for other people — stand up against the evil acts that others do, and do something to stop it from happening to other people."

With the case adjudicated, James is now looking toward her future and the road of recovery ahead.

"There's been a lot of counseling," she said. "I tried for a while to go without it, but that wasn't working. I have some stuff I need to work through and try to deal with that's been in the back of my head for years. I have to remind myself often not to feel guilty.

"Now, I can just live my life. When I was around Cassville, I don't know if people believed my story, but a judge believed me, and that's all that matters."

A state champion wrestler in her senior year, James is now studying biomedical science at Missouri State University,

with ambitions of becoming a physician assistant. She said through high school and her collegiate journey, there were two things that made a positive impact amid the mental struggles.

"Every time I stepped on a [wrestling mat] or went to a martial arts class, I didn't have a problem in the world," she said. "Or, when I was locked in on school work and got my brain to lock in, that helped. I am forever grateful I had those outlets."

On Friday, James read her victim impact statement in court prior to the sentencing. A full transcript of the statement follows:

Thank you, Your Honor, for allowing me this opportunity to address the court today.

My name is Faith, and I'm a survivor of sexual abuse by Anthony Sizemore. When I was just thirteen years old, Anthony Sizemore, the man who was the closest thing I had to a father at the time, and the father of my two youngest siblings, violated me in the most disgusting way. In the middle of the night, while I was sleeping, I woke up to Anthony Sizemore's fingers inside my vagina. That moment shattered my childhood, my sense of safety, and my trust in the world.

Anthony Sizemore stole something from me that night, and I can never get it back.

He had known me since I was a little girl. I was still a little girl. That betrayal hurts me more deeply than I can ever fully explain. Because of Anthony Sizemore, I have

lived with constant fear and discomfort for the last seven years. It's hard to sleep without fear taking me captive. If someone wakes me up, my body automatically goes into panic. If someone even walks into my room, my heart drops. I have struggled with what I wear to bed. I spent most of what was left of my childhood wearing spandex under every piece of clothing I put on. The nightmares don't stop. The anxiety doesn't leave. I spent most of my teenage years self-harming because of the disgust that Anthony Sizemore made me feel about myself. And I can only imagine the impact this will have on my relationship with my siblings in the future.

Anthony Sizemore has shown no remorse. Not once. Instead of owning what he did, he called me a liar. This was not an accident. This was not a mistake. This was deliberate. Anthony Sizemore is a sexual deviant and a predator. He has repeatedly put himself around young children even after what he did to me. He is exactly who he is, a man who preys on the vulnerable, and I was just the first one brave enough to stand up and face him. Others have shared their disgusting experiences with him, and I know there would be more if they felt safe.

The system failed me. Anthony Sizemore was allowed to roam free for years. He has violated the expectations of his bond. He does not respect this court. He does not respect the law. A narcissistic man like Anthony Sizemore only cares about himself.

His freedom, his image, his ability to continue without consequences.

Your Honor, I have paid the price of Anthony Sizemore's crime every single day for the last seven years, and I will continue paying it for the rest of my life. My mental health, my relationships, my ability to feel safe in my own skin, all of it has been compromised because of Anthony Sizemore.

Tony, You hurt me. You have shown zero remorse, zero accountability, and zero humanity. You are a terrible person who is a danger to anyone who meets you. You disgust me. You are a predator. The morning after you molested me, you asked me a question: "Are you going to ruin my life?" I said yes, and that wasn't the truth. The truth is, you ruined your life. You did this. The reason you are here today is because of you. No matter what Judge Blankenship decides, I hope you every time you fall asleep and every time you wake up, you think about how this is all your fault. I hope you're reminded of the effect your actions will forever have on the lives of [your children].

Your Honor, I pray you will not fail me. I ask that you make Anthony Sizemore an example, that this court takes child sex crimes seriously. Lock him away and show the world that people like Anthony Sizemore cannot keep getting away with destroying lives.

I was thirteen. I was a little girl. I deserved protection. Today, I ask this court to give me justice.

Thank you, Your Honor.

31 Tigers turn tassels



Exeter valedictorian Zeandrea Brown delivers her address at the school's commencement on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



A total of 31 Exeter seniors turned their tassels on Friday, celebrating commencement with confetti and the traditional hat toss. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Exeter salutatorian Jax Brock smiles as he delivers his speech at the Exeter High School graduation ceremony on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Jax Brock, left, leans forward to take a photo of his fellow graduates during the video presentation at Exeter High School's commencement on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Exeter's Edmondson Lokot shouts "Class of '26, we did it" as he shoots of a confetti canon to celebrate commencement on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Exeter's Honesty Hall accepts her diploma from Principal Ashley Fly during the school's commencement ceremony on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Exeter's Kylee Fuller accepts the Freedom Bank scholarship during Friday's commencement ceremony. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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Purdy: Abandoned car was stolen from home

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10, where a northbound vehicle attempted to pass two tractor-trailers on a curve and hydroplaned into the southbound lane, killing two people in the northbound vehicle and causing severe injuries to two in a south-

bound vehicle. Traffic was rerouted through town for several hours while the Highway Patrol conducted its investigation.

Lowe's report recounted an incident on April 7 where a northbound motorist struck several mailboxes and guardrails. Lowe was unable to intercept the vehicle, but Monett police did, determining the driver was not intoxicated, but was falling asleep while driv-

ing home from a night shift in Arkansas.

Two juveniles involved in a 3 a.m. break-in at the Purdy Super Stop on April 28 caused \$2,400 in damage to the back door of the store. Through posting store video on social media, officers were able to identify one of the suspects, who confessed. The other was due for interrogation. Police were seeking restitution for the damage.

Lowe noted Barry

County sheriff's deputies continued to respond to many calls in Purdy while Lowe remained the only scheduled officer. He said a 1994 Mitsubishi car that had been sitting abandoned in front of an empty house was stolen and found in Eagle Rock. How it was moved remained unknown. He recovered another vehicle stolen in Barry County that had been abandoned at the softball field. Lowe noted he still had several dog calls to answer during the past month.

Council members heard from Rebecca Maddox, a resident at Commercial and Archibald, who asked for relief on her sewer bill while trying to track down a water leak. Water and sewer bills are tied together in Purdy based on the volume of water through the meters. Mayor Brian Bowers said the city would consider an adjustment once the leak was corrected.

The next council meeting was scheduled for June 10.


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A competitor lays down a calf in the tie down roping event at the Cassville Rotary Rodeo Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Addy Carter lets her lasso loose at a calf in the roping competition at the Cassville Rotary Rodeo Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



The Stars and Stripes were on display at the beginning of the Rotary Rodeo on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Plenty of entertainment was on hand at the Cassville Rotary Rodeo Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



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POLE VAULTERS HEAD TO STATE



Cassville's Corbin Rhoads smiles as he attempts to clear 4.35 meters at the Cassville Relays this season. Rhoads took first place in the Class 3, Sectional 3 and will compete at the 2026 Class 3 Track and Field Championship Friday and Saturday in Jefferson City. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Rhoads 1st at sectional,
Thompson qualifies as freshman

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Two Cassville athletes will take part in the 2026 Class 3 Track and Field Championship Friday and Saturday, and both in the same event.

At the Class 3, Sectional 3 in Buffalo on Saturday, senior Corbin Rhoads took first place in the pole vault, clearing a height of 4 meters. For the Lady Wildcats, freshman Hopelyne Thompson will head to Jefferson City after taking fourth in the pole vault at sectionals, clearing 2.65 meters.

Clay Weldy, Cassville boys track and field coach, said Rhoads was excited about his result, but also measured.

"He was excited, but Corbin is a pretty even-keeled person, so he wasn't going crazy or anything," Weldy said. "But, he was excited to make it through."

Rhoads and Miller Bettis, of Fair Grove, both cleared 4 meters (13.12 feet) and Rhoads took the top spot by having less misses than Bettis throughout the competition.

Rhoads currently sits 7th in Class 3 based on his sectional vault. His personal record, also the Cassville High School record, was set at the Wildcat Relays this season at 4.35 meters.

"We are going to make sure we refine a few things and keep getting him reps," Weldy said. "At this point, we don't

CASSVILLE TRACK AND FIELD

What: Two qualifiers to 2026 Class 3 Track and Field Championship

Who: Senior Corbin Rhoads and freshman Hopelyne Thompson

Event: Both athletes qualified in pole vault

want to overthink or overdo anything."

Weldy said staying even-keeled and focused will be the key to reaching the podium.

"He needs to approach it like any other meet we have been to this season," Weldy said. "He just needs to worry about himself and not worry about what anyone else is doing, and stay focused through the competition."

Weldy said in his 15 years as head boys track coach, this is the first pole vaulter who has qualified for state. Rhoads' school record height bested the 40-year-old record of 14 feet, 1 inch set by Allen Osborne. Jeremy Huse matched the height in 1996 at the Big 8 conference meet, going on to take 13th place at state that year.

Thompson is in her first year of track and field, and Coach Erin Flehmer said she had never pole vaulted before taking up the event on the first day of practice this season. She advanced out of sectionals by clearing 2.65 meters (8.7 feet) on her second attempt, one

sooner than Salem's Emma Schlag, who

cleared the height on her third attempt.

"It came down to misses," Flehmer said. "[Second place through fifth place] all went out on 2.65 meters, so it came down to who had less misses. I think she was more stunned and shocked than anything. I was the more emotional one when I told her.

"I asked her, 'Do you know what this means?' She said, 'I'm going to state.' From there, she just kept smiling."

Flehmer said leading up to Friday and Saturday, fine tuning skills will be the goal, as well as trying to clear a few more inches.

"We'll be working on some technical stuff to help her vault get higher," Flehmer said. "There are a lot of girls going who can clear 3 or 3.2 meters (10 feet and 10.5 feet), so the goal will be to have fun and clear the opening height, which we won't know until Thursday. It very well may be her personal record of 2.65 meters, which she hit in districts and sectionals."

Wherever Thompson finishes, it won't be less than being in the top 16 in Class 3, Flehmer said.

"Hopelyne is super excited, and it's a big deal to make it as a freshman," Flehmer said.

Annie Moore was the last pole vaulter from Cassville to qualify for state. She took 12th place in Class. at 2.52 meters (8.25 feet) in 2022.

COLLEGE SIGNING

Who: Missy Freeman, Southwest senior

What: Has signed to play volleyball at Culver-Stockton College in Canton

More: Freeman led Southwest in kills and aces, was named All-Conference and All-District

Freeman signs to Culver-Stockton

Southwest senior led team in kills, aces last season

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Southwest volleyball's leader in kills and aces is taking her talents to Canton, as she has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Culver-Stockton College next fall.

Missy Freeman, who tallied 315 kills and 46 aces in her senior campaign and was selected to the all-Conference and All-District squads, said volleyball is more than just a sport for her.

"I love playing volleyball because it's what I enjoy and brings me peace," she said. "Every time I step on that court, everything that is going on in my life just goes away, and the only thing that matters in that moment is volleyball. It takes away my stress and only brings me happiness."

Freeman said she chose Culver-Stockton because it was a good fit among the schools she was considering.

"I chose the school I did because it was the school I felt I could be myself at," she said. "The other schools I visited were nice and good schools, but they just didn't feel right. The environment at this school felt right for me, and the students I'd have there to surround myself with felt right, as well as the staff. I looked at Oklahoma Wesleyan, Cottey College and Randall University."

Freeman served as team captain last season, and in the classroom, she was a straight-A student and selected to the Academic All-State team three years in a row. She said her greatest accomplishment at Southwest was not rooted in statistics.

"I would say my greatest accomplishment at Southwest is just becoming a better player and teammate," she said. "I would get more and more kills throughout the years and led my team in kills for three years. I was also able to improve my passing by a lot as well. I got all conference for two years and got all district my last year. I had the best teammates I could ever ask for that pushed me in so many ways."

Those teammates and time spent together is what Freeman said she will take with her.

"My greatest memory is all of the McDonald's trips we would take after every away game," she said. "I created so many memories there with them and always had a good time hanging out with my team there. We even always took a picture in front of the McDonald's sign."

Throughout her career, Freeman said multiple coaches and teammates made an impact.

"The people that had the biggest impact on my athletic career would be my club coaches, Kurstine and Chad, my teammates Laura Henry and Olivia Hnem, and Coach Henry," she said. "They have all pushed me to my full potential. They helped me get extra hours in the gym and helped me work through all of my mistakes. I will forever be grateful for having them."

One of those lessons learned over the years is how to maintain confidence on the floor.

"My biggest takeaway that I will use for college is to always have confidence and push yourself to do better," Freeman said. "Volleyball is just as much mental as it is anything else, so confidence is very important. Not being confident only keeps you

3 Southwest track athletes advance to state

Smith, Frost, Roe head to Jefferson City on Thursday for Class 2 meet

Southwest seniors Tobias Smith and Dylan Roe, as well as sophomore Sidney Roe, have each qualified for the MSHSAA Class 2 Track and Field Championships following their performances on Saturday at the Class 2 Sectional at Buffalo High School.

"Tobi has run two stellar races the last two weeks, and he saved his best for his two most important races," said

SOUTHWEST TRACK

What: Saw three of four sectional qualifiers move on to state

Who: Seniors Tobias Smith and Dylan Frost, sophomore Sidney Roe

When: Events on Friday and Saturday in Jefferson City

Steve Voyak, Southwest track and field coach. "He was an underdog both weeks and somehow advanced."

Smith ran a 9-second personal record in 10:54.39 qualifying fourth in the 3200 meters. He ranks 14th of the 16 state qualifiers but is 5 seconds from 10th and 13 seconds from 8th. He has improved his time

by 22 seconds in the last two races.

After finishing 6th in the long jump and failing to qualify, Frost jumped 1.88 meters and qualified with a second-place finish in the high jump. Frost is tied for 6th with two other athletes of the 16 who qualified.

"Dylan has been incredibly consistent all year," Voyak said. "He did not have his best performance at the sectional, but he still finished second. That's how good he can be. He will need his best at Jeff City to earn All-State."

Roe qualified in both the 1600 and 3200 for the second straight year, finishing third in

both races (5:35.78 in the mile and 12:41.38 in the two-mile). She was .25 seconds from second in the 3200 and .53 from second in the 1600. Among the qualifiers, she ranks 10th in the mile and 12th in the two-mile. The top 8 earn All-State status.

"Sid is healthy and improving each week," Voyak said. "We have exhausted her with the speed workouts recently but she has responded with personal records in consecutive races."

Freshman Race Pippin was the fourth Southwest sectional qualifier from Southwest, finishing seventh in the high jump.

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How Christ brings meaning to life

Rootedness is a good thing. I've recently been transplanting some flowers and vegetables and have been reminded of the connections we as human beings have that, like roots, nourish our lives.

One of the things we draw from to shape, inform and enrich our lives is a sense of place. The place where I grew up has a special place in my heart and imagination. It is where I am from. Of all the trees in the world, I have a special affinity for the one I played under for hours as a child.

The constructed world around it is still vivid in my memory as well. Our house. The church next door where my dad pastored and I spent so much time. The school and ballfields. Then there are other landmark locations like a college campus — especially the point overlooking the lake where I got engaged and the chapel where we were married. There is the house

where our kids grew up.

Locations like these orient my sense of place and belonging. After traveling around many parts of the world for six decades now, my little spots are seen in a different light. There are much more spectacular and interesting places, but my place is still home and I value it more than ever. My place contributes to my sense of who I am.

Another area that shapes our lives is a sense of time. Who am I in the long expanse of human history? Who were my ancestors and how do I relate to them? How do the many technological innovations that are coming at us so rapidly make life different from that of my parents?

Our culture has been crafted by the actions of people and other influences over time. With different influences our culture would have been different. All of our collective actions are shaping the culture we are passing on to the next generation.



JEFF FUGITT

They, like us, will be products of their time — a time we have had a hand in making.

Another one of the key elements of who we are is our sense of meaning. How do we interpret the places and times of our experience? People tell the story of their lives differently through a largely unconscious process of engagement with the various influences in life. The narrative one sees as his or her life carries within it the sense of meaning that we humans crave.

At a certain level of experience with life we can “try on” different narratives of meaning

from the one we inherit from our families and communities of origin. When we do so, we gain a more complete understanding and appreciation of our story — much like we do with the places and things of the formative times of life.

My faith as a follower of Jesus Christ is the single most influential aspect of the way I understand my life. It orients my story within a beautiful and much bigger narrative that is shared with billions of others across geography and time, and yet it is still uniquely mine. This sense of identity as a deeply loved creation and child of God fills my experience with deep meaning and purpose. It is a faith that I largely inherited from my family, but it is so much more than just a sentimental leftover of childhood.

After observing, studying, and engaging with alternative interpretations of life, this is the story that makes the particulars of life make sense for

me. Like the sun making the world visible, the story of Christ makes life comprehensible; but not just comprehensible. It also makes it beautiful, lighting it up with color and filling it with energy.

If you are searching for a sense of meaning, I encourage you to explore the story of God as it is narrated in the Bible. The helpful interpretation of that may not be the one that you have heard in the past. Childish understandings of faith don't work in the complexities of adulthood any more than any other kindergarten-level thinking.

If you are interested in conversation about how Christ brings meaning into life, I'd love to talk.

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LOST PET

LOST DOG: A black long-haired chihuahua with brown markings has been missing since May 12 in the area of Farm Road 1110 on the end south of Highway AA. He answers to the name Alf, weighs about 10-15 pounds, is 15 years old and is people-friendly. Anyone who finds Alf or has any information on his whereabouts is asked to call Linda Sartin at 417-846-0067 or Melissa Sartin at 417-440-1660.

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

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 for the record. Witness by hand and the seal of the circuit court this 22nd, day of April 2026.

Craig Williams
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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

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, 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.

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

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

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

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



Boats: 2024 Vernada tritoon VS 25 with 2024 Yamaha 250 hp motor & trailer – 2024 Veranda tritoon VR 22RC with 2024 Yamaha 250 hp motor and trailer – 2024 Vernada pontoon VF22, with 2024 Yamaha 115 hp motor & trailer – 2024 Vernada Pontoon Vista VR20, with 2024 Yamaha 115 hp motor & trailer – 2024 Vernada tritoon VR22 RC with 2024 Yamaha 150 hp motor & trailer – 2022 Aloha Tropical series, tritoon with slide, 2022 Mercury XS 115 hp motor (no trailer) located at Eagle Rock Marina. – 2022 Aloha Tropical Series tritoon with slide, 2023 Mercury 115 hp motor (no trailer) located at Eagle Rock Marina. **Collector Cars:** 1972 Monte Carlo, auto, 350, AC, restored very nice – 1940 Chevy 2 door post, coupe, 350, disc brakes all around, tilt, air, original mile car – 1902 olds, mdl R, Flat Lander, curved dash, 17 1/2 hp Briggs with original picnic basket, super nice. **RV:** 2020 Heartland Cyclone, 3719 Toy Hauler 5000 W. Onan generator, self leveling, 2 slides, 3 king beds, loft, 2 1/2 bath, washer & dryer hookups, 3 AC units, 4 TV's, outdoor kitchen, patio, 12' garage, rear camera, winter package, central vac, leather sofa, very nice RV. **Trailer:** 2022 Ozark, tandem axle 9990 GVW, 16' with dove tail, HD trailer. **Tractor:** 2022 Massey Ferguson 52 hp tractor, 4x4 w/front loader with only 123 hrs., like new – CB85 Massey Ferguson backhoe attachment to be sold separate. **Implements:** 6' 3 pt box blade – front load quick attach grapple – 6' 3 pt brush hog. **Autos:** 2015 Subaru Forrester AWD, 217xxx miles – 2013 Ford Escape Titanium, 4 cy, Eco boost 256xxx miles. **Boat:** 2000 Tahoe Sundeck. **Note:** CS Bank Repo boats, tritoons and pontoons, other items being sold are collector cars, toy hauler RV, Trailer, Tractor, Implements & Autos. Selling only large items so be on time. This auction won't take long. All items selling with confirmation. Lot's of nice items in this auction. Call 417-847-2507 to pre register before auction day. **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current driver's license to obtain bidder number. If paying by check, items will be held until check clears the auction company bank unless arrangements have been made PRIOR to auction day to auction company or CS Bank. If paying with credit card at 5% convenience fee will apply. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Friday June 5th 1:00 PM
Location: 26551 State Hwy YY, Shell Knob MO



Table Rock Lake View Home, 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home nice home with lake view. Walking distance to Table Rock Lake & Shell Knob recreation area. 2 miles to boat ramp and only 4 miles to Campbell Point Marina. Go towww.stumpffauction.com for more info and photos and to reregister for auction day.

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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
 CLERK
 byKATIE CORREIN D/C
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BID NOTICE

The City of Exeter is now accepting bids to chip and seal the residential streets. Bids will be accepted until June 8th. Please submit bids to cityofexeter@outlook.com or mail to City of Exeter Po Box 113 Exeter, MO 65647 1st insertion 05/20/26

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CASSVILLE

IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF ANTHONY LAVON GRIFFITH
Petitioner,
Case No. 26BR-DR00060

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of May 2026, by an Order of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, Case No. 26BR-DR00060, the name of ANTHONY LAVON GRIFFITH was changed to ANTHONY LAVON WILD.
Filed May 4, 2026
Craig Williams
Circuit Clerk
Judge
Jonnie E. Cox
1st insertion 5/20/26
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NOTICE

WW Quarry LLC, 23565 Lawrence 1180, Verona, Missouri 65769, has applied for a Surface Mining Permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Land Reclamation Program, to mine Limestone on 8 acres of land (Site #3023) located in Barry County, Section 26/ Township 25 North/ Range 26 West.

This operation will be conducted during the approximate dates of May 17, 2026 to May 1, 2046.

Written comments or a request for an informal public meeting may be made by any person with a direct, personal interest in one or more of the factors that the Staff Director may consider in issuing a permit, as required by The Land Reclamation Act, sections 444.760 to 444.790 RSMo.

Mail written comments, or a request for an informal public meeting to: Director, Land Reclamation Program, Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. All comments and requests for a public meeting must be submitted in writing to the director's office no later than fifteen days following the final public notice publication date. For more information about this process, please contact the Land Reclamation Program by telephone at 573-751-4041.
1st insertion 05/20/26
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SURPLUS PROPERTY BIDS

Ash Special Road district is taking bids for surplus property.

Items available for bidding include:
- Caterpillar Road Grader 140G
- 88 Model International dump truck, tri-axel
- Ford New Holland 7740 Almo Brush Cutter

Sealed bids may be mailed to Ash Road District c/o Harold Shrum at PO Box 462, Washburn, MO 65772.

Bids will be opened on July 10. To view items before bidding, call Shrum at 417-846-6688.
1st insertion May 20
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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

Date of first publication:
April 29, 2026

Date of second publication:
May 6, 2026

Date of third publication:
May 13, 2026

Date of fourth publication:
May 20, 2026

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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IN THE 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
Katherine Douglas-Johnson

MoBar No. 64503
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 80524
The personal

(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

TABLE ROCK LAKEFRONT REAL ESTATE

Saturday, May 23, 2026 — 10:00 AM

Location: Shell Knob MO (22532 Packer Dr, Shell Knob MO)

3 Houses, All Lake Front, Walk Down, Selling in 3 Tracts



Tract #1: 4 bedroom, 3 bath, doublewide home on a full basement with wrap around deck overlooking Table Rock Lake. Lakefront, walkdown and on 1 acre m/l with a 30'x60' big shop building with 12' side walls. Large overhead door, walk door and windows plus an 8'x12' storage shed. **Tract #2:** 2 bedroom 1 bath doublewide home with deck overlooking Table Rock Lake on 1 acre m/l with carport and storage shed, lakefront and walkdown. **Tract #3:** 3 bedroom 2 bath, doublewide home, lakefront, walkdown and on 1 acre m/l with septic and shared well. **Note:** All 3 tracts border each other. Selling in 3 tracts. Investors, flippers, large families, individuals, developers, etc, here's your chance to fix and flip or for the weekend getaway with room to expand. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Possible more land available. Buy one tract or all 3 and make it what you want. Selling Real Estate only promptly at 10:00 AM. See you there. Call 417-847-2507 to preregister to bid at auction or to preview the property before auction day. **Real Estate Terms:** Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to the date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Bidders, buyers, or agent of the buyer is responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals, or final walk throughs. Seller has the right to accept or reject final bid. A 10% buyer's premium will apply on Real Estate. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

Owner: Dennis & Shannon Simmons and Art & Mary Thomison



Auctioneer:
Donnie Stumpff
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Auctioneer:
Parker Stumpff
AR State Champion
Auctioneer
#2352

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

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.

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May 6, 2026

Date of third publication:
May 13, 2026

Date of fourth publication:
May 20, 2026

Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker,
Probate Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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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.

The Cassville Democrat First Publication: May 6, 2026

Second Publication: May 13, 2026

Third Publication: May 20, 2026

Fourth Publication: May 27, 2026

Craig Williams
Circuit Clerk
By: S. Parker
Probate Clerk
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CLASSIFIEDS/LEGALS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5B 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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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of JILL H
LECOMPTE,
Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-
PR00063

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested
in the Estate of
JILL H LECOMPTE,
Decedent:

On May 11, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of JILL H LECOMPTE, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY, Missouri.

The name and business address of the personal representative is:

VICTORIA ZANE
HENBEST,
15488 BUSINESS HWY
37,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625
The personal
representative's attorney's
name, business address
and phone number is:
HARRY DANIEL
SCHWARTZ,
702 WEST ST,
PO BOX 276,
CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
417-847-2734.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation

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

Date of the decedent's death: 05-APR-2026
Date of first publication: May 20, 2026
Date of second publication: May 27, 2026
Date of third publication: June 3, 2026
Date of fourth publication: June 10, 2026

Craig Williams,
Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

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TRUSTEE'S SALES

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
Publication Dates:
04/29/26, 05/06/26,
05/13/26, 05/20/26
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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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16-19

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:

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.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No:
226221.060926.470537 FC
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

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
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.

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May 13, 2026
05/20/2026,
05/27/2026,
06/03/2026
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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:

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to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default has occurred in the payment of the note described in and secured by the

deed of trust executed by Norman M. Bates, Edward E. Bates and Rebecca Ann Bates on March 23, 2005, and recorded on April 4, 2005, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, Missouri, in Book 05 at Page 2439, and conveying to the trustee the following described property:

TRACT 1:
ALL LOTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) OF WHISKEY FLATS SUBDIVISION, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDNG TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

TRACT III:
ALL OF LOT SEVEN (7): SUNDOWN ACRES, IN STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDNG TO RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

ALSO
A PART OF SUNDOWN ACRES, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BEGGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 7: SUNDOWN ACRES:

A SUBDIVISION PER THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF; THENCE WEST 50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 150 FEET; THENCE EAST 50 FEET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 7. 150 FEET TO POINT OF BEGGINNING, IN STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDNG TO THE RECORDED PLAT

TRACT IV:
OF LOT TWENTY-EIGHT (28), SECONG ADDITION; SUNDOWN ACRES IN MISSOURI ACCORDNO TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, ALSO

AN UNDIVIDED 1/10TH INTEREST IN THE WELL AND PUMP LOCATED ON LOT 30, SUNDOWN ACRES,


SECOND ADDITION, FOR USE BENEFIT OF LOT 28, INCLUDING EASEMENT ACROSS LOT 30 FOR THE INSTALATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A WATER LINE.

Tract V: Lot 104 of MIRA MONTE SUBDIVISION SECOND ADDITION, Stone County, Missouri according to the recorded plat thereof.

At the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the provisions of the deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will on June 12, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., namely at 1 p.m., sell said property at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash,

at the North door of the Stone County Courthouse, 108 E. 4th Street, Galena, Missouri, to satisfy said note and costs.

H. F. Glass, Trustee
1736 East Sunshine – Suite 405
Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 883-6566
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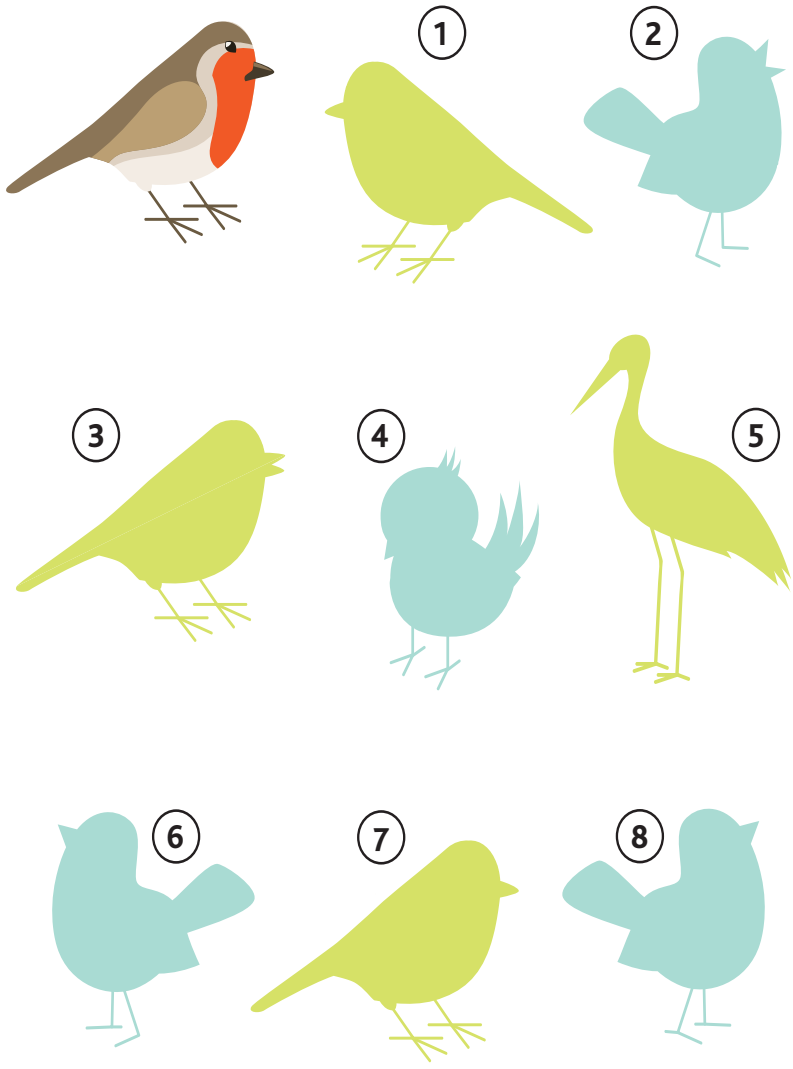
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Can you find the small bird's shadow?



ANSWER: SHADOW NO. 7

KIDS' COLUMNS

A weekly hangout for the young and young at heart

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Q: Why don't skeletons fight each other?

A: They don't have the guts.

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Q: Why did the scientist go to the tanning salon?

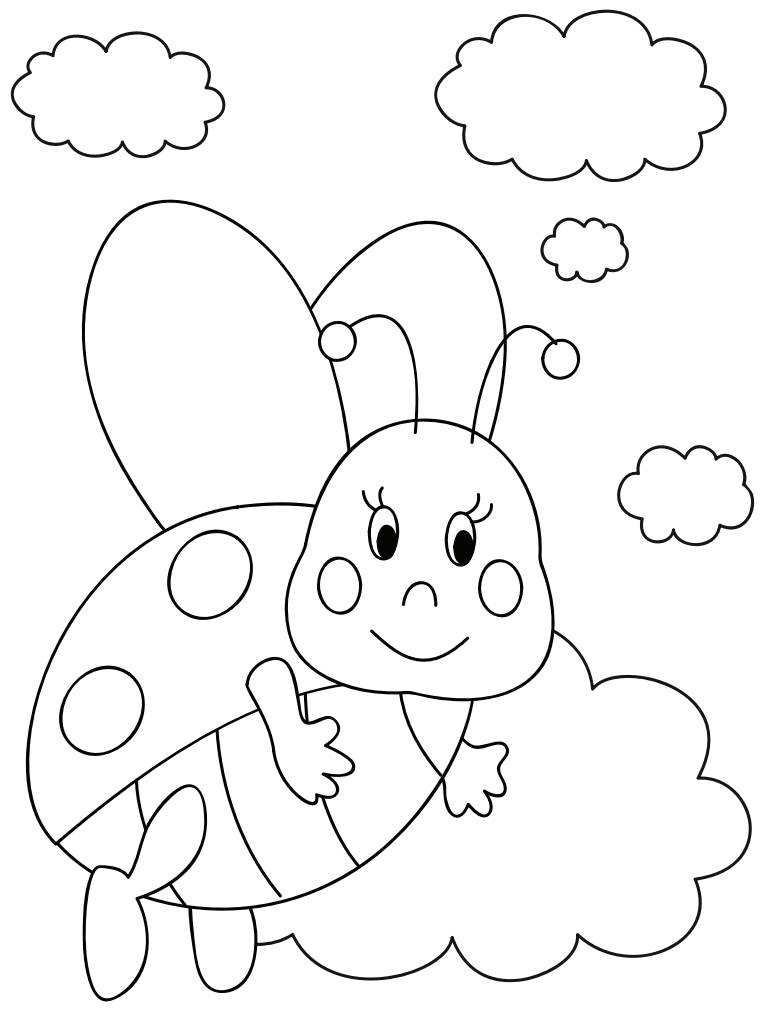
A: Because he was a paleontologist.

JUST kidding

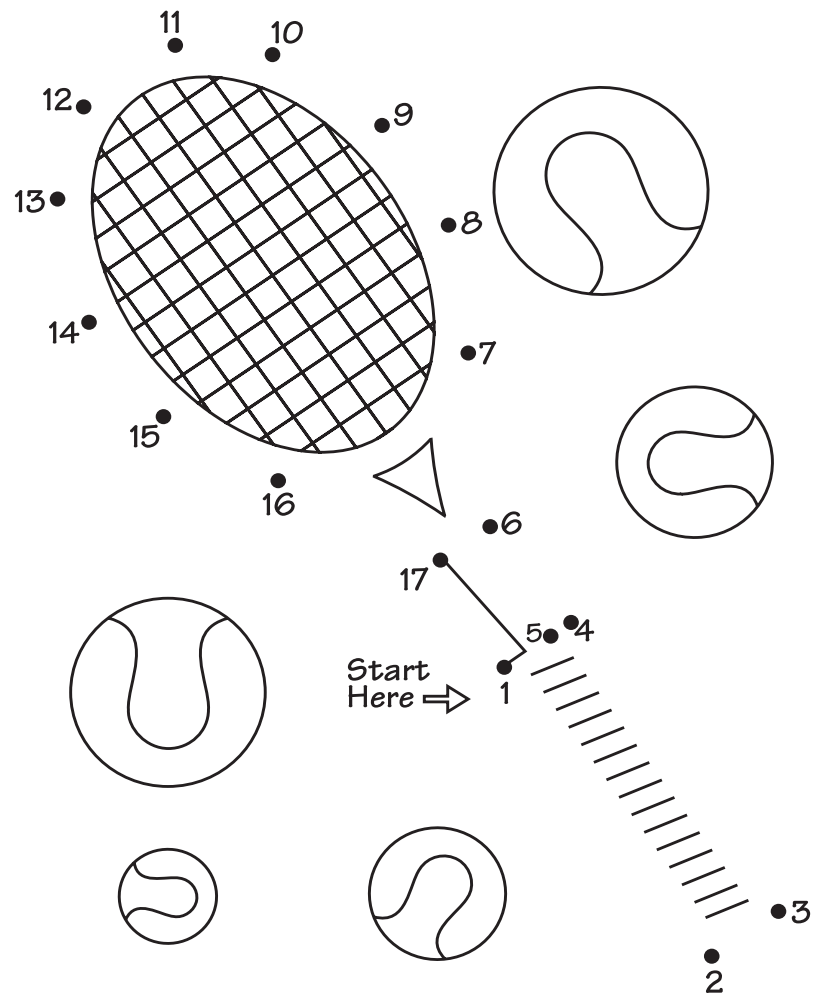
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Bohmke signs for pickleball



Cassville's Tyson Bohmke recently signed to play pickleball at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. Bohmke is the son of Tiffany and Eric Bohmke, of Cassville. He plans to major in general business. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Roark goes for football at Pitt State



Cassville's Colton Roark recently signed to play football at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. In his senior season, Roark led the Wildcats in receiving with 37 catches for 885 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also rushed for 448 yards on 55 attempts, scoring 8 touchdowns, and on special teams, he returned one kickoff for a touchdown and punted 16 times for 583 yards. Roark is the son of Grant and Cindy Roark, of Cassville. He plans to major in electrical technology. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Tobias Smith runs in the 3200 meter race at the Cub Relays this season. Smith will run in the two-mile race at the MSHSAA Class 2 Track and Field Championships in Jefferson City this week. Along with Smith, senior Dylan Frost will compete in the high jump, and sophomore Sidney Roe will compete in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter races. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Southwest Senior Marissa Freeman has signed a letter-of-intent to play volleyball at Culver Stockton College next fall. Freeman led the Lady Trojans in kills (315) and aces (46) and was selected to the All-Conference and All-District teams. Contributed photo

Freeman: Be mindful of effort

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in your head and drags you down."

Freeman said to that end, other athletes hoping to play in college should be mindful of their effort.

"Some advice I would give other athletes is to just keep pushing," she said. "You're gonna have

moments in your career where you feel like you're not doing good enough or not improving enough, but I promise you are. It is a hard process, but it is all worth it in the end

when you finally get to do that signing. You'll go to college and improve more

and more, then those bad games you had in high school won't matter anymore."

Culver-Stockton is a private, Christian NAIA school located in Canton. Freeman is the daughter of Matt and Marissa Freeman.

Southwest: Events Friday, Saturday

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"For Race to advance to sectional in high jump as a freshman is amazing," Voyak said. "He is way ahead of schedule and with his work ethic and basketball cross training, I expect him to pick up for Dylan next season."

The Southwest trio heads to Jefferson City Thursday. Roe runs the mile and Smith in the two-mile Friday afternoon. Roe runs the two-mile and Frost competes in the high jump Saturday afternoon.

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