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 Purdy tops 20 wins, sets sights on district championship. — **1B**

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Man charged with fiber line copper thefts

Fugitive arrested at scene when search warrant was served

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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A woman was arrested and a warrant was issued for a man following the service of a search warrant at a residence on Farm Road 1142 in the Star City area las week.

FELONY CHARGES

Who: Andrew Edie, 46, of Cassville, and Cindy Beck, 41, of Purdy
What: Edie is charged with four counts of stealing \$750 or more; Beck jailed for multiple failure to appear warrants
More: Warrant issued for Edie with \$25,000 cash-only bond

Andrew Edie, 46, of Cassville, is charged with four counts of stealing \$750 or more, and a warrant has been

issued for his arrest. Cindy Beck, 41, of Purdy, was arrested on the scene for nine failure to appear warrants.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Det. Jeremy Berner, with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, on March 26, deputies began an investigation into the alleged theft of 300 feet of fiberoptic wire, valued at \$4,000, which was allegedly stolen from the area of Highway YY and Farm Road 1260 in Shell Knob.

On April 1, a report of the theft of approximately 150 feet of fiberoptic wire, valued at \$8,000, was allegedly stolen from the area of 22562 Farm Road 1262 in Shell Knob.

On April 3, a report of the theft of approximately 350 feet of fiberoptic wire, valued at \$8,000, was allegedly stolen from the area of 22562 Farm Road 1262 in Shell Knob. Berner said the wire allegedly stolen was what had been used

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SALES TAXES

What: Mostly up in April
Cassville: Up \$315 compared to last April, the fourth consecutive increase
Barry County: General fund total for the year up 5%

County sales taxes generally up in April

Use taxes widely off from pace a year ago

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat
 For the third month in a row, sales tax revenues to cities in Barry and Lawrence counties have gone in opposing directions.

Barry County's seven cities saw a revenue increase of 6%, with six out of seven towns seeing gains. Lawrence County's six cities saw a 5% drop, with only one city topping last April's receipts. Add in all the use taxes, including the county's, and Barry County's revenues on the same taxes collected a year ago actually dropped by half a percent. Lawrence County's fell by 9%. For counties that once paralleled each other's economies, the separate patterns seem to be widening.

Cassville's taxes performed slightly better than a year ago. The city's 1% general fund tax generated \$103,629.55, up \$315.95 from last April, the fourth consecutive increase. Use tax revenues, paralleling a trend seen in Lawrence County, dropped by more than \$8,000, or 22%. Cassville's general fund income is nonetheless up by more than \$40,000.

Seligman, following Cassville's lead, hung close to last April's numbers. The city's 1% general fund tax produced \$11,640.07, up \$607.66 from a year ago. Seligman's use tax, however, skyrocketed, nearly quadrupling last April's total. Seligman's general fund revenues are up by nearly \$4,000. With the use tax, the same taxes collected last year have boosted Seligman's income for the year by more than \$27,000. Seligman's new 1% tax for law enforcement has added another \$50,600 to city coffers on top of that.

Wheaton had its strongest sales tax month this year as the city's 1% general fund tax yielded \$7,748.25, up \$1,691.68 from last April, the second gain this year. That put Wheaton's general fund a bit more than \$370 higher than the start of 2025. Wheaton's half-cent transportation tax generated

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123 accept diplomas at Cassville



Cassville's class of 2026 — 123 members strong — celebrates completing high school with confetti and the traditional mortarboard hat toss to cap off Sunday's commencement ceremony at Wildcat Stadium. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

2 men charged for alleged theft, exhibiting firearm

Bonds for both individuals set at \$100,000, cash only

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Two men are being held in the Barry County jail on multiple felony charges after an incident in Butterfield where the pair allegedly moved a victim's vehicle and brandished a firearm.

Doyle Shelley, 63, of Purdy, and Leif Thunstrom, 44, of Cassville, are each charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, armed criminal action and first-degree tampering with a motor vehicle.

According to probable cause statements filed by Deputy J. Printy, with the Barry County Sheriff's office, on April 26, at about 5:56 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a convenience store Butterfield for a report.

Printy said Thunstrom allegedly took a moped from the parking lot of the store

and allegedly moved to the back of the building, where he was confronted by the victim.

After a brief argument, Printy said, Thunstrom got into the passenger side of Shelley's vehicle, and as they were leaving, Thunstrom allegedly waved a handgun and pointed it at the victim and a witness.

Thunstrom is a convicted felon, which makes it illegal for him to possess a firearm, Printy said.

Printy said Shelley allegedly know-

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Health Department appoints new administrator

Meyer moves into new role, aims to build on foundation in place



MEYER

The Barry County Health Department has announced the appointment of Brianna Meyer as the new Administrator, effective April 13.

Meyer steps into the role following a period of transition and brings with her a strong commitment to public health, organizational leadership, and continued service to the residents of Barry County, a Department

press release said. "Having previously served within the department, she offers valuable institutional knowledge and a clear understanding of the community's needs," the release said. Meyer said she is honored to accept the administrator position.

"Our team is deeply committed to protecting and improving the health of our community," she said. "I look forward to building on the strong found-

ation already in place while continuing to enhance services, strengthen partnerships and support our staff."

The Barry County Health Department plays a vital role in promoting public health through a wide range of services, including preventative care, environmental health, WIC services and community education. Under Meyer's leadership, the department will continue its focus on accessibility, quality care, and responsive public health initiatives, the release said.

The Board of Trustees expressed confidence in Meyer's

leadership and vision for the department's future.

"Brianna has demonstrated dedication, professionalism, and the ability to lead during a time of change," a Board statement said. "We are confident in her ability to guide the department forward and continue serving the citizens of Barry County with excellence."

For more information about the Barry County Health Department and its services, please visit www.barrycountyhealth.com or contact the department at info@barrycountyhealth.com or calling 417-847-2114.

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LOCAL

NEWS BRIEFS

Cassville Alumni Dinner scheduled

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

Barry County Courthouse closed Friday

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Friday in observance of Truman Day (President Truman's birthday).

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.

Barry County Democratic Central Committee meeting

The Barry County Democratic Central Committee will meet on May 12 at 6 p.m. at the El Mariachi Restaurant in Cassville, located at 482 Hwy. 76.

Purdy Special Road District meeting

The Purdy Special Road District will meet at 4 p.m. on May 11 at the Purdy District Road Barn, located at 200 South 9th St. (Farm Road 1085).

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., Youth Paint, 3:30 p.m., Re-Fit, 5:30 p.m., Book Club, 5:30 p.m.; Friday, Water Color (Whimsical Birds), 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Harvick Farms Spring Fest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Storytime, 10 a.m., Home School Program, 11 a.m., Scrapbooking, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Teen Book Club (ages 13-17), 3:30 p.m.

Corsicana Road District to meet

The Corsicana Special Road District will meet in regular session on May 12 at 7 p.m., at the home of Garry and Pam Bartkoski, located at 5086 Farm Road 2057 in Monett. The public is welcome to attend.

Summer school on tap in Cassville, including new CAN program

The Cassville school district is gearing up for a summer full of learning at summer school. "Traditional Seated Summer School: Launch into Learning" will be May 18 to June 12, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., offered to incoming kindergarten to current eighth grade students. Breakfast and lunch is provided to each student free of charge. Students will have the opportunity to earn a gift card through the attendance incentive program. If the child misses zero hours of class, he or she will earn a \$100 gift card. If 1 hour to 1 day is missed, the student will earn a \$75 gift card. If 2 days are missed, the child will earn a \$50 gift card. Summer school students will enjoy weekly field trips and weekly pool days (pre-k students will have water play days on campus). First-grade students will complete the YMCA Water Safety Course. This course is a series of 8 lessons designed to teach students water safety skills that help reduce the risk of drowning and build their skills and confidence in and around the water. Through the guidance of YMCA instructors, students will develop a strong foundation of water safety knowledge. New this year is "Compass Academy Network" from May 18 to June 12, offered to students who have completed fifth, sixth and seventh grades grade on campus at the W.I.L.D. Academy at CMS. This is an enrichment program open to students in other districts, as well. There is no cost to participate in this program. Students will receive free breakfast, lunch and snack as well as a program T-shirt, binder, water bottle and pencil pouch with supplies. Transportation will also be available. The Cassville CAN program will be led by a team of educators and aspiring teacher mentors. Students will participate in engaging, hands-on enrichment activities each week, including: Creative writing and art; math and civics; decision-making and personal development; team-building and physical education; and a fun and educational field trip each Friday. Students enrolled in CAN are eligible for the district's summer school attendance gift card incentive. Additionally, students who successfully complete the program will receive a \$45 Walmart gift card that can be used on school supplies. Spots are limited. Families that are interested in having their child considered for this program, must complete an online application. Students interested must have a GPA equivalent of 2.5 or higher and must have a recommendation from a current teacher, guidance counselor or administrator. More information may be found at: <https://www.csr4.org/summerschool>.

Calling all Eagle Rock school alumni

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

Kings Prairie Cemetery Annual Meeting

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

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.

Phillips receives Ruby Award



The Soroptimist Club of Barry County has selected Teresa Phillips as the 2026 recipient of the club's Ruby Award. This award is given annually to recognize a non-Soroptimist woman who has made extraordinary efforts to improve the lives of women and girls in Barry County. Pictured are Kiley Stringer, right, Soroptimist member, and Ruby Award recipient Teresa Phillips. She was selected to receive this award based on her leadership and commitment to literacy and lifelong learning through her work within the Community Care Coalition in Barry County. In her honor, a donation will be made to the Community Care Coalition. Contributed photo

Taxes: Exeter sees gains

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only 40% of the 1-cent tax. Wheaton's use tax in April was half the amount from a year ago, making the city's total revenues so far this year down a little over \$900 with all taxes combined for four months.

Purdy's sales taxes continue to hold very close to last year's numbers. The city's 1% general fund sales tax received \$4,591.23 in April, up \$621.05 from last April. In the last three months, the difference between this year and last has been less than \$700. General fund income this year is up by a bit more than \$1,600.

Washburn's sales taxes have followed a similar pattern. The city's 1% tax brought in \$3,128.03 in April, down \$320.19 from a year ago. Even though Washburn's use tax income was down 40% for the month, total tax income with the three sales taxes and the use tax for the year varies by less than \$2,800, with less received in 2026.

Exeter's 1% sales tax saw its second gain in two months, taking in \$2,183.09, up \$404.17 from a year ago. Exeter's use tax, however, was down by a little more than that amount. Income for the two taxes so far in 2026 is down by almost \$1,400.

Monett, with most of its shopping district in Barry

County, saw its two sales taxes totaling 1% supporting the city's general fund generated \$209,258.53, up \$16,057.83, or 8%, the second increase this year. Monett's use tax took in a little over \$10,000 more than last April. Monett's general fund income for the year is up by nearly \$34,000. Revenue from all of Monett's five sales taxes and use tax for 2026 is up by almost \$290,000, or 13%.

Barry County's county-wide taxes supporting government services also remained surprisingly close. The county's two older half-cent taxes for general operations and road maintenance each yielded around \$215,394, both up by \$210 and some change for the month. Again, the county's use tax proved to be the wildcard in April, dropping nearly \$60,000, or 24%. Barry County's general fund total for the year is still up by more than \$46,700, or 5%. Total income from all Barry County's four sales taxes and use tax is up by 3.5%.

The separate .375% sales tax supporting central dispatching and 911 services for the county took in \$161,546.36 in April, up \$161 from a year ago. For the year, that tax has brought in a bit more than \$35,000 ahead of last year.

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Moments shared at Parade of Graduates



Cassville graduate Ava Hinson, right, hugs her sister, kindergartener Aria Krueger, during the Parade of Graduates at the Cassville school district last week. Graduates walked through the lower level schools to encouragement and cheers ahead of Sunday's commencement ceremony. Contributed photo

Cassville High School hosts first Field Day



Junior contestant Diego Habara passes the sophomore team after a high stakes school kick ball competition during the Cassville High School field day. Gwendylan Harmon/Cassville Democrat Intern



Members of the Cassville High School Student Council, with juniors in blue, sophomores in pink and freshmen in orange, led a coordinated dance during Field Day at Cassville High School in front of a lively audience enjoying the dance lesson. Gwendylan Harmon/Cassville Democrat Intern



Sophomore boys in pink erupt in celebration as they lift and jump around their teammate after his game winning kick during Cassville High School's field day kickball tournament. Gwendylan Harmon/Cassville Democrat Intern



Cassville FCCLA and SADD members served dirty soda drinks, made entirely by the students during Cassville High School's Field Day, in effort to raise money for the clubs while also contributing to the success of the day. Gwendylan Harmon/Cassville Democrat Intern

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

A moment to brag

As the school year comes to an end and graduation season is in full swing, I want to take a moment to brag.

I'm not bragging about anything we are doing, rather, what a couple of our bright young minds have been doing with us.

Last summer, we had an "intern" for the first time. Natalie Crumpler, a 2024 Exeter graduate, approached us in her first summer out of college and wanted to get a feel for what it was like to work at a small-town community newspaper.

Completely on a volunteer basis, she shadowed me for a couple weeks as I did my various tasks from reporting to photography to design. Ultimately, she found design to be her niche, and after a few days of training, she took our templates and used InDesign to put together two of our Monett Monthly editions.

For being with us only a few hours a day and only a couple months, I was impressed how quickly she was able to pick up the program and —with very few edits — put together an 8-page newspaper.

We didn't do enough to brag about Natalie's contributions last year, but better late than never I suppose.

Fast forward a few months and we got a call from the Cassville High School counselors. A senior at Cassville wanted to utilize a new internship program offered by the district to work for us for a semester.

In January, Gwendylan Harmon began a four-month-long internship with us, and once again, I was impressed with how quickly she was able to pick up and run with whatever was thrown at her.

When Gwen came in, her initial interest was public relations and marketing. For that focus, ad sales seemed like a natural fit. With some shadowing and training, she helped to sell a few of our projects at the start of the year, however, sales turned out to be her bag.

About the time she realized sales wasn't quite what she thought it would be, she toured and was accepted to the journalism school at the University of Missouri.

"Impressed" isn't even strong enough a word to describe how significant an accomplishment that is. The "J School" is one of the premier journalism schools in the country and is highly competitive. It's a higher honor than I think most people she told even realized, but the accomplishment was not lost on me.

After that trip and acceptance, the goal was clear — reporting and photography were the new focuses.

Gwen took that ball and ran with it full speed. Her first photo opp was Cassville's Tip-Off, she may have been shadowing me that day, but her crowning photos were both better than mine, so I ran them.

In March she wrote stories on scholarship opportunities for local seniors, the renovation at Mercy Hospital in Cassville, the changing of ownership of Sportsman's Corner, the future plans for the pedestrian bridge in Cassville, the bid awarded for the fireworks show during Trout Fest, the Missouri State Highway Patrol's drug awareness presentation at the high school and the annual Poetry Day at Crowder Cassville.

She's done nearly as many photo packages over the last two months, as well, and she's done so well at all of it, we offered to keep her on staff over the summer as a stringer so she can continue building her portfolio and gaining experience.

Most students entering the J School will have worked for their high school papers or done yearbook, but how many can say they have multiple stories published in an award-winning weekly community newspaper?

Gwen can.

It has been an honor to be able to afford that opportunity, and just as much of an honor to change her byline from Cassville Democrat Intern to what all our other stringers have — "Special to the Cassville Democrat."

If any businesses out there are approached by the school to offer an internship to a Cassville senior, I strongly encourage you to take it.

If our experience is any gauge, you won't regret adding a bright mind to your ranks, and you won't regret doing your best to nurture it.

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YOUR VIEW

'Mother'

Dear Editor:

The following is a

poem for Mother's Day:

Every day should be

Mother's Day

They love and care for

us in every way

They hold us to their

chests when we are babies

Their love is uncon-

ditional, not sort of, no

kinda's, no mabies

They nurse us if we are

hurt or sick

Cheer us up by doing

some trick

They forgive us if we

have done wrong

If we are weak they are

strong

They sacrifice and put

us first

Love us when we are at

our worst

Thank you for all that

you do

Thank you Mom

there's no one else like

you.

Robert Grady
Golden

STAFF VIEW

Heads up, sludge-followers!

As a precursor to issuing new permits for the land-application of sludge, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a public informational meeting in Jefferson City at 1 p.m., May 9, regarding the proposed issuance of four new Master General Permits, including the use of one-year and five-year P-indexes for land-application.

If, like me, you don't have an agricultural background, the phrase "P-index" (which stands for Phosphorus Index) reads a lot like Greek. Research brought a little clarity to a complex subject.

A P-index, states the University of Missouri (MU) Extension, is a management tool that integrates various factors to identify agricultural fields with a high potential for phosphorus losses in runoff (<https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g9184>).

Each state is responsible for the development of its own P-index, suitable to specific conditions in that state.

The control of phosphorus and nitrogen (essential plant nutrients) in soil is critical to water resources, both for drinking and for recreation.

However, according to an AI overview, a phosphorus (P) index is often an inaccurate management tool, because "it attempts to simplify complex, site-specific environmental interactions into a single risk score, leading to inconsistent assessments across different regions and soil types."

Inconsistent standards for phosphorus application abound because 48 states have their own P-indices. Critics of the tool say they frequently fail to account for subsurface leaching, specialized soil chemistry (e.g., high organic matter or iron), and unique landscape features like karst terrain.

Barry County is sitting on a karst wonderland, 47 square miles of which comprise the recharge basin of Roaring River Spring, the source of the water for Roaring River Hatchery, the magnet that draws over one million visitors annually to Roaring River State Park.

In karst areas, dissolved phosphorus can leach into groundwater through fissures, cracks and sinkholes, but the P-index, say critics, focuses on surface runoff without taking into consideration the possibility of dissolved phosphorus entering groundwater via cracks and holes in the bedrock below the soil.

While nitrogen and phosphorus are key plant nutrients, according to the EPA, "Too much nitrogen and phosphorus in the water can



SHEILA HARRIS

cause algae-like bacteria to grow faster than ecosystems can handle. Significant increases in algae harm water quality, food resources and habitats and decrease the oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive...leading to fish illnesses or death, often in large numbers.

"Nutrient contamination in groundwater — which millions of people in the United States use as their drinking water source — can be harmful, even at low levels. Infants and young animals, in particular, are vulnerable to a nitrogen-based compound called nitrates in drinking water."

Phosphorus is of particular concern because, according to Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities' Extension, "Dissolved phosphorus loss in runoff water from agricultural landscapes is one of the most difficult forms of pollution to control."

Only .08 to .1 parts per million of phosphorus can negatively affect water quality, the Alabama Extension states. Not only can relatively small amounts of phosphorus be detrimental if they access water sources, phosphorus can build up in soil over time with repeat applications and be subject to erosion and dissolution (<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/crop-production/phosphorus-management-indices-to-measure-environmental-phosphorus-loss-risk-from-soils/>).

The over-application of phosphorus can occur in areas where meat and poultry processing (MPP) wastewater residuals are land-applied, in part because of the sheer quantity of sludge represented.

According to EPA data, a poultry-processing slaughter facility that kills a live weight of 100-500 million pounds of birds a year generates an average of almost one million gallons of wastewater per day.

The wastewater residuals — the gloppy, solid Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) skimmings of meat, blood, bones and other raw delicacies that form on the surface of wastewater — are loaded into

tankers for land application on farms where property-owners are willing to accept them.

A contract driver for Denali Water Solutions, who spoke with The Cassville Democrat in early 2023, stated that about 10-15 loads of sludge were delivered by waste-hauling tankers during his typical workday (and through the night by other operators) until a farm reached its capacity. A tanker, he said, carried about 6,000 gallons of sludge.

Nitrogen, phosphorus and a variety of minerals and metals (including copper), bacteria and viruses are components of those wastewater residuals (https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-09/mpp-development-document_final-action.pdf).

We're looking at a mess waiting to happen in Barry County: an ecological disaster for our karst terrain, which hydrologist and Cave Research Foundation volunteer, Ben Miller, calls a "vast, underground plumbing system."

The interconnected web of karst features below the Ozarks allows virtually unfiltered groundwater to move freely and rapidly.

Hydrologist Tom Aley, author of an article in "Missouri's Caves and Karst," an MDC publication, says groundwater travel-rates in karst areas of Missouri can average about one mile per day. Groundwater travel-rates within non-karst areas are commonly only a few feet per year, Aley says.

In Missouri, with its farmland to the north and karst-y Ozarks to the south — where dissolved phosphorus can readily leach into groundwater — a one-size-fits-all P-index may not fit the entire state.

The MU Extension does state that the P-index calculation for the Ozarks is more restrictive, but no mention is made of the reason. They're not telling the whole story.

Read up on karst, with its proclivity for ushering contaminants into and through groundwater, and you'll get a clearer picture.

Learn more about P-indexes and other pertinent topics by attending the DNR's May 19 meeting. A virtual attendance option is available.

More information about proposed permits and meeting access may be found at <https://dnr.mo.gov/calendar/event/303061>.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Education funding: We've been here before

As a superintendent — and just as important, as a taxpayer here in Barry County — I want to share a timely perspective on decisions currently being made in Jefferson City that will directly impact our students, our staff, and our community.

Missouri lawmakers are in the final days of shaping the state budget, and the outcome will determine whether public schools receive funding that is dependable or funding that only appears sufficient on paper. Right now, a small group of legislators on the Budget Conference Committee is deciding between two very different approaches.

The Senate version of the budget takes a responsible approach. It replaces uncertain funding sources with actual dollars, ensuring that the money allocated to schools will truly be there when districts like Cassville need it. The House version, however, continues to rely on revenue streams that have already proven unreliable. Missouri schools are currently managing a significant shortfall because expected funds from lottery, gaming, and tobacco revenues did not materialize.

We've been here



MERLYN JOHNSON

before. If the House approach is adopted again, we risk repeating the same outcome.

When school funding falls short, the impact reaches far beyond a line item in a budget. It is felt in classrooms, along bus routes, and in the opportunities we're able to offer our students. Needs that should be addressed, like repairing parking lots, are deferred, allowing conditions to worsen.

Roof leaks are patched rather than properly fixed. And teachers who deserve competitive pay increases may instead see only minimal raises, or none at all, until state funding stabilizes.

Across Missouri, districts are already facing a gap between what is promised and what is delivered. The current projections show a potential \$190 million underfunding of the foundation

formula, with an additional \$118 million at risk if unreliable revenue sources fall short again.

For communities like Cassville, that translates into difficult decisions: Staffing levels, course offerings and student programs, transportation and operational costs, facility maintenance and improvements.

These are not theoretical impacts. They are the practical realities of underfunding.

As taxpayers, we expect our state budget to reflect responsible, thoughtful financial planning. As educators, we rely on funding that is stable and predictable so we can effectively serve our students. The Senate plan does not propose excessive spending. Rather, it ensures that funding already promised to schools is supported by real dollars, not uncertain projections.

The Budget Conference Committee will soon finalize these decisions. There is still time for our voices to be heard, but that opportunity is quickly narrowing. I encourage community members, parents, and all who value strong public schools to reach out to our local legislators: Representative

Scott Cupps (scott.cupps@house.mo.gov; 573-751-1488) and Senator Mike Moon (mike.moon@senate.mo.gov; 573-751-1480).

Let them know you support a budget that prioritizes classrooms over uncertainty, one that delivers funding that is real, reliable, and kept as promised. It is equally important that our legislators understand how these decisions directly impact communities like Cassville.

Your voice as a constituent and taxpayer carries meaningful influence. In Cassville, we take great pride in our school and the role it plays in shaping the future of our community. The decisions made in Jefferson City in the coming days will either strengthen that foundation or put it at risk.

Let's ensure our legislators clearly understand what is at stake for Missouri students. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at mjohnson@cassville.k12.mo.us or call 417-847-2221.

Merlyn Johnson is the superintendent of the Cassville school district. He may be reached at mjohnson@cassville.k12.mo.us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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50 years ago

May 12, 1976
— EXETER SEWER CONTRACTOR STOPS AT HALFWAY POINT

Work has stopped on collection lines for Exeter's new sewage system according to Mayor Junior Mattingly. Mattingly, along with Farmers Home Administration county supervisor Marvin Phipps, confirmed this week that particular phase of the project was stopped at about the halfway point. Mattingly and Phipps said they understood Capwell Construction Co. of Springdale, Ark., had folded on the project and is in the process of turning work over to their bonding company. Capwell, who won the job in bid letting at a \$295,613.75 figure, is bonded by American Fidelity Fire Insurance Co. of Woodbury, N.Y. Phipps said his office, the supervising agency on the project due to government grants, was in the process of contacting a Joplin engineering firm who has been overseeing the project. Mayor Mattingly and Councilman John Rendall told the Democrat last week the Capwell collapse did not affect the treatment plant phase of the project. Ghann Construction Co. of Ozark holds this \$486,120.50 contract and is proceeding as scheduled. Exeter city officials, their legal representative Mike Baker of Springfield, Phipps and the engineering company agreed the city was in no jeopardy because of the company's inability to complete the project. The bonding company will be responsible for having the remaining half of the line installation completed. Phipps said Capwell began their part of the project on January 14. They were to have finished in 180 days, with a July 19 date set. City officials said they were well pleased with Capwell's work and that the company had been highly cooperative in every phase of the work. Their equipment was pulled from the Exeter location last week. At the worst, Exeter officials are expecting some minor delay in completion of the program. They all speculate it will take some time for the bonding company, FmHA and engineers to get together and name a new contractor. Officials involved in the project said Capwell was involved in similar projects in Arkansas and had pulled equipment from these locations as well as Exeter. Overall company financial problems apparently brought on the stoppage of work. Phipps and Mattingly said all agencies involved would be working to get the project back in progress. The Exeter community has been waiting a number of years for the sewer program to serve an estimated 500 residents.

— SEVEN QUALIFY IN STATE TRACK COMPETITION

Seven CHS athletes, five boys and two girls, qualified for state competition in district events last week. Respective coaches Bruce Graber and Becky Henningson said boys will run this Friday and Saturday in Lebanon. Boy runners earned their spots in the district at SMSU. Included were two first places, John Cowherd at 2:03 in the half mile and Steve Vaughan at 23.4 in the 220 yard dash. Vaughan also finished third in the quarter mile and 100 yard dash. Greg Simpkins was second in the 100 at 10.2. Rounding out the CHS participants in the state will be two high jumpers, Mike Morris who was fourth and Greg Roark was fifth, both at a height of six feet. The Wildcat effort earned fourth place in team standings with a total of 47 points. Girl tracksters took third in overall points of 28 in district events Saturday. Included were three first places by Georgi Redden.

She copped top awards in the 100, 11.7; 220, 26.2 and long jump, 16½ feet. The other state qualifier was Dianna Duncan, second in the shot. Other CHS reps on the field included Pam Faulkner, who just missed advancement to the state with her third place finishes in the mile, 6:02 and quarter, 66.7. Coaches of the respective squads say their participants have a good opportunity to return state laurels to the CHS campus. Miss Redden was a participant last year. She and graduated Larry Lauderdale, now attending college in Miami, Okla., brought back state medals in their events last season.

40 years ago

May 14, 1986
— CITY BRIDGE, STREETS, AUDIT HEADED COUNCIL SESSION

Lengthy discussions on a 1986 street program, choice of consulting engineers for the East 13th Street bridge over Flat Creek and auditing firm, dominated the Cassville city council session Monday night. With all members present, the board of aldermen stayed longer than normal in recent months. Street considerations, which included proposals of 12 hot mix overlay projects and 32 applications of chip and seal from consulting engineer George Ulmer, sparked comments from residents of Oak Hill Drive in the northwest part of town. With spokesman Herbert Foree leading the comments, six residents informed city council they were unhappy with past work on their street and expected better performance in the future. In fact, they preferred hot mix applications to their street. Ulmer told the group he contended the sub-grade of the street was not adequate for this type street. Council left the entire street matter to a future meeting, mainly due to the determination of dollar amounts they will have available. Normally, about \$200,000 in street work has been accomplished yearly from sales tax receipts. Council members Bob Mizer, Bill Shiveley, Sue Brattin and Gary Fields concurred with Mayor Rolland Meador of extra sessions this month for budget considerations. May 21 and May 27 were set for reconvened meetings. Audit services for the city's annual financial review will be performed this year by Decker and Harley, certified public accountants of Springfield. The firm was successful bidder of five proposals. Cost would run no less than \$2,000 or no more than \$2,800. Council chose a Kansas City firm, Harrington-Cortelyou Engineers, to prepare details of a 13th Street bridge replacement project. The firm, which initially suggested removal of the structure as consultants of the Missouri Highway Department, will prepare detailed information at a later date. Clerk Jo Ledgerwood said the firm would make water and traffic studies before making a recommendation of bridge size and cost to the city. The city clerk also said council intentions are to take bids July 7 on future insurance coverage for Cassville. Present policies expire August 17. Premium annually runs \$21,500 this year, expected to increase substantially next year. Mrs. Ledgerwood was instructed by council to attend a Parks and Recreation Grant session in Jefferson City on May 28. Cassville has a \$60,000 project before the Outdoor Recreation Council. She will represent the city at the session that seeks \$30,000 division funds for a 50-50 project of park improvement and expansion. Also in the real estate department, Southwestern Bell Telephone has been contacted concerning 3.96 acres atop the old school

house hill where transmission towers are located. City would take property as a gift and convert same to picnic, park or possible sledding area, removing responsibility of company maintaining and mowing. City approval made Jean Beatie operator of the municipal swimming pool. Lifeguards will be Jodi Gilkerson, Scott Stephens, Gary Price and Kimberly Fulton for the Memorial Day weekend opening. Bills payable in the session included \$18,687.47. Cassville, going into sanctioned Little League competition for the summer youth program, approved by-laws. Council agreed to mutual aid fire department agreement that will be prepared by city attorney Don Cupderman. Alderman Shiveley was appointed by Mayor Meador to assist with preparation of emergency management plan for Cassville. Barry County Health Unit was permitted sewer credit for water leak at the property last month. No deduction permitted on water costs.

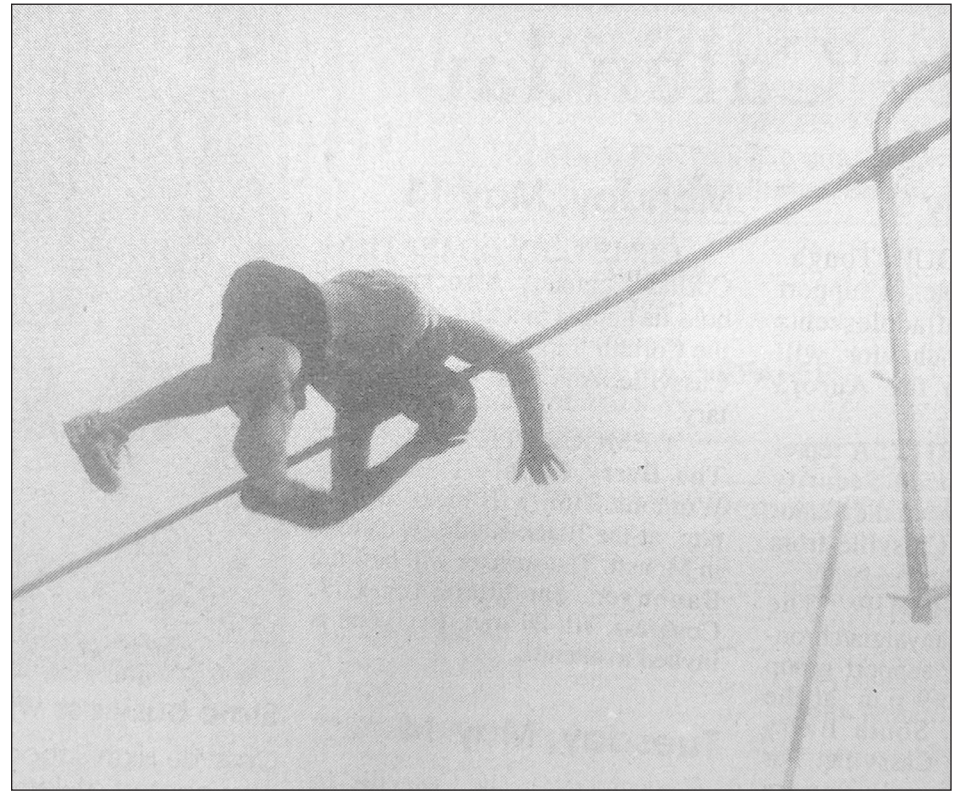
— BAND SUCCESSFUL AT EVENT/ COMING PROGRAMS

The Cassville middle school honor band participated in the School of the Ozarks Band Festival, Friday. After performing for the judges, the band was cliniced by each of the three judges for a short time. This enabled each judge to cite both positive and negative aspects of the performance. This practice is unique to area festivals and has proved to be very helpful to all participants. The honor band brought home first division honors, receiving straight I's from the judges. This is the second straight I festival appearance by this band this year. End of the year events in the band department will feature the two spring concerts and commencement, middle school bands spring concert, Monday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.; high school bands spring concert, Thursday, May 15, 8:00 p.m.; and CHS commencement exercises, Friday, May 23.

30 years ago

May 6, 1996
— COUNTY JAIL BIDS CAME IN \$169,000 OVER PROJECTED COST

Bids on a project that would double the capacity of Barry County Jail were opened by county commissioners last Thursday. The lowest bids received were approximately \$169,000 over budget when architectural fees were added. The commission had earmarked approximately \$500,000 in county funds to cover the 4,000-square-foot jail expansion project. Bids received from general contractors were: Branco Construction of Neosho, \$371,000; Powers Construction of Joplin, \$385,000; Dalton-Killinger of Joplin, \$399,869; Edgewater Construction of Eureka Springs, Ark., \$404,600; and G and G Construction of Carthage, \$431,000. The project also included three additional bid packages for detention modules, detention equipment and furnishings, and security electronics. Bids received for these were: Capital Prison Systems, Inc. of Dundalk, Md., \$45,655 for security electronics; and Fibrebond Corporation of Minden, La., \$118,500 for detention modules and \$34,200 for equipment and furnishings. "We intend to stay close to budgeted figures," said Presiding Commissioner Cherry Warren. "We need to look at how we can get the project down to what we have funds to pay for." He added that the commission may have to choose a different design. Modular cell construction is easy to add on to but may be more costly than traditional construction, Warren said. The commissioners now are faced with two options. They can accept the low bidders and go over-budget, or they can change the design of the project and



30 YEARS AGO: HUSE WINS FIRST AT BIG 8 — Senior Wildcat track star Jeremy Huse placed first with his 14'0" pole vault at last week's Big 8 district competition at East Newton. Huse, who competes again Saturday, tied the school record with his vault. Democrat file photo

re-bid it. A determination will be made after the commission meets with their architect from Archetype Design. In other business this past week, the commission: signed a lease extension agreement for rental storage space from Bruce and Karan Nickle. The agreement will run through February 1997 at a cost of \$150 per month; directed Treasurer Lois Lowe to issue \$293.23 and \$93 from the DARE fund to R & T Specialty, Inc., for graduation supplies and DARE awards; approved a schedule of claims payable in the total amount of \$40,695.24; signed a lease with Johns and Berget Properties for the business office located at 714 West Street in Cassville at a cost of \$125 per month. The office will be used by probation personnel.

— AREA FAMILY TRIUMPHS OVER TRAGEDY

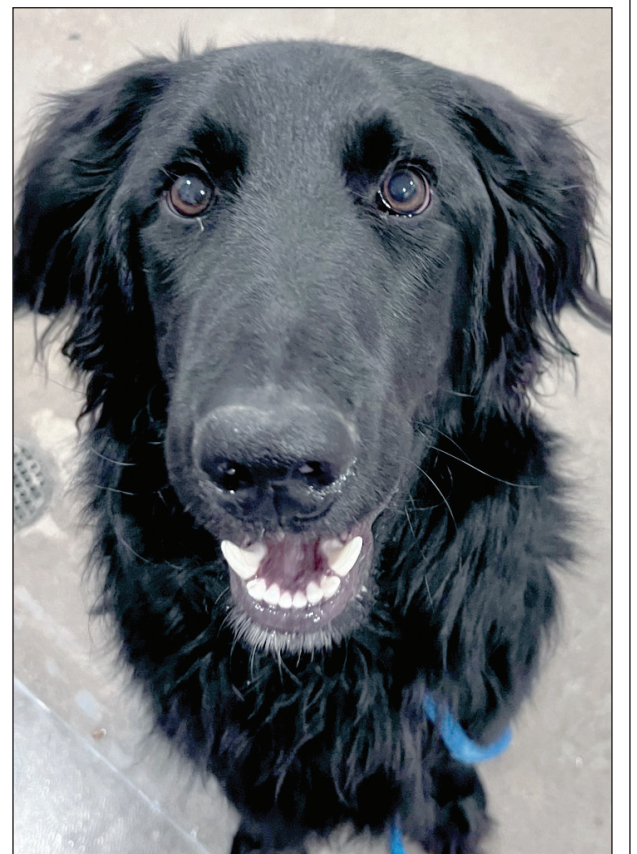
A gentle breeze blows and slightly tousles the hair of the two young boys playing in the yard. At first glance one would think that these children were typical kids, without a care in the world, but perhaps a second look should be indulged. The boys are Douglas and Allen Fisher, two everyday heroes who are dealing with more challenges in their young lives than most adults will ever face. Allen, who will turn 3 on May 30, is living proof that obstacles can be overcome. With love and support from family and friends, and the help of God, he is dealing with burns that cover 46 percent of his body, caused by a fire earlier this year. His battle isn't going away, but neither is the Fisher family's determination to persevere. Mike, Chasity, Douglas and Allen are all fighters who have faced tough odds and made the best of what life dealt them. Allen undergoes one-hour therapy sessions three times a week in Monett and twice-a-day sessions at home with his family. So far, he has had three skin

grafts performed and one release surgery on a former graft underneath his left arm. He currently wears a bodysuit 22 hours a day, a regime he will follow for the first year of his recovery. On the average day, Allen gets up, participates in therapy at home, goes to the babysitter's, and on certain days travels to the therapist for more therapy. In the evening, he takes a bath, undergoes massage therapy and heads off to bed. It is recommended for Allen's condition that he moves around as much as possible, which keeps the skin from tightening. "It's a hard, long, drawn-out process," Chasity said. "Having a burnt child becomes your life, that's all you feel like you have. There's nothing wrong with that, but it's very hard, very stressful. It does get easier. You hear from a lot of people that it gets harder as time goes on, but to me I feel like it's gotten easier, once you're home in a normal setting." Factors that have aided the Fisher family's recovery have been their strong faith in God and the community. Chasity said that she feels their religion has played a very big role in pulling the family through such a crisis. She said they couldn't have made it without faith in God. She also speaks highly of the community. "I think the majority of the community has been excellent," she said. "We feel we've had everyone behind us. The show of support was amazing, through everything and anything." Support for this family came, not only emotionally, but financially too. Local people, as well as those from out of the area, came to their assistance at a crucial time. Additional financial help came from the Shriners. Jimmy Parker, a Mason, got the idea to help Allen and his family, and Skip White, who is a Shriner, completed all the paperwork. With the help of the Shell Knob and Springfield

Shriners, Allen was accepted to the Shriners Burn Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. While at this hospital, the Shriners pay for all of Allen's expenses. Periodically, Allen visits his physician, Dr. Greenhaul, in Cincinnati. When the doctor feels satisfied with Allen's progress, he will only have to visit once every six months. Adaptation is one of the things that Allen has struggled with. "At first he had a hard time, he didn't want to look at himself," Chasity said. "But now he knows this is how he is, how he will always be. It won't be as bad as it is now, once it gets to its full point, which is usually eight months to a year." Douglas, 4, has helped his younger brother recover by rubbing lotion on him and keeping him active. One can see that he is glad to have Allen back. The Fisher family is helping Springfield attain a burn foundation, and Allen will be used as its first poster child. They are also trying to help set up a weekend camp for burn victims and their families. This foundation will help burn victims financially and will aid them in contacting other people who lived through similar situations. The word, "similar," is quite important when speaking of a burn victim. It is essential for them to feel comfortable and to know that there is someone who can relate to what they are going through. "Everyday life for us is easier," Chasity said. "Once we got back in the routine of going to the babysitter, it seemed like everything was okay. They (Douglas and Allen) do better when they go to the babysitter than they do if they stay here because it's what they're used to." This family of everyday heroes is an example of how love and determination go hand in hand. The Fishers continue to face the challenges of each new day with courage, faith and a lot of love.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

Hi! I'm Haywire! I am so much fun and have tons of energy. I would love to have a big yard to play in and would love to go on adventures with you. If you have a cat, I'm good with that but, I'm selective on my canine friends. I just really love people! I'm a flat-coated retriever/mixed breed. I will be celebrating my first birthday on June 6th. Adopters can complete an application at www.havenoftheozarks.org/adopt. No appointment is needed. The Haven is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. All Haven of the Ozarks pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and micro-chipped. For more information, people may email havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or call at 417-835-3647. Contributed photo





She is survived by younger brothers Dan Porter and wife Lee Anne of Sarcoxie, and brother Galen Porter and wife Debbie of Bentonville, Ark.

May 5, 1973 Karen was united in marriage to Raymond Allen. That union lasting until her death.

Karen and Raymond were happily joined by two children, Son Wayne and his wife Sherry of Anchorage, Alaska, and daughter Crystal and husband Shane of Knoxville Tn, along with two grandchildren.

Karen was proud to be a loving wife, mother, but most of all to be Grandmother to Aaron and Katelyn and being a life long third generation Jehovah's Witness. Being Mostly a housewife, mother and homemaker, Karen loved telling others about her God Jehovah. Doing so as much as possible with her friends of like faith, friends she cared about very any way possible. Some of her other favorite things were being at the Kingdom Hall or annual assemblies or conventions where she could associate with friends of the past not seen regularly. Sitting around the house with Raymond and their Dog Jack, was a daily routine enjoyed by all.

KAREN LORAIN ALLEN

Karen Loraine Allen of Cassville, Mo fell asleep in death, Tuesday April 28th, 2026.

Karen was born in Webb City, Mo. November 16, 1947 to Wayne and Marjorie Porter. Karen was preceded in death by her older brother Joe McConnell of Monett, and older brother Donald Porter of Monett. Also her younger Sister Kandra Sperling of Bella Vista, Ark.

If music was played in the background, it was normally Kingdom melodies, or her favorite singer, Elvis Presley. Although her father, Wayne passed in her twenties, Her Mother, Marge, remarried Alva Rector.

Karen and the rest of the family adored him as a father. She loved the Ozarks, having lived the majority of her life here, in Wheaton and Cassville, with excursions to Roaring River and Branson. Karen's life was a testament to love, loyalty and a faith in a resurrection to a perfect healthy body, until then she will be missed and lovingly remembered until that day.

Memorial service was held Sunday May 3 2026 at Monett Kingdom Hall at 2 PM.

PAID OBITUARY



BARBARA ANNE RUARK

Barbara Anne Ruark, 89, of Washburn, Mo. passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at Hampton Place Healthcare in Rogers, Ark.

She was born April 5, 1937 in Denver, Colo., the daughter of Carroll Shepard and Bessie (Smith) Miles, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Kenneth Ruark; infant son, David Wayne; daughter, Linda; grandson, Eric Ruark; brothers, Cecil Miles, Charles Miles, and Fred Miles; sister, Eleanor and daughter-in-law, Judy Loyd.

Survivors include her sons, Steven Ray Ruark of Claremore, Okla., and Jerry Lee Ruark and wife Tarrie of Washburn, Mo.; daughters, Mary Jane Siefken and her husband Robert of Ozark, Mo. and Ruth Coonce and her husband Pat of Garfield, Ark.; brother, Michael Miles and wife

Joyce of Washburn, Mo.; sister, Kathleen Carr and husband Sam of Rose, Okla.; thirteen grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

She grew up in Washburn, where she attended school and proudly graduated from Washburn High School as valedictorian. She dedicated many years of her career to FASCO Industries, serving as a supervisor until her retirement. Barbara had previously worked as a teacher's aide with the Southwest School System and was employed by Justin Boot. She furthered her education by studying computer programming in college.

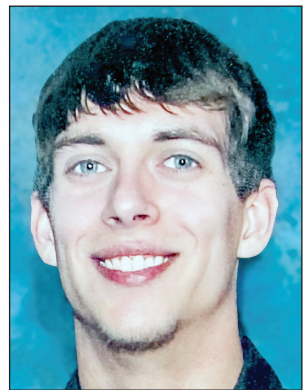
She was a member of the Church of Christ, and attended services in Washburn, Mo., Exeter, Mo., and Garfield, Ark.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, May 9, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Gary Blackburn will conduct the services. Burial will be at Hickman Cemetery in Washburn, Mo.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 P.M. Friday, May 8, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Barbara.

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CHRISTOPHER JAMES "CHRIS" AUSTIN

Christopher James "Chris" Austin, 33, of Purdy, Mo., passed away on April 25, 2026, due to natural causes.

He was born April 20, 1993, in Springfield, Mo.,

the son of James Austin and Jacqueline McCord.

Survivors include his son, Christopher Malakai Austin of Republic, Mo.; mother, Jacqueline McCord of Purdy; father, James Austin of Republic; older brother, Michael Austin of Exeter, Mo.; older sister, Courtney Austin of Memphis, Tenn.; younger brothers, Jeffrey Austin of Springfield, Mo. and Dathan Austin of Republic, and younger sisters, Opal Austin and Rhealynn Austin of Republic; his grandmother, Rose (Hancock) Cooper of Purdy; nana, Carol Porter of Germantown, Tenn., and grandfather, James Austin Sr. of Memphis, in addition to nieces and nephews, and countless aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Preceding him in death was his grandpa, Elmer "Shorty" Hancock, with whom he spent many a day fishing and enjoying the outdoors with.

He grew up and attended school in Purdy. He was an incredibly devoted father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He worked as a mechanic in his adult life

The family wishes to extend their most sincere gratitude and thanks to the outpouring of support from the community during this time of heartbreak. The love received has been overwhelming and greatly humbling.

Family and friends are warmly invited to join us for a celebration of life. All those who attend are encouraged to wear their boots in honor of Chris.

Services were held Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Chris's childhood church of Longview Methodist Church in Purdy, Mo. Reverend Mark Moller, Chris's uncle, conducted the services. A private burial will be held at Log Church Memorial Gardens in Butterfield, Mo. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of the kindness and generosity Chris showed throughout his life, our family has established a GoFundMe account. Donations will go toward immediate funeral and burial expenses. Any additional funds will be placed into a

trust for his nine year old son, Christopher Malakai Austin, so we can continue to ensure he is cared for in the way his father would have wanted.

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HELEN RUTH BROOKS

Helen Ruth Brooks, 91, of Exeter, Mo. passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at Aspire Senior Living Roaring River in Cassville, Mo.

She was born August 7, 1934 in Monroe, La., the daughter of Fred and Luella (Senette) Johnson, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death were sons, Michael Benbo and Mitchell Triche; daughter, Monica Johnson; a brother and a sister.

Survivors include her son, Mark Brooks and wife Cheryl of Chino Hills, Calif., and daughter, Mona Scott and husband Phillip of Exeter, Mo.

She grew up and attended school in Los Angeles, Calif., where she graduated from Jordan High School. She was employed at a manufacturing company in Los Angeles for several years before relocating to Exeter.

Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Bashan Hill Church in Exeter, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Lloyd Dodd will conduct the services. Burial will be at Bashan Hill Cemetery in Exeter, Mo.

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Charges: Men held on \$100K bonds

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ingly and unlawfully watched as Thunstrom moved the moped, and allegedly knowingly drove Thunstrom away from the location after the incident, and he allegedly knew Thunstrom had a firearm and was waving and pointing it at the victim and witness.

Pinty said Shelley denied Thunstrom ever having possession of his pistol, and that he and

Thunstrom had not been at the location recently, only earlier in the day.

The victim and witness allegedly identified Shelley as the driver of the vehicle and Thunstrom as the passenger.

Printy noted in the statements that Shelley does not have any felony convictions, and he believed Shelley poses a danger to the victim or community due to the severity of the crime in a

public place.

Shelley and Thunstrom are both being held in the Barry County jail on bonds of 100,000 each, cash only.

Printy also said in the statement Thunstrom has multiple felony convictions in Oregon and California for possession of methamphetamine, robbery, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary. Thunstrom also has multiple parole

violations in Oregon and California, Printy said, and he is a complaint sex offender in Barry County and uncompliant sex offender in Oregon.

Shelley and Thunstrom are both being held in the Barry County jail on bonds of 100,000 each, cash only. Bond appearance hearings are scheduled for both individuals today (Wednesday) at 9 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge Robert Foulke.

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Soroptimist Club donates to 8 local organizations

The Soroptimist Club of Barry County has announced the club has awarded \$5,000 in grant money through the annual Dreams in Action grant program. Grant recipients included: Pregnancy Care Center, Dress A Girl, Barry County Youth Camp, Community Care Coalition, Cassville Middle School Backpack Program, Cassville School District Success Program, Lives Under Backpack Boys Ranch and Life Change. The Dreams in Action grant is available for non-profit organizations (501c3 status) that make a positive impact on the lives of women and children in Barry County. The mission of the Soroptimist Club of Barry County is to improve the lives of women and girls in our community.

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Emma Elliott, left, blows a kiss to her family in the stands as Kierstyn Kalbaugh shares a laugh in the moment as the pair walk in the processional at Cassville High School's graduation ceremony on Sunday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville graduate Ryan Gunner Knight delivers the commencement address at the Cassville High School commencement ceremony on Sunday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Glandys Salas Cecenas, right, smiles as she accepts her high school diploma from Cassville School Board President Chad Yarnall during Sunday's commencement ceremony. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Joel Blankenship smiles after turning her tassel to officially become a Cassville High School graduate. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Isaac Luney, right, hands over a Yondr Pouch to Cassville High School Principal Tyler Willis during Sunday's commencement ceremony. Although they had already been collected by the district, numerous students gave Willis their pouches at the event, poking fun at the fact their senior year was the first where cell phones were banned in school and students had to keep their devices in the pouches throughout the school day. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville graduate Logan Marple hugs her father, School Board Member Jeremy Marple, after he gave Logan her diploma at Cassville's graduation ceremony on Sunday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

Fiber: Total value of all wire stolen in four cases is \$32,000

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to replace the wire stolen in the April 1 theft.

On April 17, approximately 300 feet of fiber-optic wire, valued at \$10,000, was allegedly stolen from the intersection of Highway E and Farm Road 2253 in Eagle Rock.

While investigating the alleged thefts, Berner said he located a possible suspect identified as Edie in a vehicle scrapping 442 pounds of copper matching the copper that had allegedly been stolen from Neosho Metal Recycling on April 13.

Berner said Edie used his Missouri ID card when scrapping the copper, which gave him the ability to retain information on Edie's license plate. That was passed onto patrol to

be on the lookout for the vehicle as a suspect in the alleged thefts.

On April 18, Barry County Deputy Ray Clevenger made contact with the vehicle at a traffic stop in Golden. During the stop, the male driver allegedly fled on foot, and the passenger, who was the registered owner of the vehicle, allegedly identified Edie as the driver. The vehicle was inventoried and towed, and the passenger was arrested on a 12-hour hold.

On April 19, the passenger, whose name is being withheld due to no charges being filed, was interviewed at the Sheriff's office and said she had been driving Edie to the locations to

steal the wire. The passenger showed investigators on a map the locations she had driven Edie and dropped him off to commit the alleged thefts. Those locations matched the locations reported to the Sheriff's Office, Berner said.

The total value of the wire stolen in the four cases is \$32,000.

According to a Sheriff's Office press release, on April 29, deputies served a search warrant at a residence on Farm Road 1142 in the Star City area, and during a search of the property, evidence of burnt fiber copper was allegedly located.

Upon making entry into the residence, a female occupant, identi-

fied as Beck, allegedly fled on foot and was apprehended. The release said Beck has several warrants and has been evading law enforcement since 2023.

Beck is being held in the Barry County jail on bonds totaling \$22,133.50. A warrant has been issued for Edie's arrest, and anyone with information on his where-

abouts is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 417-847-6556.

According to Berner's statement, Edie has a history of fleeing and has failed to appear at court hearings in Benton County, Ark., in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023. He also has warrants in Texas, Indiana and Missouri.

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COLLEGE SIGNING

Who: Cassville senior Aubrey Stoufer
What: Will play softball at Crowder College
More: Dedication to sport seen as key to getting to next level

Stoufer signs to pitch for Crowder

Big 8 goalie of the year signs to Neosho school

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

Cassville softball pitcher Aubrey Stoufer will continue her career in the circle, signing recently to play for Crowder College in Neosho.

Pitching for the Lady Wildcats the last four years, Stoufer has been part of multiple record-setting teams, memories she said she will not soon forget.

"We had many accomplishments [over my four years]," she said. "[They include the] first ever district title, first ever co-conference championship and a Final Four appearance with fourth in state."

That last accomplishment came this year, when the Lady Wildcats posted an 18-12 season and reached the Final Four, ultimately falling to Doniphan in the semifinals, 13-3, then Macon in the third-place game, 6-5.

Following the barrage of accomplishments at the prep level, Stoufer said she chose to sign with Crowder because the program was so welcoming.

"With Crowder, I knew I was going to have the best support system there with softball," she said. "There was definitely other schools I was looking at and that I was considering, but Crowder just felt like home."

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COLLEGE SIGNING

Who: Cassville senior Ava Hinson
What: Will play soccer at Crowder College
More: Decision made to be close to home, utilize scholarship

Hinson to keep for Crowder

2025 Big 8 goalie of the year signs to Neosho school

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

The 2025 Big 8 Goalkeeper of the Year is moving on up, having signed recently to play soccer at Crowder college in Neosho.

Ava Hinson, goalkeeper for the Cassville girls soccer team, said the decision to join the Roughriders was multi-faceted.

"I chose Cassville crowder originally so I could stay close to home and work, but I then got a scholarship for soccer and toured the Neosho campus and loved it," she said. "I chose soccer because I found so much love for the game my freshman year and had amazing people to cheer me on."

"I wasn't looking at any other schools quite yet just seeing what everyone had to offer and I was going to see if anyone would take me for cheer."

Winning the Big 8 award in her junior year, Hinson and the Lady Wildcats are producing a defensive-minded season in 2026, allowing only 11 goals in 14 games so far, including 8 shutouts.

Hinson said winning the Big 8 Goalkeeper of the Year award was her greatest personal accomplishment, but she has many great memories of and

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EAGLES GLIDING THROUGH SEASON



Purdy's Hayden Patton slides safely into second after stealing the base against East Newton in Friday's win over the Patriots.
Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Purdy tops 20 wins, sets sights on 'ship

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

The Purdy baseball team has not won a district championship since 2019, and though the defending state champion is in their district, the Eagles are hoping to return to their championship ways.

Falling in the district title game last season to New Heights Christian, and having been ousted by Marionville the previous three district tournaments in a row, Purdy boasts the state's No. 2 ranking in Class 2 and a record of 21-1-1 this season — outscoring opponents 222-54 and not giving up more than 7 runs in any game.

"Most of the year, our pitching's been very, very good," said Joshua Hughes, Eagles baseball coach. "We've got five or six guys that I feel very confident can get outs for us."

That depth has allowed Purdy to limit opponents consistently, even when games have tightened due to mistakes behind the mound.

"We're not giving up a lot of runs," Hughes said. "When we have, it hasn't been the pitching as much as defensive mistakes behind them."

Offensively, Hughes said the Eagles have made noticeable strides compared to a year ago, continuing to emphasize daily improvement.

"We've gotten so much better at the plate from this time last year," Hughes said. "We're working on our hitting every day to be ready by district time."

That combination of pitching command and offensive growth has helped Purdy compete beyond its size.

"We've had success against bigger schools because we don't walk guys and we hit our spots," Hughes said.

On the mound, Purdy has relied on a core group while still building depth throughout the staff.

"Damon Mahurin, Hunter Wormington and Grady Mahurin have



After diving and nearly making the catch on a bunt, Purdy's Damon Mahurin slings a ball from his knees to first base to get the out. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

started most of our games," Hughes said. "We've also had Daniel Aldaba and Quentin Dodson get starts, and Simon Walker and Jackson Lee coming out of the bullpen. We've got seven guys with varsity innings. We feel like we can throw any one of them out there."

That consistency led to a South West Central League conference title, the last for the squad as it moves into the Ozark 7 next season.

"The boys really wanted to win that last conference championship," Hughes said. "We're excited about

moving to the Ozark 7 there next year."

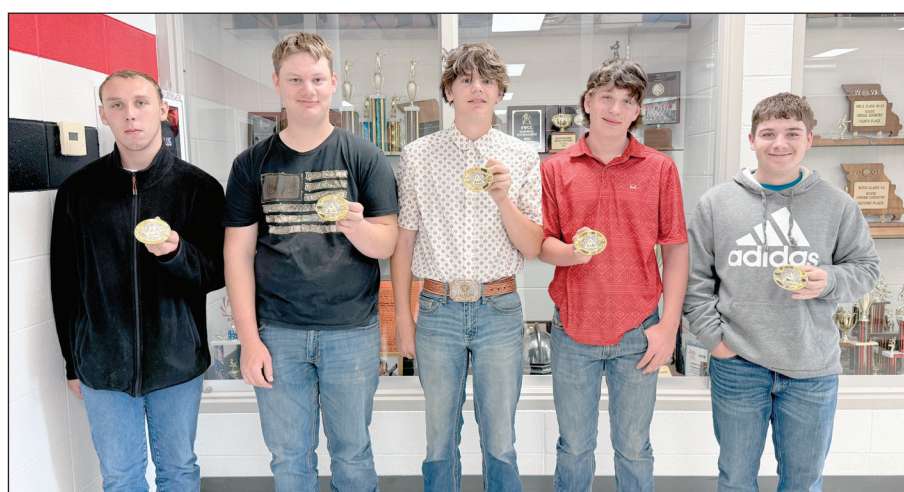
Attention now shifts to district play at Marionville, where the Eagles expect to be among the top seeds. Voting was held on Tuesday after presstime.

"We'll be the one or two seed, I feel like," Hughes said. "Miller is the defending state champion, so we'll see how the coaches vote."

The district field presents a familiar and challenging path, with several capable contenders.

"Jasper has a couple really good

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The Southwest trap team took first place at the state championships recently, shooting 468 out of 500 to claim the honor. Levi Carden was the individual runner-up, Layten Cole placed third in the junior high division and Hayden Rockwell shot a personal-best score of 91.
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Southwest trap team claims state championship

Squad turns in 468/500 performance to take top honors

The Southwest Trap Team rose to the top of Missouri high school trapshooting this weekend, capturing the state championship with a team score of 468 out of 500.

Competing against more

than 200 squads from across the state, the team delivered a performance that set them apart as the best in Missouri.

The championship squad — Levi Carden, Dakota Cotton, Jesse Jones, Layten Cole and Riley Phillips — led the team with consistent, high-level shooting throughout the competition.

Individually, Carden turned in an exceptional performance, finishing as the overall runner-up. Carden

shot a perfect 100 straight before advancing to a 50-target shoot-off to determine final placement.

Cole also had a standout day, placing third in the Junior High division. Cole shot a 97 and secured his podium finish through reverse scoring, while also recording his first career 50 straight.

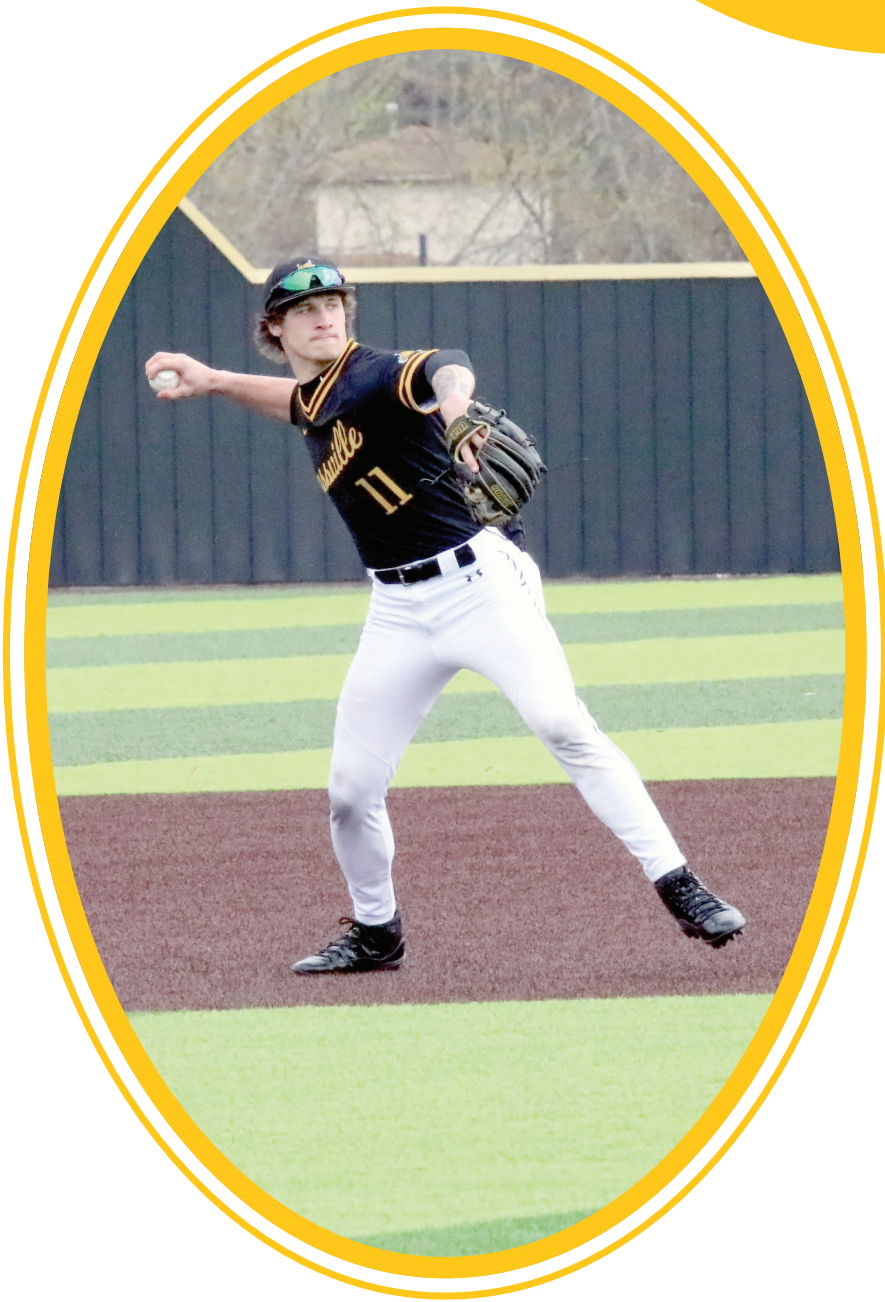
Hayden Rockwell added to the team's success with a personal-best score of 91, highlighting continued growth

and improvement within the program.

The team also consists of shooters: Mike Freeman, Brooklynn Freeman, Dylan Cope, Cooper Hendrix and Callie Cope, who all turned in strong performances.

"While they finished just outside of buckle positions, their ability to stay composed and finish strong after challenging rounds showed grit and determination," a team

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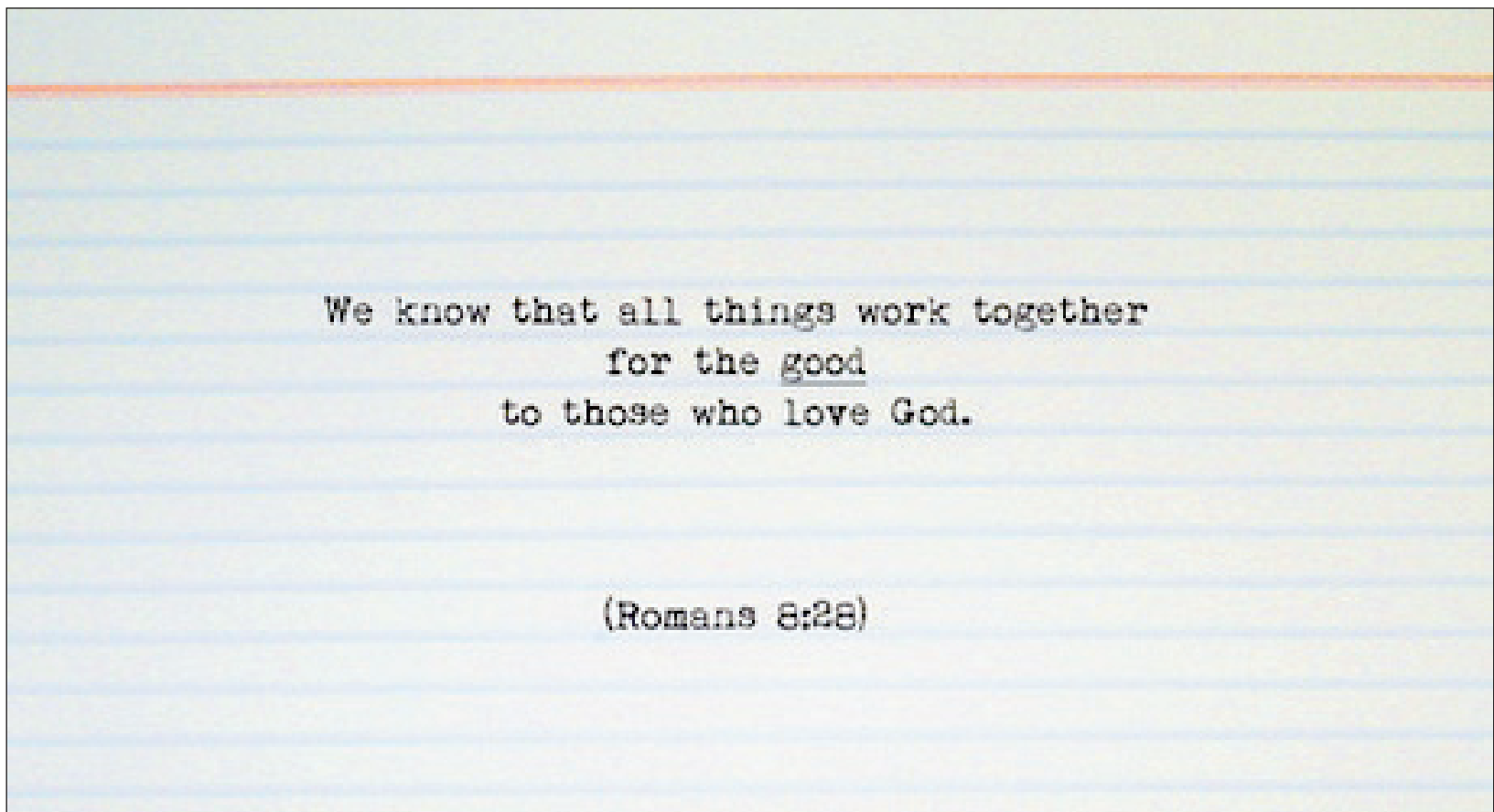
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LOST WALLET: If you find a wallet belonging to Sandra Molton, please call 417-346-5226. Reward if contents are intact.

YARD SALES
YARD SALE: Multi-family yard sale at 104 Snooks Road in Exeter. May 8 starting at noon. May 9 all day. Kids and religious books, children's clothes (boys), large size adult clothes, furniture, home decor, garden tools, tires, fishing rods and boating items.

GARAGE SALE: A garage sale will be held at 160 Glenwood Circle in Cassville on May 7-8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and May 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CARPOR SALE: A carport sale (by the Yocums) will be held at 103 Broadway in Exeter My 7-8 from 8 a.m. until done both days.

MISCELLANEOUS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

SHARLEENE KOLSET, Plaintiff,
 VS.
 LOWELL F. LEATHERS;
 LOWELL F. LEATHERS,
 TRUSTEE OF THE
 LOWELL F. LEATHERS
 REVOCABLE TRUST
 DATED
 FEBRUARY 7, 1997;
 ROSE MARIE
 LEATHERS;
 ROSE MARIE
 LEATHERS, TRUSTEE OF
 THE ROSE
 MARIE LEATHERS
 REVOCABLE TRUST
 DATED
 FEBRUARY 7, 1997;
 BOB C. NEELY,
 TRUSTEE OF THE ROSE
 MARIE LEATHERS
 TRUST DATED
 FEBRUARY 7, 1997, and
 THE LOWELL F. LEATHERS
 REVOCABLE TRUST
 DATED
 FEBRUARY 7, 1997;
 AND THEIR UNKNOWN
 HEIRS, SUCCESSORS,
 BENEFICIARIES AND
 ASSIGNEES,
 Defendants.
 26BR-CC00054

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO:
 Defendants, Lowell L. Leathers, Lowell L. Leathers, Trustee, Rose Marie Leathers, Rose Marie Leathers, Trustee and Bob C. Neely, Trustee, if they shall be deceased, then their unknown heirs, grantees, consorts, spouses or successors of those of them who shall be

deceased.
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to quiet title to the following described property in Barry County, Missouri:
 Lot 3 and 30 feet off the North side of Lot 6, Block 2, Townsend's Addition to the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri.
 AND ALSO,
 The East 75 feet of Lot 3, Block 3 and the West 85 feet of Lot 6, Block 3, Townsend's Addition to the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri.
 The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Donald L. Cupps, P.O. Box 276, 702 West Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625.
 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 15th 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 from the record
 WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 8th day of April 2026.
 CRAIG WILLIAMS,
 Circuit Clerk
 By: Kami Stanton
 Deputy Clerk
 1st Publication: April 15th, 2026
 2nd Publication: April 22, 2026
 3ra Publication: April 29, 2026
 4th Publication: May 6, 2026
 1st insertion 04/15/26
 14-17

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION
 ROBERTO ORTEGA, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 MICHAEL CORUM and MICHELLE CORUM
 If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives, spouses and all Other persons, corporations or successors claiming by, through and under them.
 Defendants.
 Case No: 26BR-CC00059

NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The State of Missouri to Defendant, Michael Corum and Michelle Corum
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced

against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property:
 SAPP TO CASSVILLE: LOT 7
 The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Blake B. Fields, 605 Main Street, Cassville, Missouri, 65625.
 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 29th day of April 2026, judgment by default will be rendered against you.
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 Witness by hand and the seal of the circuit court this 22nd, day of April 2026.
 Craig Williams
 Barry County Circuit Clerk
 By Kami Stanton
 1st Publication: April 29, 2026
 2nd Publication: May 6, 2026
 3rd Publication: May 13, 2026
 4th Publication: May 20, 2026
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 16-19

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION
 ROBERTO ORTEGA, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 LORENE RUPP
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 Defendants.
 Case No: 26BR-CC00057
NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The State of Missouri to Defendant, LORENE RUPP
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 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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BIG M MARINA HIRING
 Big M Marina is hiring for all seasonal positions, including cashiers, deck hands, ice cream and pizza counter attendant. People should apply in person at the Marina at 26111 Big M Campground Road, Cassville.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
Cassville, MO
 Barry County Health Department seeks full-time, non-exempt Executive Assistant. Duties include payroll, accounts payable/receivable, recordkeeping, board meeting support, and office administration.
 Preferred: 3+ years experience in accounting, finance, or administrative support. Strong organizational and computer skills required. Must obtain Notary Public certification.
 Pay: \$20-\$22/hour DOE.
 Apply in person at 90 Barry County Drive, Cassville, MO, mail to PO Box 207, Cassville, MO 65625, or email info@barrycountyhealth.com.
 Apply by May 29. EOE.

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 Vs.
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 Vs.
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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.
 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
 Barry County Circuit Clerk
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Friday, May 8, 2026 — 1 PM
Location: Golden, MO. Emerald Beach. From Hwy's 86 & J across from Shumaker Tire take Hwy J 1 mile. Stay left on Hwy J, go 2.6 miles. Turn right on FR 1220 go 2/10 mile turn left on Emerald Drive and go 1.6 mile. Turn right on East Mockingbird. Go 2/10 mile, turn left on Bald Eagle Dr. Auction on right. (22795 A Dr. Golden Mo).

Real Estate: Limited Table Rock Lake View! Nice, super clean, move in ready, lake home on 4 flat, clean, well maintained lots on the corner of Mockingbird & Bald Eagle Dr. Enter this home into a nice size living room open to the kitchen & dining area. The living room has lots of windows & gas fireplace. The kitchen features Whirlpool Refrigerator/Freezer (new), Built in dishwasher, Hot Point smooth top elec range & sm bar area. Also a outside entry door leading out the back yard and outbuildings. On the North end of the home is 2 bedrooms & a full bath & utility area. **Outside:** Nice big corner lot, storage shed with concrete floor with elect & wired for 220. Also a metal shop & limited Table Rock Lake View and only a short distance to the public boat launch. This home will be sold FURNISHED! **Lake lot:** 80x100 lot in emerald beach. Sells with owner confirmation. **Note:** We are selling Real Estate only so be on time. Selling Real Estate promptly at 1:00 PM on Friday May 8th. 4 very nice flat lots and this would make a great lake getaway, downsizing or fantastic rental property. Call 417-847-2507 to preview the real estate before auction day or to preregister to bid at auction. **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

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 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

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A true copy from the record.

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Craig Williams
 Barry County Circuit Clerk

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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.

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 Barry County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

NUBIA ALEXANDRA ZEPEDA ORTIZ, :
 Petitioner,
 VS.
 SALVADOR TAPIA LOPEZ,
 Respondent.
 Case No. 25BR-DR00156

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

The names of all parties in this action are NUBIA ALEXANDRA ZEPEDA ORTIZ, and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is J. Michael Riehn, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 324, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

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

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

A true copy from the record.

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

Craig Williams
 CLERK
 byKATIE CORREIN D/C
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Chain O Lakes Village C.C.R. Report Available
 The Chain O Lakes Village Water Department has the 2025 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) published by the Public Drinking Water Program of the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources now available for review.
 A copy will not be mailed but is available for review on the Village Bulletin Board and at the Eagle Rock Public Library, Eagle Rock, MO or you may request a copy by calling 251-504-7558.
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WHEATON R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

Request for Proposals for Roofing Services: Nurse's Office thru Art Room Roof
 Due: May 15, 2026

The Wheaton R-III School District (the "District") is seeking proposals from qualified entities interested in performing roofing replacement services on the District's nurse's office thru art room roof.

Background of the District
 The District, a public school district created, organized, and operating under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Missouri, is an independent body politic and corporate, and a political subdivision of the State of Missouri. The governing body of the District is a seven-member Board of Education. The Administration of the District is headed by the Superintendent.

Timeline
 Request for Proposals Issued April 29, 2026
 Question/Inspection Period May 4, 2026 - May 8, 2026
 Proposals Due May 15, 2026
 Recommendation to

Board May 19, 2026
 Notice to Proceed May 20, 2026

Contractor Requirements
 A. All workers must undergo a background check prior to working on site. It shall be the duty of the contractor to conduct the appropriate background checks on its employees and the vendor must agree to share this information with the District upon request.

B. Contractors must adhere to any minimum wage/prevaling wage requirements associated with the project

C. Contractor must be properly licensed, bonded, and insured

Scope of Work
 A. Removal and proper disposal of all layers of existing roofing material and underlayment

B. Inspection of existing structural elements and material

C. Replacement of existing structural elements and/or materials if necessary

D. Installation of new roof product and/or ice/water shield, underlayment, and drip edge as determined necessary by the contractor and agreed by the District

E. Installation and/or replacement of flashing, vents, caps, sealants, and accessories per manufacturer's specifications

F. Work to be completed during normal business hours and all work areas properly secured

G. Project must be completed prior to August 7, 2026

Proposal Requirements
 A. Provide a description of the company, as well as applicable licenses, bonds, and insurance coverage.

B. Detailed description of the services your entity will provide for the completion of this project along with proposed and/or guaranteed prices and warranty information.

C. Detailed pricing breakdown of services to be provided. This should include, but should not be limited to:

a. Total cost for material repair, removal, and/or replacement

b. Unit cost per item of material to be purchased

c. Any additional costs for materials, permitting, or disposal fees

d. Projected labor costs

e. Total project cost to be incurred by the District

f. All pricing should be firm for the duration of the project pending change orders from the District.

D. Provide the name(s) and resume(s) of the primary supervisor(s) responsible for overseeing the project in its entirety.

E. Provide a brief overview of the company's experience with Missouri public schools, along with prior project descriptions and reference information from at least three recent school or business clients.

F. Briefly indicate any additional relevant information regarding the benefits to the District of selecting your firm as a contractor for this project.

G. Please disclose any conflicts of interest that could present a real or perceived conflict of interest. Additionally, the company should disclose if there are any pending legal or insurance proceedings involving the firm that could affect their ability to complete the project.

Evaluation & Selection
 Responses will be evaluated based on the overall best plan for the Wheaton R-III School District. The District reserves the right to choose any company, more than one company, or to reject all responses from those submitting proposals. Decisions will be based on:

- The qualifications and experience of the company
- The proposed scope, warranty, and timeline of the project
- Evaluation of past performances and references
- Community/local presence of the company
- Total cost of services

After reviewing all proposals submitted, the District staff responsible

ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, May 9, 2026 — 10 AM

Location: Pierce City, Mo. In Pierce City at the jct's of Hwy's 37 & 97 go East on Hwy 97. Go 1/10 mile. Turn left on North Hwy 97 and go 1.1 mile. Turn right on FR 2220 and go 4/10 mile. Turn left on FR 1040 and go 3/10 mile to auction.
 (21643 Lawrence 1040, Pierce City MO)

LIFETIME COLLECTION, COLLECTOR CARS, OLD BARN FINDS – AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & ACCESSORIES – OLD SIGNS – OLD GAS PUMPS – MOTORCYCLES – TRAILERS – TOOLS, SNAP ON, CRAFTSMAN, ETC – GUN – TRACTOR – ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES – FURNITURE & APPLIANCES – MISC



Collector Cars & More: 1958 Ford Ranchero, modified, Cobra engine, restored (nice) - 1942 Dodge cab over truck, with roll off bed, restored (nice) - 1955 UTE made by Ford, Cobra engine, restoration started (not complete) - 1960 Ford Starliner, 4 sp, restored, (nice) - 1955 Ford Crown Victoria - 1956 Ford Thunderbird - 1955 Ford Victoria 2 door hard top (needs restored) - 1946 Ford Wrecker (needs restored) - 1960 Ford Thunderbird 2 door (needs restored) - 1978 Lincoln Mark VII LSC 5.0 H.O - 1971 Lincoln Continental 2 door (needs restored) - 1956 Ford Parklane 2 door wagon (needs restored) - 1955 Ford 2 door post, parts car - 1960's Mercury Comet, Caliente (needs restored) - lots of parts cars such as, 1950's Ford Fairlane, dub sedan, 1950's Dodge pickup, 1950's Ford Fairlane, 1950's Ford station wagon, 1950's Studebaker pickup bed trailer (rough) - 1950's Ford main line - 1955 Ford Victoria, 1960's Ford Mercury, 1980's Ford Thunderbird, 1978 Lincoln, 1990's Ford Mustang SVT Cobra, 1950's Ford station wagons - 1950's 2 door post - 1980's Ford Mustang SVT Cobra & more. **Automotive Parts & Accessories:** Assorted engine blocks & transmissions - seats, doors, hoods, wheels, rear ends, gas tanks, steering columns, carburetors, fans, hub caps, drive shafts, brake boosters, engine parts, brake parts, springs, mufflers, bumpers, grills, radiators, etc - lots of old manuals - accessories of all kinds, trim, auto glass, wheels, wheels, 50's chrome trim, etc - lots more not listed. **Motorcycles:** Harley Davidson Ultra Classic - 2019 Can Am Spider, only 5700 miles - 1950's Cushman Eagle motor scooter - 1950's Cushman Road King Scooter. **Trailers:** Wood finish, tear drop trailer - 16' tandem axle trailer - old Studebaker pickup bed - 1970's Ford Explorer pickup bed trailer. **Tools:** Snap On roll around tool chest - Snap On wrenches, sockets, ratchets, impacts, deep sockets, extensions & more Snap On - Craftsman, wrenches, sockets & more - wrenches, pliers, screwdrivers, punches, chisels, pry bars, hammers, etc - pneumatic tools - misc Mac tools - large Snap On roll around tool chest - 5 ton floor jack - GM Computer Tire balancer - tire changer - DeWalt cut off saw - metal brake - metal bender - DeWalt drills - Grizzly mdl #G1015 knife buffer/grinder - Miller Matic 200 welder - tall jack stands - misc jack stands - shop fan - oil drains - lg old Johnson band saw - Transmission jack - horizontal & vertical metal cutting band saw, 4 1/2" x6" - torch set on cart - large Grizzly mdl G0714 sand blaster - Hypertherm Power Max 380 plasma cutter - 20 ton press - roll around tool chest - Ryobi chop saw - Hyper max floor mdl drill press - floor mdl jig saw - floor mdl sander - tree mdl 2 UV tool and die machine - Kennedy tool box - grinder on stand - Miller Synroc welder 180 SD welder - South Bend precision metal lathe - B & D super service valve refacer - engine stand - large tap & die - wall mount engine hoist - engine hoist - floor jacks - welding tables - large vice - drill bits - micrometers - large old Linde VI -252 CV/DC welder - Lenco spot welder - sm sand blaster - router - Lincoln AVC 225 welder - 8' step ladder - lawn mower lift - large pipe clamps - nuts, bolts, screws, etc - organizers - sm parts cabinet - old vice - receiver hitch - Atlas battery service jumper - portable air tanks - sm air compressor - anvil/vice combo - dolly- Ryobi 10" table saw - Troy Bilt 5550 watt generator - Service Sun roll around cabinet - battery charger - cleaners, oils, etc - lots of automotive tools, many more tools not listed. **Gun:** Winchester, pat March 1866 mdl 1873, lever action 44-40, oct barrel. **Tractor, Forklift, Old Backhoe:** Ford 800 tractor (runs good) - old Allis Chalmers forklift - old White Oliver backhoe (rough) - 6' angle blade. **Antiques & Collectibles:** old Mobil gas pump - old Blue Sunoco 200 gas pump - old U.S. mail post box - 10 gal milk cans - old Smiths bread Sunbeam, door push - old metal Tonka jeep - old Sears sled - old metal fan - old metal lawn chairs - old Hawthorne 800 child's wagon - several scale, die cast, Nascar, racing stock car's & truck's - ant Coronation Pinball machine - old #5 whiskey jug full of pennies - tractor seat stool - old anvil - old DX Lube can - Atlas parts cabinet - Public General System telephone sign - Ford Genuine Parts lighted clock - stop sign - supreme quality Pennzoil sign - Crow Motor Co Eureka Springs sign - old license plates - Sales & Service Harley Davidson sign - Ford Crown gasoline - Harley Davidson sign - Fire Chief Texaco gasoline sign - Miller High Life sign - Ford Fairlane sign - old Skoal dispenser - old quart oil cans - old pump - galvanized oil cans - Tiptoe Matic fabric press - Wolfarth's bread, Saginaw MO wood box - old metal patio glider - old Welbilt gas range (nice) - child's Easy Bake Oven - wood airplane prop - Coco clock - World Globe on stand - Elk skin - old trunk - longhorns - Lionel elec train - old Standard Gear lube can - 1939 Skippy Graham Shark Nose peddle car. **Furniture & Appliances:** Sofa & matching love seat with recliners on both ends (nice) - cedar wardrobe - misc end tables - hutch - chest of drawers - old metal desk - blonde dresser & chest - Samsung curve flat screen TV - Vizio flat screen TV - bar table - coffee table - display case - corner display cabinet. **Appliances:** GE washer - Kenmore dryer - sm chest freezer. **Misc:** Dehumidifier - misc kitchen ware - sm kitchen appliances - western saddle - English riding saddle - Fitex R40S exercise bike - fiberglass camper shell, fits Ford F250 long bed - many more items not listed. "Lots of scrap for scrap buyers." **Note:** Mr. Paoletti was a lifelong collector of collector cars. Many of these cars & trucks have been tucked away in a barn for many years, a true barn find!!! Lots and lots of parts & accessories and name brand tools. Also many collectibles as well. This will be a long auction so bring a friend or two. We will sell in two rings part of the day. Sure to be many surprises as we unpack a lifetime collection from several outbuildings. Catering and porta potty on site. **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current driver's license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. If paying by check on large purchases, buyer will need a bank letter of credit or approval verified with auction co before auction day. Call 417-847-2507. If paying with credit card a 5% convenience fee will apply. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

Estate of: Carlo Paoletti

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 AR State Champion
 Auctioneer
 #2352

for the evaluation will make a recommendation for selection to the District's Board of Education. The Board of Education shall make the final selection of the Company that will provide the services. However, no contract shall be formed and the District shall not be bound to any selection until such time as a final, written contract with the selected Company is approved by the Board of Education. The District reserves the right to negotiate the contract terms with the Company that will be recommended to, or that is selected by, the Board of Education. The District further reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and to waive any "informalities" in the Proposals received whenever such selection, rejection, or waiver is in its best interest. All Proposal documents become public record once a negotiated contract has been executed.

May 15, 2026. The District and Board reserve the right to request interviews on Monday, May 18, 2026, prior to the regular May 2026 School Board meeting. Please send an electronic copy to:
 Mr. Chris Paullus
 Superintendent
 c p a u l l u s @ wheatonschools.org
 Mr. Jeff Pettengill
 Maintenance Director
 j p e t t e n g i l l @ wheatonschools.org
 Wheaton R-III School District Wheaton R-III School District
 116 McCall St, PO Box 249 116 McCall St, PO Box 249
 Wheaton, MO 64874
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 417-652-3914 417-652-3914
 Please direct all questions to Mr. Chris Paullus and Mr. Jeff Pettengill at the email addresses listed above.
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PROBATE
IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY

Proposal Submittal
 Proposals must be submitted by 3 p.m. on

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

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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
2832 S. Ingram Mill Road, Suite 100
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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

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 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.

Date of the decedent's death: Dec 01, 2025

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

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

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

In the Estate of MARY MCCracken, Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00061

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL ESTATE)

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

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

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

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY Missouri.

Date of first publication is May 6, 2026.

Date of second publication is May 13, 2026.

Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk by S. Parker, Probate Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION AT CASSVILLE

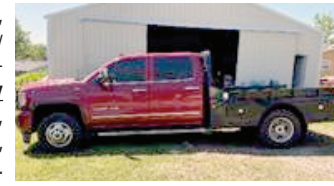
In the Estate of: CHARLES THOMAS TYLER, Deceased
26BR-PR00062

ESTATE AUCTION

Monday, May 11, 2026 — 10 AM

Location: Shell Knob, MO. From the Shell Knob Plaza go South on Hwy 39, 4/10 mile. Turn left on Hwy YY and go 2.2 miles. Turn right on County Line Rd and go 8/10 mile. Stay Right on County Line Rd, 4/10 mile to auction. (23107 County Line Rd, Shell Knob MO)

HARLEY DAVIDSON TRIKE – TRACTOR'S – IMPLEMENTS – TRAILER'S – 2019 GMC DENALI DUALY PICKUP – GOLF CART – TOOLS & WOOD WORKING TOOLS – FURNITURE & APPLIANCES – HOUSEHOLD – MISC



Tractor: 2023 Mahindra 5155, 4x4, Shuttle shift, front loader, only 246 hrs. (Sells w/owner confirmation) – 1959 Ford 8-N – **Harley Davidson:** 2005 Harley Davidson, trike w/Road Smith conversion, 60,322 miles – (2) Trike trailers. **GMC Denali:** 2019 GMC Denali, HD, crew cab, 4x4, dually, Duramax Diesel with North Star Steel flat bed, only 136xxx miles (sells with owner confirmation). **Trailers:** Diamond D mdl 48000-SL, 16' gooseneck stock trailer 6'8" tall, 6'8" wide – 6'x14' homemade dump trailer, tandem axle – 5'x10' utility trailer – 6'x12' utility trailer, with sides – HD 8 lug trailer axles – trailer tires. **Golf Cart:** Club Car, electric with top, windshield & bed. **Implements:** 3 pt 5' brush hog – 3 pt scoop – 3 pt 6' angle blade – 3 pt 2 bottom plow – 3 pt 4' blade – 3 pt 6' blade – front loader, trailer hitch – front load rock picker – 3 pt auger – 3 pt 5' rock rake – 3' plow for lawn mower – 3 pt carry all – front load grapple – large yard aerator. **Tools:** Grizzly G0856, 8'Dove tail jointer – Grizzly 10" HD cabinet saw with riving knife mdl G0652 – Grizzly mdl G05102w, ¾ hp shaper – Grizzly mdl G0513x2, 17" Extreme Series band saw – miter saw stand – DeWalt 13" HD portable thickness planer – Hercules 12" chop saw – Skil 10" band saw – Craftsman roll around tool chest – floor mdl drill press – RBI Ind. Scroll saw – Shop Fox mdl W1674 shaper – table top drill press – Skilsaw 14" chop saw – Ridgid belt chain saw – hand tools such as pliers, screwdrivers, wrenches, sockets, pry bars, nut drivers, saws, drill bits, air hose, vice, grinding wheels, etc – nuts, bolts, screws, etc – welder/generator – 8' step ladder – shop vac – saw horses – several ext cords – 5 ton ceiling hoist – Forstner bit set – large alum ladder – DeWalt drill – nail guns – mini tiller – lots of wood working clamps – roller stands – tie down straps – Stihl FS 56RC straight shaft weed eater – Shindaiva pole saw – 12v sprayer – several DeWalt cordless tools – asst. sm elect tools, drills, sanders, saws, etc – booms – levels – organizers – survey equip – portable sand blaster – sm shop vac – portable air tank – grinder on stand – 12 ton pipe bender – S7 cut-50 welder – alum ramps – sm battery charger – DeWalt back pack sprayer – grease guns – impact wrenches – misc long handle tools – come a longs – DeWalt 20v grease gun – misc chain – large C clamps – jack stands – Miller Miller Matic 211 auto set with MVP welder on cart – Husqvarna chain saw with case – Shindaiva weed eater – leaf blower – (2) torch sets on carts – Troy Bilt pressure washer – High lift jack – alum ext ladders – (2) Shindaiva back pack blowers – 3 ton floor jack – ceiling mount hoist – many more tools not listed. **Furniture & Appliances:** Elec lift chair – love seat w/recliners on both ends – king size bed – blonde dresser w/mirror – 4 drawer file cabinet – computer desk – Pla Port Resort has sold and we will be selling out 10 units full of furniture, appliances, dishes, beds of different sizes, etc. – Beds of different sizes – dining tables – chairs – TVs – microwaves – bedding – towels – wall décor – end & coffee tables – TV stands – pots & pans – silverware – sofas – etc – office counter – plastic chairs – patio furniture – several park benches – Dyson vac. **Appliances:** Whirlpool upright freezer – Whirlpool front load washer – Maytag commercial elect dryer – Whirlpool side by side refrigerator/freezer – shop refrigerator/freezer – Amana gas range – approx. (10) refrigerator/freezer – approx. (10) ranges – Whirlpool water softener – several hot water heaters. **Misc:** Selling out the inside of (10) Pla Port Resort units. Selling everything from hot water heaters, heat & air hotel units, cleaning supplies, toiletries, & everything in between. Several plastic dock floats – clothes line poles – wood picnic table – metal yard wagons – wood walk planks for a dock – large metal cabinet – misc angle iron & rebar – rod & reels – misc tackle – Road Glide Ave sign – 220 AC unit – squirrel cage fan – fish cooker – little red wagon – laundry sink – folding counter – misc plumbing & electrical supplies – misc lumber – gas cans – grill/smoker – several concrete blocks – minnow buckets – swim dock ladder – 6x6 post – lounge chairs – hydraulic lift table – assorted charcoal grills – Pit Boss Pro series smoker (like new) – carpet sq tiles – interior doors – cooler – 20 lb propane bottles – Daylight Type B LED T8 bulbs – No Wake buoys – lots of paint & caulk – yard seeders – trailer jack – several elect meter loops – wood tables on wheels – misc wood patterns – boat dock cable – wood for crafters – misc sheets of insulation & ply wood – scrap metal. **Note:** This is the Estate of Mr. Renner, Mrs. Renner has sold Pla Port Resort so we will be selling out the inside of (10) units that are fully furnished. Lots of furniture & appliances, bedding, towels, dishes, heat and air units, etc, also we are selling Mr. Renner's personal tools, shop items, truck & trailers, implements & misc. This will be a long auction. We will sell in 2 rings for most of the day so bring a friend or two, truck & trailer and plan on spending the day with us at the lake. Many nice quality items in this auction. In case of inclement weather, we can sell undercover for a large portion of the auction. Catering & port a potty on site. **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current driver's license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. If paying by check on large items, items will be held until check clears auction company bank unless arrangements have been made with auction company before auction day. If paying with credit card a 5% convenience fee will apply. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. 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NOTICE OF HEARING

To all persons who claim any interest in the property CHARLES THOMAS TYLER, deceased, as an heir of said decedent or through any heir of said decedent:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above court by Charles W. Tyler, for the determination of the heirs of Charles Thomas Tyler, deceased, and of their respective interest as such heirs in and with respect to the following described real property located in Barry County, Missouri, that the decedent owned at the time of his death:

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

Petitioner's attorney is Harry D. Schwartz, whose business address is 702 West Street, P.O. Box 276, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

You are hereby required to appear to answer said petition on June 26th, 2026, at 8:45 o'clock a.m. in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, at Cassville, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail

therein, judgment may be entered in due course upon said petition.

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Fourth Publication: May 27, 2026

Craig Williams
Circuit Clerk
By: S. Parker
Probate Clerk
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TRUSTEE'S SALES

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE:
William Cordale Writer and Rylee Writer, husband and wife

Trustee's Sale:
For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by William Cordale Writer and Rylee Writer, husband and wife dated January 17, 2023 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 23, Page 338 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, May 12, 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:

LOTS 7, 8 & 9 IN TROUGHBERS SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONETT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, EXCEPT THE EAST 5 FT THEREOF. to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No:
232478.051226.467548 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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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

FOR DEFAULT in the payment of debt secured by a Deed of Trust executed by

Julie Franklin and Braxton Franklin, formerly husband and wife, dated May 24, 2016, and recorded on in Book 16, at Page 2709, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri, on May 6th 2020 the property was Quit Claim Deeded to Julie Franklin and Shawn Hall, now husband and wife, and recorded on in Book 20, at Page 2599, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri the undersigned Trustee will on May 15, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., specifically at 10:00 a.m. at the East Front Court House Door in the City of Cassville, County of Barry, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate located in Barry County, Missouri, to-wit:
Address:
17655 Farm Road 1090
Cassville, MO 65625

Beginning at a Point 723 feet South of the Northeast corner of Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 25, Township 23, Range 28, Barry County, Missouri; thence South 259 feet to the centerline of a 20 foot roadway thence West along said centerline 208 Feet thence North approximately 259 feet to the point 208 feet West of the point of beginning; thence East 208 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO commencing at Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter Section 25, township 23, Range 20, Barry County, Missouri; thence South 982 feet to the centerline of a 20 foot roadway thence West along said centerline 208 feet to the point of beginning; thence North to a point on the south right of way line Of another existing roadway which said point is 208 feet West and 515 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence West along the south line of said roadway 497 feet; thence South to the centerline of the 20 foot roadway first referred to herein above; thence Easterly along the centerline of said roadway to the point of beginning.

LESS and EXCEPT: Beginning at a point on the South right of way of an existing roadway which is 398 feet west and 515 feet South of the Northeast corner Of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 23, Range 28; thence West along said road right Of way 165 feet thence South 281 feet thence East 165 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT: Beginning at a point 515 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 25, Township 23, Range 28, being South of Private Road 2175, thence west 208 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 208 feet, thence Southwesterly 74 degrees 250 feet thence North 281 feet to Private Road 2175, thence East 200 feet the point of beginning, Barry County, Missouri.

ALSO EXCEPT Beginning at a point 515 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 25, Township 23, Range 28, being South of the private Road 2175, thence West 550 feet for a Point of beginning thence South 281 feet thence West 135 feet, thence North 281 feet, thence East 135 feet to the point of beginning, Barry

County, Missouri. EXCEPT: Beginning at a point 982 feet south of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 23, Range 28, Barry County, Missouri to the centerline or private Road 2176, thence West along said roadway to the Southeast corner Of property owned By Patrick and Nikki Caddell recorded in the Recorders Office of Barry County, Missouri, filed in Book 14 at Page 2629 thence North 180 feet, thence East 144 feet thence South 180 feet to the centerline Private Road 2176, thence Northwesterly along said road to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT: Beginning at a point 982 feet South of the Northeast corner Of the Northeast Quarter Of the Southwest Quarter to the centerline of Private Road 2176 In section 25. Township 23. Range 28, Barry County, Missouri, thence West along centerline of said road 374 feet for point of beginning, thence continuing West along centerline of said road 164 feet thence North 200 feet thence East 158 feet thence South to point of beginning.

to satisfy said debt and trust.
Jon Horner, Trustee Security Bank of Southwest Missouri
Blake B. Fields, Attorney for Trustee Law Office of Blake B. Fields, LLC
605 Main street, Cassville, MO 65625
Please publish:
April 15, 2026
April 22, 2026
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Cade Coppage, single man dated June 24, 2024 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 24, Page 3021 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:50 AM), at the East Door of the Court House, City of Cassville, Barry County, State of Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Barry County, State of Missouri, to wit:

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

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

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

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

S&W Foreclosure Corporation
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LLG File No.25-041031
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 2026-22735-MO For default in the payment of debt secured by the Deed of Trust executed by

Bobby Hale And Lindy Hale, Husband And Wife, dated 1/2/2015, recorded on 1/5/2015, as Instrument Number 002621520018 and in Deed Book 15, Page 16, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on 5/21/2026, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, starting at 2:00 PM at the Barry County Courthouse - East Door - 700 Main Street, Cassville, MO 65625,

sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the below described real estate to satisfy said debt and costs. Certified funds must be delivered to the auctioneer at the conclusion of the auction. Purchasers take property as is, without warranty. All Of A Tract Of Land Described As Follows: Beginning At The Southeast Corner Of The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Thence Running North 24 1/4 Rods, Thence Running East 37 3/4 Rods, Thence Running South 24 1/4 Rods, Thence Running West 37 3/4 Rods To The Point Of Beginning, Said Land Being Located In The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Containing Approximately 5 3/4 Acres. Also, A Small Plot Of Land Being A Part Of The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Described As Follows: Beginning At A Point 150 Feet West Of The Northeast Corner Of Said Forty Acres, And Running Southwest About 142 Feet To A Certain White Oak Tree, Thence West 170 Feet To A Point 11 Feet West Of The Southwest Corner Of A Certain Brooder House (100 Feet Long) Line To Be About 3 Feet From And Along South Side Of Said House, Thence North To North Side Line Of Said Forty Acres, Thence East To Place Of Beginning. The Above Parcel Of Land Contains About 1977 Square Yards More Or Less. Also, A Strip Of Land 20 Feet Wide Squarely Off The East End Of The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4), Lying South Of

Missouri State Highway No. 39 In Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri. Also, A Tract Of Land Described As Follows: Beginning 37 3/4 Rods West Of The Southeast Corner Of The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Thence Running North 24 1/2 Rods, Thence Running West 350 Feet, Thence Running South 24 1/2 Rods, Thence Running East 350 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Said Land Being Located In The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Containing Approximately 3 1/4 Acres More Or Less. Also, A Tract Of Land Described As Follows: Beginning 24 1/2 Rods North Of The Southeast Corner Of The North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri, Thence Running West A Distance Of 58.96 Rods, Thence North 150 Feet, Thence East To East Line Of Said North Half (N1/2) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Aforesaid, A Distance Of 58.96 Rods, Thence South 150 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, The Same Being Located In The South Half (S1/2) Of The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) Of The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-Five (25), Range Twenty-Five (25), Barry County, Missouri. More commonly known as: 5185 Private Rd 1194 Aurora, MO 65605

Notice To Bidders: Please be advised that the highest bidder ("purchaser") at this trustee's sale may be required to provide information, documentation and/or certification as mandated by applicable federal law, and entity and trust purchaser should be prepared to provide beneficial ownership information as required by federal reporting requirements effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. If applicable, the required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5. Nestor Solutions of Missouri, LLC Successor Trustee (888) 403-4115
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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

The addresses of the Trustee is:
Glenn Meek
PO Box 155
Golden, MO 65658

All creditors of the decedent are noticed to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Date of First Publication: 04/29/26
Glenn Meek, Trustee
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SCOREBOARD

Track and field teams compete in Big 8

The Cassville boys and girls track and field teams competed in the Big 8 Conference Meet in Monett on Thursday. Results included:

- Boys**
2nd Place
Corbin Rhoads, Pole Vault, 4.07m
3rd Place
Preston Driskill, 3200m, 10:58.7
Dade Zajac, 800m, 2:07.35
4th Place
Tyler Rattigan, 110 Hurdles, 17.77
Jacob Hudson, 1600m, 4:59.8
Logan Parsons, Pole Vault, 3.62m
Vynnie Arguelles, Javelin, 43.42m
5th Place
Jacob Hudson, Preston Driskill, Dade Zajac, Clay Williamson, 4x800 Relay, 9:13.24
6th Place
Preston Driskill, 1600m, 5:07.05
Mace Bredeson, 200m, 23.64
Cash Smith, Colton Beebe, Corbin Rhoads, Mace Bredeson, 4x100 Relay, 46.66
7th Place
Carlos Barrientos, Long Jump, 5.66m
8th Place
Tyler Rattigan, 300 Hurdles, 44.35
Isaac Luney, Shot Put, 11.96m
Ricky Norris, Javelin, 38.36m
Carlos Barrientos, Triple Jump, 11.62m
Jacob Hudson, 800m, 2:13.37
Girls
4th place
Shelby Knoefler, Shot Put, 9.87m
5th place
Claire Reuter, Brynn Whittenburg, Abbi Yarnall, Molly Cox, 4x800 relay, 13:01.89
6th place
Claire Reuter, Brynn Whittenburg, Abbi Yarnall, McKenzie Wall, 4x100 relay, 55.55
Shelby Knoefler, Discus, 26.48m
7th place
Claire Reuter, Brynn Whittenburg, Abbi Yarnall, Estrella Garcia, 4x200 relay, 1:59.79
8th place
Claire Reuter, Brynn Whittenburg, Abbi Yarnall, Kailyn Speer, 4x400 relay, 4:57.54
Hopelynn Thompson, Pole Vault, 2.13m

Trap:

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Purdy's Grady Mahurn takes advantage of a high ball to safely reach first base against East Newton on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Purdy's Quentin Dodson flaps his arms like an Eagle after hitting a double against East Newton on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Eagles: Coach says seniors doing great job leading squad through season

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pitchers," Hughes said. "New Heights has a really good pitcher, too. We beat Marionville early, but they've been playing well. They just beat a good Ash Grove team."

At the top of the bracket, Hughes knows who sets the standard.

"Miller is the team to beat in Class 2 right now," Hughes said.

To make a deep run, Hughes said execution across all phases will be critical.

"We've got to be playing our best at that time," Hughes said. "We need to shore up some things on defense and keep pitching the way we have."

Equally important, he said, is maintaining the chemistry that has

defined the group.

"Our kids are super close right now," Hughes said. "They want to be around each other and be on the baseball field together."

That cohesion, paired with balanced play, gives Purdy confidence entering the postseason.

"If we can keep that chemistry, improve our

defense and keep progressing at the plate, we've got a shot to beat anybody," Hughes said.

Leadership from the senior class has also played a key role in guiding the team through the season.

"Our seniors are doing a great job leading," Hughes said. "They're very unselfish. Damon

is our number one on the mound and he's 7-1. Easton [Goetz] has done a great job at catcher, and Frankie [Salas] has been really good for us at the plate.

"Simon has hit in multiple spots and plays a great left field," Hughes said. "Eric [Garcia] gives us good at-bats off the bench and can play mul-

iple positions."

As districts approach, Hughes said the formula remains straightforward — continue building on what has worked all season.

"If we do all three things — hit, defend and pitch — we've got a chance," Hughes said. "If we don't, anybody can beat us."

Stoufer: Parents, coaches, young fans biggest influences on pitcher

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Looking back at her Cassville career, Stoufer said she did not have to go far to pick out the most memorable moment.

"The greatest memory I had playing softball at Cassville high school was the Southern Boone game," she said. "The excitement and thrill we all had that game was something you can't describe to someone if they weren't there."

Cassville defeated Southern Boone in the sectional round of the state tournament, 2-0, with Stoufer scoring the first run in the top of the first after hitting a double, then scoring the second run on a solo home run in the fourth inning. She also finished the contest with 10 strikeouts.

Stoufer said over the years playing softball, certain people stand out for



Cassville softball pitcher Aubrey Stoufer, front center, signs a letter of intent to play for Crowder College in Neosho next year. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

making such a successful prep career possible.

"The people that truly had the biggest impact in my career first is my parents; always making every game possible," she

said. "Next is my coachess giving me the best pep talks when I get down on myself. Lastly is all the little girls who came and supported me and cheering as loud as they can."

To extend beyond the high school game, Stoufer said one major characteristic is required.

"Advice I would give to other athletes hoping to sign to play collegiate ball

is to show how much you are dedicated to the sport; it goes a long way," she said. "Putting in the time and effort will help you get to that level you are

wanting."

Stoufer is the daughter of Tracey and Brandon Stoufer, of Cassville. She plans to major in pre-medicine.

Hinson: Greatest memory was sophomore year

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influences within the soccer program at Cassville.

"My greatest memory was playing with my team sophomore year," she said. "The seniors were such amazing role models and really opened my eyes to how much soccer impacts my life. Players that really impacted me throughout the years were Logan Wingo, Audrey Gosvener, Emma Burndt, Scotland Richardson, Ashley Alonso and Jhandi Shears.

"Logan really helped me in goal by teaching me how to position myself correctly and how to be more aggressive with the ball. Jhandi helped me understand the game better and gave me so many tips for when I'm on the field."

Hinson said for those looking to play collegiately, the biggest key is to keep pushing forward.

"My advice is never give up," she said. "If you



Cassville girls soccer goalkeeper Ava Hinson, front center, signs a letter of intent to play for Crowder College in Neosho next year. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

truly do love the sport you play and put so much work into it on and off the field, it eventually pays off. No matter what,

keep your head up and keep playing for what you love."

Hinson is the daughter of Kelly and Joseph

Krueger and Andy and Stephanie Hinson, all of Cassville. She plans to major in early childhood education.

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