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2 tornadoes confirmed

Late storms produce EF-0s near Butterfield, Purdy

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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The National Weather Service in Springfield has confirmed two tornadoes touched down in Barry County just before midnight on June 13.

According to damage survey results, the first twister was on June 13 from 11:48-11:54 p.m.,

TORNADOES

What: Two tornadoes confirmed on June 13-14

Where: North of Butterfield, north of Purdy

Size: Both EF-0 with winds of 85 miles per hour

touching down along Highway 97 to the south of Capps Creek, northwest of Purdy and southwest of Monett.

The tornado was rated an EF-0 with winds of 85 miles per hour, traveling 4.8 miles

with a maximum width of 150 yards. The intermittent tornado path tracked east-northeast before lifting just west of Highway 37.

Several uprooted trees and large branches snapped along the path. Walls collapsed on two farm outbuildings, with sheet metal tossed over 300 yards.

The second tornado was also on June 13, from 11:54-11:57 p.m., touching down near Farm Road 1078, just northwest of Butterfield.

The tornado was rated an EF-0 with winds of 85 miles per hour, traveling 1.7 miles with a maximum width of 150 yards. The path tracked east across Highway 37 and lifted just east of Farm Road 1095.

A couple old wooden power poles snapped or were brought down along Highway 37, and several trees and large branches snapped along the path.

The damage forced a temporary closure of Highway U at Highway 37, with power lines

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FELONY ARREST

Who: Debra Lawyer, 64, of Cassville

What: Is charged with second-degree trafficking drugs and possession of a controlled substance

Bond: Is set at \$500,000, cash only

Woman charged with trafficking fentanyl

Traffic stop was part of ongoing investigation

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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A Cassville woman has been charged with two felonies for allegedly trafficking fentanyl.

Debra Lawyer, 64, of Cassville, is charged with second-degree trafficking drugs and possession of a controlled substance.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Det. James Meyers, with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, on Thursday, at about 7:25 p.m., Barry County Deputy C. Roller initiated a traffic stop on Lawyer's vehicle on Highway 60, west of Highway 97, near Pierce City, for having a handicap placard on the rearview mirror and following a vehicle too closely, especially in wet conditions. The stop was part of an ongoing fentanyl investigation allegedly involving Lawyer.

Prior to the stop, an informant disclosed to authorities that Lawyer was traveling to Oklahoma to allegedly resupply with fentanyl. The real-time location of Lawyer's vehicle as confirmed with court-ordered electronic surveillance, and physical surveillance was also established by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Division of Drug and Crime Control Sgt. Zack Bryan, and Roller, who identified Lawyer as the only occupant of the vehicle.

Roller activated his emergency lights following a change in Lawyer's behavior, applying the brakes upon seeing his vehicle. Roller attempted to conduct the stop at the Yonkerville Country Store, and Lawyer stopped roadside on the shoulder.

During the stop, Roller asked for consent to search the vehicle, and she refused. Roller then activated his K-9 unit based on information provided to him via the ongoing investigation. The K-9 alerted to the odor of narcotics during a free air sniff around the vehicle, pinpointing the driver's side door and front passenger side door.

Because of the wet conditions and flow of traffic, Lawyer's vehicle was moved to the parking lot of the store across the

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Disciples of Jesus return to park for Bible studies



Members of the Disciples of Jesus come together for prayer following a Bible study at the Cassville City Park on Friday. Started by the First Baptist Church youth group last year, the Disciples of Jesus will meet weekly at the park at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays. The group posts updates on their Instagram account, @Disciples_of_jesus9 Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

Ordinance aims to lessen pedestrians in intersections

Adjustment to ordinance voted on prior to passage

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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The city of Cassville has passed a new ordinance aimed at giving police a tool to manage individuals panhandling or fundraising at intersections in the city.

The ordinance, which came about after police have been receiving more frequent calls about individuals in intersections

at Main Street and Highway 76/112 and Old Exeter Road and Highway 37, regulates pedestrian presence in medians and streets and highway areas, stating certain roadways and intersections within city limits experience higher traffic volumes and vehicle speeds, and the presence of pedestrians within medians, roadways or near moving vehicles in such areas creates a heightened risk of injury to pedestrians and motorists and interfered with the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

"The purpose of this Section is to pro-

mote the safety of pedestrians and motorists on City streets with higher traffic volumes or higher speed limits; to reduce traffic hazards and distractions caused by pedestrian presence within roadways and medians not designed for pedestrian use; and to ensure the safe and orderly movement of vehicular traffic throughout the City," the ordinance reads.

A high-traffic roadway is defined as any public street or roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or greater,

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Purdy City Council passes budget after revisions

Aldermen sworn in following April election

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat

The Purdy City Council adopted a budget for the city's 2026-27 fiscal year at its June 8 meeting and swore in its council members from the April election.

The major business of the month focused on approving a budget for the fiscal year starting on July 1.

The new budget called for general fund spending of \$186,760, matching projected income. No new major spending plans were projected. In the city's enterprise fund, water service income was projected at \$297,523, with anticipated spending of \$266,023. Sewer income and spending matched at \$303,150.

Heather Van Note, in presenting the budget, said the new budget incorporated some increased spending due to inflation. Employees received cost-of-living raises ranging from 3-12%, the largest going to public works foreman Kevin Cook, who had been paid under scale, she added.

Council members revised the 2025-26 budget to match actual income and expenses. According to Van Note, city records for the past year were "just a mess," including several inaccurate entries. The city brought in staff from Ben Miller CPA in Webb City to sort out the problems and find accurate figures to close records for the year.

For the 2025-26 fiscal year, general fund income totaled \$172,245.23 with expenses of \$224,459.37. Water income of \$281,828.35 did not offset

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On June 10, Heather Van Note, left, and Keith Postlewait, right, both took the oath of office after their uncontested re-election on April 7 to the Purdy City Council. Swearing in had been delayed in part by Van Note's illness and absence at the May meeting. Murray Bishoff/Special to the Cassville Democrat

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LOCAL

NEWS BRIEFS

Wheaton Road District to meet

The monthly Wheaton Road District Meeting will be held on July 6 at 5 p.m. at the Wheaton Road District barn on Highway A, across from Holmes Farm Supply.

Voter registration through July 8

The last day to register to vote is July 8 for those who are not current registered voters of Barry County and who wish to vote in the Aug. 4 Primary Election. People may register to vote at the County Clerk's Office or the Monett Chamber of Commerce. Please notify the Barry County Clerk's office of any address or name change. Photo ID required to vote in the August Primary Election. Absentee voting starts June 23 at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two week in-person, no excuse absentee voting begins July 21. If unable to vote in person, a voter may send a written request to the office of: Joyce Ennis, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to: 417-847-5311. The office will need: Name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four digits of Social Security number, phone number, party, reason for voting absentee and signature. Those who live in the Monett area can go by the Monett Chamber Office and fill out the absentee application. They will fax it to the Barry County Clerk's office. Absentee applications are also available at sos.mo.gov. For more information, call the Barry County Clerk's Office at 417-847-2561 or email jennis@barrycountyclerk.com or ajohnson@barrycountyclerk.com

Cassville Water Quality Report available

The City of Cassville's water quality report for the year 2025 is now available online at <https://dnrservices.mo.gov/ccr/MO5010144.pdf>. The document, also called a Consumer Confidence Report, provides important information about the City's efforts to provide safe drinking water. Residents can find detailed information about where their drinking water comes from as well as what trace elements (contaminants) have been detected. Residents can call City Hall at 847-4441 to obtain a printed copy of the report or to obtain more information on the municipal water system.

Carnival at Cassville Health Care

Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation will host a carnival open to the public on June 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature food trucks, a dunk tank, children's carnival games and a petting zoo.

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., Library for Everyone, 1 p.m., Dino Youth Paint, 5:30 p.m.; Friday, Family Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Car Cruise-In, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Crochet, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Tot Time, 9:30 a.m., Story Time, 10 a.m., Adult Sunflower Painting, 5:30 p.m..

Old Church Gallery Farmers Market open

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

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.

Disciples of Jesus return to park for Bible studies



Wyatt Hollingsworth leads a Bible study at the Cassville City Park on Friday as part of the Disciples of Jesus study group. Started by the First Baptist Church youth group last year, the Disciples of Jesus will meet weekly at the park at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays. The group posts updates on their Instagram account, @Disciples_of_jesus9. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Grant Varner, center, speaks to fellow members of the Disciples of Jesus at the end of their first meeting of the summer at the Cassville City Park on Friday. The youth group will host Bible studies at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at the park. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Daniel Frazier speaks during a Disciples of Jesus Bible study group meeting at the Cassville City Park on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Following the Disciples of Jesus Bible study at the Cassville City Park on Friday, Ricky Norris was one of many youth group members that stuck around to play pickleball or basketball in the park. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Jace Kennedy connects on a pickleball shot while playing after the Disciples of Jesus Bible study at the Cassville City Park on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com



Nineteen youth attended the first Bible study meeting of the Disciples of Jesus at the Cassville City Park on Friday. Last year, the group started with just 10 attending, and by the summer's end, had 40 in attendance, including youth from outside the Cassville and Barry County area. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

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Traffic stop leads to distribution charge

K-9 deployed, meth located in vehicle

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An Eagle Rock man has been charged with a felony after methamphetamine was allegedly located in his vehicle following a traffic stop and K-9 search.

Jacob Rose, born 1980, of Eagle Rock, is charged with delivery of a controlled substance (35 grams or less).

According to a probable cause statement filed by Deputy C. Roller, with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, on June 15 at about 7:09 p.m., Roller was patrolling in the Eagle Rock area when a truck with no front license plate passed. Roller followed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop, and the driv-

er, identified as Rose, said the vehicle was recently involved in a crash that damaged the front license plate.

A record check revealed Rose allegedly did not have a valid driver's license, and Roller said while providing documentation, Rose appeared visibly nervous and was shaking.

Roller said he asked Rose if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, and he allegedly stated there was not and consented to a free-air sniff of the vehicle with Roller's certified narcotics K-9. A Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper remained with Rose while Roller retrieved the K-9, during which time the trooper placed Rose in restraints after allegedly seeing him throw a prescription bottle under the driver's seat after retrieving it from his pocket.

The trooper informer

Roller that Rose allegedly stated the bottle contained "dope," later allegedly admitting it was methamphetamine. Rose further stated he would stomp on and destroy it because it did not belong to him.

A search of the vehicle was conducted, and under the driver's seat, Roller allegedly located a prescription bottle with Rose's name containing a white crystalline substance. Also allegedly located was a cigarette pack containing a gum rapper taped to the exterior of the pack on the passenger seat.

Rose was advised of his Miranda rights and initially stated he did not wish to answer any questions. Later, Rose stated he wanted to speak with law enforcement at the Barry County Sheriff's Office.

During a post-Miranda interview with another

deputy, Rose allegedly stated he had purchased the methamphetamine for another individual and was transporting it for another individual in Arrow Point and was transporting it to Eagle Rock for delivery to a different person.

The substance was submitted to the lab for further analysis and to determine weight.

Roller noted in the statement Rose is currently on probation for dangerous drugs. He has prior felony convictions of breaking and entering in Benton County, Ark., in 2018 and second-degree burglary in Barry County in 2014.

Rose is being held in the Barry County jail with a cash-only bond set of \$25,000. A bond hearing is scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 9 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge Robert Foulke.

Barry County Health Corner



Protecting our community starts underground: Permit your septic system

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When a septic system is designed and installed correctly, it safely treats wastewater and protects your family, community and the environment around you. Permitted septic systems are designed to ensure harmful bacteria, viruses and chemicals are properly treated to protect our community and the environment.

Contacting the Barry County Health Department to obtain a septic permit is a critical step in any septic project. The Barry County Health Department works to ensure only licensed professionals install or repair septic systems in the county, protecting homeowner's investment into their septic system and the health of our community.

Skipping a septic system permit to save time or money always backfires. Soil that cannot absorb wastewater will cause sewage to pool on the surface of your lawn.

Systems installed too deep may not surface, but won't receive proper treatment before wastewater is returned to the water table, potentially contaminating nearby water sources, including wells.

Following proper permitting procedure and using a license and permitted professional installer works to avoid these issues.

Whether you are building a new home or replacing an aging system don't skip getting a permit.

For more information please contact us at 417-847-2114.

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PUBLISHER'S VIEW



KYLE TROUTMAN

Preparing for the primaries

Almost everywhere you turn in recent weeks, whether driving through town or navigating the winding roads of southern Barry County, you are sure to see one or more political signs in a yard, intersection or other highly visible place along your drive.

Over the last few weeks, signs for all four candidates in contested Barry County elections, all Republicans, have begun to spring up. For Barry County prosecutor, incumbent Amy Boxx is being challenged by political newcomer, Andrew Cole. For Barry County presiding commissioner, a rematch of sorts is set, with incumbent Steve Blankenship being challenged by Chad Johnson, who ran four years ago alongside Andrew Henbest in a three-man contest.

The prosecutor race is likely to draw the most attention. Boxx was first elected in 2014, carried by Monett voters to a win over Steve Dunker and Matthew Weatherman. She has since run unopposed in two straight elections, in 2018 and 2022.

Cole, who is embarking on his first political campaign, carries a name Cassville residents know well, as his father, longtime Cassville lawyer David Cole, is now presiding circuit judge for the 39th Judicial Circuit. Andrew Cole currently serves as the assistant prosecuting attorney in Lawrence County.

The presiding commissioner race, while may not be of equal interest, will be more than just a rematch. Losing the third candidate in that race will force a shift in how those who voted for Henbest in 2022 — just over 20% — pick another horse.

With two strong races in the county, the Cassville Democrat has a job to do. A major role of a community newspaper is informing the public on not simply who candidates are, but what they believe and where they stand on key issues.

To that end, this week is the first of five we will have candidate questionnaires within our pages. All told, we will print three sets of five questions from the prosecutor candidates, as well as two sets of six questions from the presiding commissioner candidates, alternating each week.

On page 8A of this week's edition is the first set of questions answered by Boxx and Cole. Every first questionnaire starts with a few softballs: Why the candidates want to win the position and outlining their qualifications, for example.

As we get closer to the Aug. 4 Primary Election, questions will become a little more in depth. Things like plea bargains, addressing burglaries and thefts, treatment programs, victim's rights, crimes against children, transparency and recruiting and retaining qualified staff will all be touchpoints in the prosecutor questionnaires still to come.

For the presiding commissioner candidates, assessing financial challenges, prioritizing spending, economic development, supporting small businesses, industrial sludge and communication with residents will all be addressed.

Beyond the questionnaires, I am proud to announce that the Democrat will once again sponsor a candidates forum. Two years ago, we held separate forums for the sheriff and northern commissioner races at the FEMA Event Center.

This time around, there will be a few changes. Due to availability of candidates, and myself, this year's event will be a combined forum — one and done — and in a fresh location.

All four candidates have agreed to participate in the forum set for July 9, starting at 6 p.m., at the Cassville Performing Arts Center. Crowder's Denna Clymer, our moderator at the 2024 forums, has agreed to return to Cassville to perform the task again.

The format and questions at that event have yet to be determined, but they will differ from what we are printing in the questionnaires. Aiming for no more than 90 minutes, my initial thought is to have nine questions for each race, alternating races every three questions, with time for opening and closing statements.

Hopefully, by the end of the forum and after all the questionnaires have run, you — as a voter — will be informed enough to make an educated decision on what direction you would like the prosecuting attorney and presiding commissioner offices to take. After all, this is your county, your representatives, and they should reflect your values and goals.

More information about the forum will be announced when details are finalized, but for now, you can mark your calendars to join us at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) on July 9 in Cassville. If you want to know more about any of the four candidates, this is your chance.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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



COMMUNITY VOICES

Grab a lesson from the dumpster

Day in and day out, serving as director of the local food pantry, I see a lot of things most folks never get the chance to see.

Glimpses into the lives of our neighbors facing hardships can be alarming, gut wrenching, and conversely, sometimes heartwarming and humbling. Some of the things that I witness have a way of changing one's perspective and transforming a preconceived opinion when you least expect it.

A while back, we were having a frequent problem with people filling up our pantry agency business dumpster with household trash. Loads upon loads of bulging bags of beer cans, worn out kitchen appliances, cigarette butts, broken tools, garage debris of every conceivable variety, and all kinds of messy stinky used food packaging and canned kitchen discards.

You name it, and these random surprises would greet me whenever I lifted the dumpster lid intending to toss in the pantry garbage bag. It was not on a rare occasion that the dumpster got so full of uninvited and unwelcome trash that there was no room leftover to fit inside the trash discards from the pantry's general operations.

One evening, when I was working late catching up on paperwork, I glanced outside and noticed a woman with her head and half of her torso buried deep inside the dumpster. Nearby sat a pickup truck piled high with odds and ends.

I'll admit, my first thought wasn't charitable. I assumed she was adding another load of unwanted personal trash to the pile. I walked over to discuss the situation and I was fully prepared to tell her that the dumpster was strictly for food pantry use only.

When I got closer, I realized she wasn't putting something in. Instead, I observed that she was hunting around and was taking things out of the dumpster. When I inquired about her actions, she quietly explained that she was hungry and was just looking for something to eat.

She told me, "I am starving, haven't eaten anything in a couple days, and hoped I could find something in here that I could eat."

That moment stopped me cold. Now, I don't recommend anyone eat food from a dumpster. It's dangerous and unhealthy. But



JANET MILLS

standing there, watching someone search through dirty discarded items because they were hungry enough to take the risk, I realized I had been caught looking at the situation through the wrong lens.

I had seen a problem. I abruptly came to a conclusion based upon a self-directed point of view that this encounter was about me and my circumstances. What I hadn't seen was a person.

Conversing with the dumpster diver, I did emphasize that finding food in the trash was not her only, or the most recommended, option. She was literally standing within a few steps away from a food pantry whose mission was dedicated to helping relieve her hunger.

There, she could get some healthy food. Her response was that it was after hours, she assumed that the pantry was closed, and she didn't want to bother anybody.

The faces of hunger are striking. Sometimes, hunger looks like a person who accepts a banana or an apple and eats it immediately before their car leaves the parking lot. A neighbor will grasp, tear open and consume a package of crackers before the food box is even loaded into the vehicle.

Children do not veil their hunger behind pride. One day, a young mother pulled up with two small children in the back seat. As a volunteer loaded groceries into the vehicle, the kids eagerly grabbed packages of ramen noodles and began crunching them dry, straight from the package.

No cooking. No bowl. No waiting. Just hunger.

I've watched visitors carefully calculate whether they can afford to buy enough gasoline to get home after coming to receive food assistance. Carpooling among friends and neighbors is extremely com-

mon these days, so the gas expense can be shared among multiple households. It is not unusual for three or four families to arrive at the food pantry door in a single vehicle.

Sometimes, it is challenging to make room to fit all the food boxes into the cars already full of adults and children.

Hunger doesn't always look the way people imagine. Hunger is not a stereotypical illustration.

Hunger doesn't need to be wearing ragged clothes. It doesn't have to be living under a bridge. Sometimes it rides in a pickup truck. Sometimes it drives a minivan. Sometimes it lives down the street from you.

And often — it stays hidden. The truth is that most of us don't really know what hunger feels like. We may skip lunch because we're busy. We may joke about starving while waiting for supper. But most of us have never had to wonder where tomorrow's meal will come from. Most of us have never searched a dumpster hoping to find something edible.

We haven't had to make that choice.

I believe we need to keep our eyes open and our hearts softened. When we begin to see people instead of problems, everything changes. Maybe that is the lesson for us.

We cannot be expected to solve every problem in the world. We cannot eliminate hunger all by ourselves. However, we can see it. We can acknowledge it.

We can respond to it. The faces of hunger are real. They are alive and present here in Cassville. They are sitting in cars in our parking lot, standing in grocery store lines, and living in neighborhoods we pass through every day.

Sometimes, they are easier to recognize than others.

Just as I learned standing beside a dumpster one evening, a face of hunger can show up when we least expect it. When these moments arrive, my hope is that we will choose compassion over judgment, understanding over assumption, and generosity over indifference.

Janet Mills is the director of Cassville Pantry, located at 800 W. 10th St. in Cassville. She may be reached at cassvillepantry@gmail.com or 417-846-7871.

COMMUNITY VOICES

Why not in Cassville?

As we know, it's late June in Barry County.

As June gives way to July, the days seem to stretch a little longer, and our life settles into a familiar summer rhythm. Our lawns need mowing again just a few days after being cut. The crab grass is becoming more confident each day and is demanding attention. And, there are lots of reasons to stay outside until the last light fades from the sky. The sight of fireflies and the sounds of tree frogs and my bug zapper become my nightly companions on the back patio.

There is something about late June that reminds me of fun times growing up in our wonderful community. While we shouldn't live in the past, we can draw upon our memories as a source of gratitude and inspiration for the future.

As you drive or walk around town you can see a prime example of this is the mural that has been painted by Cassville High School Art Teacher Teall Williams and her talented Summer School



JON HORNER

students on the wall of the Old City Hall property, at the corner of 8th and Townsend Streets. Their mural draws upon the mix of our community pride, culture and history.

It also demonstrates that we have something many small towns in America would love to have — a proud past and a vibrant future.

Another example is the plan for the former Hall Theater property, which burned down in 2022. The proposed Pocket Park, aptly named by Kyle Troutman, will honor our past while meeting community needs for today and the future. It will feature an outdoor pavilion that will bring added life to our historic downtown.

The final example

are the improvements to several downtown businesses, which have been spearheaded by the Cassville Community Foundation, made possible by a generous, anonymous grant, are showcases of the past inspiring the future. The improvements pay homage to our past while providing downtown businesses with facelifts that showcase community pride and vitality for future growth.

As I walk and drive around our wonderful community and see what has been accomplished here in our quaint town, the words of the late U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy come to mind: "Some see things as they are and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask, 'Why not?'"

That "why not" attitude is what drove Cassville's growth and innovation in the past and continues our current path forward. Why not have a Greenway Trail? Why not have an Industrial Park? Why not have an Aquatic Park? Why not have a

Performing Arts Center? Why not have a Trout Fest? Why not have an agricultural research farm?

The list goes on and on.

I always welcome your ideas for, "Why not have this in Cassville." That is how we will continue to grow and thrive.

As you reflect upon the past or have ideas for the future, remember that these long June evenings will not last forever. Before long, school supplies will appear on store shelves and thoughts will turn toward fall. For now, though, we have the gift of summer before us. Perhaps the best thing we can do is simply appreciate it while it is here even if the crab grass gets more and more confident in its abilities.

Wishing you fun summer days ahead.

Jon Horner is a local community bank president, published author, newspaper columnist, motivational speaker, and mayor of America's Real Hometown. He can be reached at jon-horner77@gmail.com.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"People don't yield to pedestrians on Main Street, and from the intersection north to the school, it can be very dangerous for pedestrians."

— RICHARD ASBILL, CASSVILLE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON PART OF THE REASONING FOR THE CITY ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE AIMED AT GIVING POLICE A TOOL TO MANAGE INDIVIDUALS PANHANDLING OR FUNDRAISING AT INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY



50 years ago

June 30, 1976
— COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TO HONOR NATION'S 200TH BIRTHDAY JULY 4-5

There will be plenty of "bangs" around for community residents to celebrate the 200th birthday of these United States during the coming July 4 weekend. First of two big fireworks displays will be Sunday, July 4, at Shell Knob. Second will be an equally big aerial display over Cassville on Monday evening, July 5. In excess of 300 aerial display bombs will be exploding in the two events. For Shell Knob, it will be the first community effort for a July 4 observance. D.F. Murphy, Bicentennial chairman for the community, says Saturday and Sunday programs call for event-packed activities all open to the public. Cassville's program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Irwin-Easley American Legion Post, will be centered around the one-evening program at the American Legion Grounds. Bill Ward, C of C manager, said the following schedule would be observed. Beginning at 6 p.m. and running to 7 p.m. Monday, the merchants committee will provide a free watermelon feed. Members of Boy Scout Troop 76 will assist in serving over 3,000 pounds of melons. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Cassville High School stage band, directed by Russell Robinson, will present a concert. Southern Judge Lige Frost will be master of ceremonies for the program. At 8 p.m. and running to 9:30 p.m., the Legion post will sponsor a series of youth games, with cash prizes awarded in various age groups. The giant fireworks display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. above the Legion Grounds, where free parking will be available. Authorities will patrol the grounds, on which no individual fireworks will be permitted. The Memorial Park Board will operate a refreshment stand on the grounds, with proceeds going for the operation and maintenance of the facility. Organizations throughout the Central Crossing area are participating in the planning and execution of events. Included are Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, Central Crossing Women's Auxiliary, Shell Knob School PTA, Saddle Club, Boy Scout Troop 51, Cub Scout Pack 51, Girl Scouts and Brownies, and various business organizations. Representatives of these organizations participating include Murphy and Roy Pratt, Chuck Dagman, Mildred Voris, Bro. John Mehrens, Loren Roden, Olen Epperly, David Crates, Creighton Cox, Mary Delaney, Joyce Short and Felix Cieslak. Proceeds of the events over and above expenses will be divided between the Shell Knob-Viola Community Building Fund and elementary school. Bicentennial connections have been approved by Missouri designating the group as official observance committee, according to Murphy. The schedule of events for Shell Knob's initial Independence Day program is as follows: Saturday, July 3, 10 a.m., Saddle Club arena, games for all ages, sack races, egg pitch, horseshoes, greased pig contest, donkey ball game for women, dunk the Lion, kissing booths and stock penalty racks for non-whiskered gents of community. 6:30 p.m., Little League baseball game, Shell Knob vs. Jenkins. 8 p.m., cakewalk at Bridgeway Plaza and square dancing. Sunday, July 4, 2 p.m., parade starts at old Highway 39 and proceeds to the arena. Thirty-two units have been allocated parade space.

Creighton Cox, chairman, is assigning positions. Parade will consist of three floats, Barry County Sheriff's Posse, Stone County mobile patrol unit, new Shell Knob fire engine, three wagon teams, Cassville High School band unit, Boy Scout and Girl Scout units from Central Crossing area. 3:30 p.m., pony pulling contest at arena, entries from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma; events at arena will continue through the afternoon. Concession stand will be operated by Shell Knob Saddle Club. Ambulance for all events furnished by Axley-Culver Ambulance Service. 9 p.m., fireworks display from south end of Central Crossing bridge with aerial display over Table Rock Lake amounting to about 150 rounds.

— STATE ORDERS GOLDEN RURAL SCHOOL CLOSING

The Missouri Board of Education has ordered one of three remaining rural schools in Barry County closed. Jefferson City officials said this week the Golden C-9 District would not be allowed to continue classes this coming year. Under state law, a board spokesman explained, when a district has an average daily attendance of less than 15 pupils, the board shall close the district, providing an investigation shows it would be in the best interests of all concerned. Last year the Golden district had an average daily attendance of 11.4 students. The Golden district is located on the south side of Table Rock Lake. The district boundary is between that of Cassville and Shell Knob. Closing of the district would leave the county with only two rural districts, Jenkins and Shell Knob, according to Charles Vaughan, county superintendent. Vaughan said the Golden area would transport six students this coming school year to the Cassville district. That was the decision reached this week, according to information from district board president Al Couthron. State action on closing the district will leave one year for final decisions to be made. Vaughan said the district would have that length of time to decide if they wish to continue transporting students or effect a reorganization proposal with an adjoining district. High school districts touching Golden include Cassville and Blue Eye. A reorganization plan would also necessitate disposal of school property. Vaughan said he understood several organizations, including the Golden Circle Shores Association, had expressed an interest in keeping the facility for community events.

40 years ago

July 2, 1986
— WAL-MART OPENS CASSVILLE STORE TUESDAY MORNING

Wal-Mart, operating 859 stores in 22 states, will include Cassville on their map with a grand opening of their new facility on the west edge of town next Tuesday morning. Jim Von Grempp, company director of corporate and public affairs, said the 9 a.m. opening July 8 would be open to the public. Completed some four weeks ago, company tasks since that time have been to stock the 43,926-square-foot store. Grand opening activities will include a ribbon cutting at the site, at Highway 37 and Old Exeter Road. Construction on the store began last year with a Springfield contractor in charge. Wal-Mart purchased the site from Mr. and Mrs. Marlett Sanders of Stillwater, Okla. The site was the former Ott Turner home. Tim Watkins of Cassville, store manager, said the store here would open next week with a total of 101 employees on the payroll.

The manager and Von Grempp said the firm was "very excited about the completion of this store and we are looking forward to becoming active members of the Cassville community." Serving the trade area with a store of 36 departments, the chain was established by Sam Walton of Bentonville, Ark. A number of company officials from the nearby headquarters are expected for the Cassville opening.

— R-4 SCHOOL PLANS EXPENDITURE DECREASE FOR 1986-87 BUDGET

Tentative budget sessions have been completed by the Cassville R-4 Board of Education, indicating less expenditures for the 1986-87 school year than last year. Superintendent Dan Bailey said the amount was about \$260,000. However, this doesn't mean there will be less costs involved in conducting classes on the local campus; the new budget does not include a bond issue as did last year. Projections call for revenues of \$3,436,108 with expenditures totaling \$3,514,237. Actual expenditures this year will run about \$3,776,052. That's \$261,815 more than called for in the new budget. Directors in regular session Monday set the tentative amounts, with finalization set for the July session. Members Don Stockton, John Anglum, Tom Cardin, John Sullivan, Dennis Ledgerwood and Steve Buchheit concurred in the session. Board action also approved a salary base of \$15,000 for instructional staffers, with increments set forth by the salary and welfare committee of the Community Teachers' Association accepted. Members of the committee, Jim Williams, Lou Ann Priest, Lindy Gibson, Connie Christen and Becky Henningson, attended the session. Mrs. Gibson, president of the CCTA, expressed appreciation of the teachers for the board action. Resignations were accepted from Sharon Noel, high school language deficiency teacher who has accepted a position with the Carthage schools, and Marilyn Haenig, library aide, who will become a full-time employee of First Christian Church. Tuition rates for some 80-90 non-resident students will be increased next year. Bailey said the actual amount will be set in the July meeting. Currently, \$1,650 is charged for non-resident pupils attending R-4. Transportation charges are in addition to this amount. The superintendent said parking lot paving bid dates were changed from July 21 to Aug. 14, due to a wage determination required from the State of Missouri. The project is estimated to cost \$35,000. With secretary Wanda Paul and principals Wayne Brower and Martha Dunnam in attendance, the board amended their meeting format to include an item entitled Approve and/or Amend Agenda. Bailey said a 30-day waiting period would be required before the addition was effective.

30 years ago

June 26, 1996
— CONTRACT AWARDED FOR NEW LODGE COMPLEX AT ROARING RIVER STATE PARK

It's official. Work on Roaring River State Park's new lodge complex could begin as early as mid-July. The state awarded the construction contract for the project to Edgewater Construction on June 20, one month after the second set of project bids were opened. The Eureka Springs, Ark., company was the low bidder at \$3,940,000. This total was well under the \$4.2 million allocated by the state for the project. The four other bids submitted



40 YEARS AGO: LITTLE MISS AND COURT — Jennifer O'Neill, a six year old cutie, was named Little Miss Cassville in a Chamber of Commerce program that included publication ballots. The Little Miss, back row center, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Neill. She was crowned by Miss Cassville, Elaine Harrington, right. In the court, in front, are Jessica Thomas, 4, fifth runner-up; Julie Workman, 3, third runner-up; and Samantha Tudor, 5, second runner-up. Also in the back is Mindi Gripka, 5, first runner-up. A sixth court member, Shelly Ann Moore, declined to be in the photo. She took the route that a three-year-old can often do, whether her parents agree or not. Shelly was cooperative through the short program, but wanted no part of the picture taking process. Landon Fletcher presided at the program and made the announcement and cash prize presentations. Democrat file photo

ranged from \$4,280,000 to \$4,745,000. The first round of bidding in January produced bids that were \$1 million or more too high. The project architect went back to the drawing board and made 30 modifications in an effort to "fine tune" the complex and reduce costs. The state then advertised for a second set of bids based on the modified design. The 47,000-square-foot lodge will include a store, restaurant and 26 guest rooms on two levels. It will be situated atop the hill overlooking the current restaurant and lodge. Pete Landstad, park superintendent, said his family moved into their new residence last Tuesday. His former residence will be torn down to make room for the new complex. Presently, park crews are salvaging what they can from the house before it is demolished. The old lodge and restaurant will remain open until construction on the new complex is complete. According to state officials, Edgewater will have 440 days to complete the project. The completion date on the contract is September 1997.

— CONTRACT AWARDED FOR BARRY COUNTY JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT

Barry County commissioners signed a contract

Thursday with Branco Enterprises to construct an addition to the county jail for \$353,888. The commission also accepted bids on security electronics from Capital Prison Systems in the amount of \$36,470 and on detention modules from Fibrebond Corp. in the amount of \$138,950. All three portions of the project add up to a total construction cost of \$529,308. When architectural and engineering fees of \$42,344.64 are added, the project carries a \$571,652.64 price tag. The decision to go ahead with the project came 49 days after bids were opened on May 2. The delay was caused by a bid total that came in \$169,000 over the estimated project cost of \$500,000. To make the project feasible, county commissioners asked the architects of Archetype Design Group to modify the project with an eye toward reducing construction costs. Presiding Commissioner Cherry Warren said a \$13,000 electric generator was eliminated from the project, as was a \$700 plaque. The architects were also able to shift some responsibilities from Fibrebond to Branco to save the cost of having Fibrebond supply an extra crew to set up the detention modules. Branco will now install the

modules as part of their construction contract. Warren said this change saved the county around \$26,000. Branco's original bid was reduced by \$17,112, and Fibrebond's bid was dropped \$13,750. The bid from Capital Prison Systems was pared down by \$9,185. After modifications, the project will still cost the county about \$70,000 more than originally planned. Warren said this money will most likely come out of the county's emergency fund. \$500,000 in general revenue has already been budgeted for the project. "We felt the jail addition needed to be built," Warren said. "Re-bidding the project would have cost a considerable amount of money. We thought it was wise to go ahead and award a contract." Survey work at the jail site is being completed this week to determine the property's east boundary line. The existing sheriff's annex will be moved to the line and placed on a permanent foundation to make room for construction. "It (the move) is supposed to take about two hours," Lt. Connie Collins said. "I'm surprised it won't take longer, but I guess it shows how close they are to construction."

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REX HOWARD EATON

Rex Howard Eaton, 90, of Jenkins, Mo. passed away Friday, June 12, 2026 in Delaware, Okla. He was born June 30, 1935 in Kearney, Mo., the son of R.H. and Fannie Ann Elizabeth (Castle) Eaton, who preceded him

in death.

Also preceding him in death was his wife, Sue Dry in Durant; also his wife Ollie "Libby" Eaton, and brother, Chris Eaton. Survivors include his sons, Bobby Eaton and wife Mitzi of Jenkins, Mo. and Loyd Eaton and wife Denise of Bartlesville, Okla.; daughters, Tonya Lopp and husband Damon of Delaware, Okla. and Tara Tyler of McAlester, Okla.; sister, Barbara Podell of Penn.; 17 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and special friends, Jim and Mary Birdsong and Doug Fare.

He grew up in Pleasant Hill, Mo., where he attended school and graduated from Pleasant Hill High

School in 1953. Following graduation, he served in the United States Army. He was self-employed as a paint contractor and farmer.

He was a member of Community Faith Church.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 19, 2026 at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins, Mo., under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Rick Cooper and Doug Fare conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to Clio Cemetery in memory of Rex.

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WILLIAM ALLEN PRITCHARD

William Allen Pritchard (Al), passed away on June 13, 2026, at his home in Cassville, Mo., in a tractor accident at the age of 86.

He was born on July 17, 1939, in Sioux Rapids, Iowa, to Walter

and Marjorie Pritchard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Marjorie Pritchard and grandson, Anthony Rapp.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy of Aurora; his children, Jeffrey (Ruthie) Pritchard, Jodi Pritchard, Troy Pritchard, Melissa (Earl) Rapp and Kasey (Cassandra) Pipio; his stepchildren, Steve (Dawn) Buchholz, Scott (Joyce) Buchholz, Kris (Emily) Buchholz, Kevin (Tara) Buchholz; his sister, Gail Fuhrman; his brother, Burton (Linda) Pritchard; his sister, Kathleen Pritchard; 11 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

He graduated from Graceville, Minnesota

High School in 1957 and married Jean Hagen in 1959. Together they raised a family of four children while farming over 2,000 acres in west central Minnesota.

Services were held Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jeff Fugitt conducted the services. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville, Mo.

Contributions may be made to Cassville United Methodist Church in memory of Al.

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Pedestrians: Addresses public safety

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or where traffic volumes create increased safety concerns. A high-traffic intersection is defined as any intersection connected to a high-traffic roadway, including the roadway area extending 100 feet from such intersection.

During the council meeting and presentation of the proposed ordinance, Alderwoman Taylor Ellis pointed out the intersection at Main Street and Highway 76/112 is a 25-mile-per-hour zone, leading the council to make a motion to amend the high-traffic roadway definition to 25 miles per hour instead of 35.

Donnie Privett, Cassville Police chief, said prior to the ordinance's passage, police had no mechanism to remove individuals from intersections.

Richard Asbill, Cassville city administrator, said the ordinance aims to allow police to determine whether peo-

ple at intersections is a distraction to drivers, not knowing if people are crossing or not.

"We have different people hanging out at intersections," Asbill said. "If someone is just standing there, what is the purpose? In most cases, they will not be able to, which we believe is in the best interest of public safety. We've had a couple people call and say individuals are standing there, and they don't know if those individuals are standing there or will start walking, are they potentially hanging out or asking for money, or are they crossing and just pausing before they cross?"

"People don't yield to pedestrians on Main Street, and from the intersection north to the school, it can be very dangerous for pedestrians."

Asbill said if police ask an individual in an intersection to leave and they refuse, police can issue a citation similar to a traffic ticket. If after the

citation is issued the individual still will not leave, Asbill said police another level of public safety ordinances could lead to an arrest for non-compliance. However, he does not expect such situations to occur.

"We believe most everyone will comply," he said. "We believe the individuals creating the most public safety concerns will move on when warned."

Asbill noted Main Street and Highway 76/112, as well as Old Exeter Road and Highway 37 as the two main areas of concern.

"We do cooperate with school groups and other show usually set up at the crosswalk on the square, and that area has a pedestrian crosswalk, a stop sign and a turning lane."

"Those groups always communicate with the city, and we appreciate that," he said.

Asbill added that the process of passing the ordinance was a learning experience, especially since it was spawned by calls from residents.

"Individual citizens communicated with the city to see things they'd like to see addressed, and we want to err on the side of public safety," he said. "Drivers and tourists need the confidence to know Cassville is a safe place, and if someone is at an intersection, there should be no question whether they are crossing or not."

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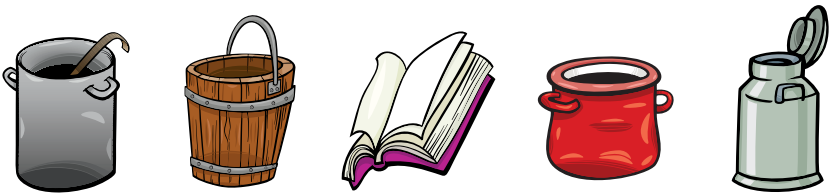
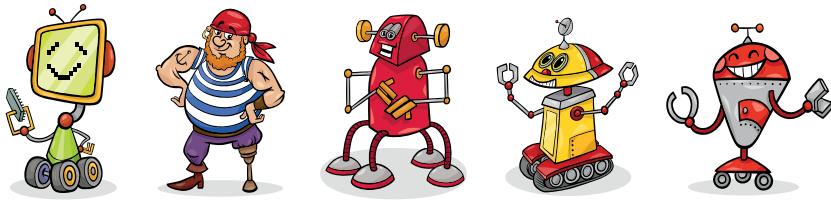
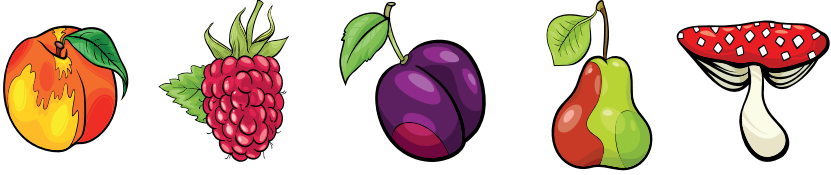
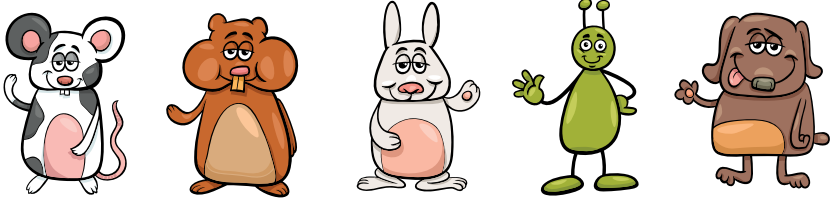
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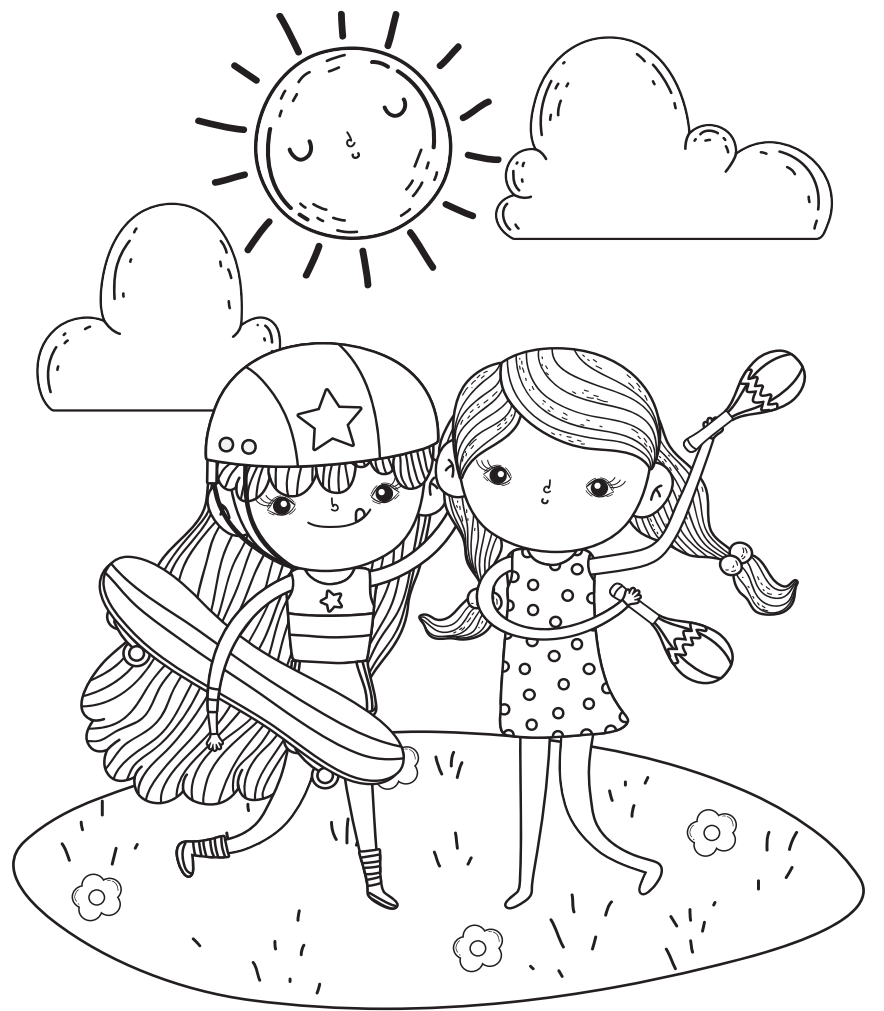
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BARRY COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Editor's note: The following Q&As represent the candidates' views verbatim, as submitted via email in response to our questions, and have not been edited. The Republican Primary will be held Aug. 4, with voters allowed to select one candidate. The top vote-getter will be unopposed in the Nov. 3 General Election. - KT

1. Why do you want to win this position?

I've been serving as the elected Barry County Prosecutor for over 11 years now. The prosecution of criminals is a calling. This is not an easy job and certainly not for the faint of heart. It is vitally important that the prosecutor ensure the judicial process is fair to all involved in the system. I've been doing that for over 11 years and would be grateful to the voters to be allowed to continue doing this important work.

2. What are your qualifications to be Barry County prosecutor?

I've been a licensed attorney, practicing law in Barry County for over 30 years. I'm currently in my 12th year as the elected prosecutor for Barry County. During that time, I've successfully prosecuted an enormous range of crimes, from murder to stealing to drugs. In the first 11 years on the job, 1,392 cases have resulted in 8,978 years in prison, not including those serving life sentences.

3. What are the three biggest public safety issues facing Barry County today, and how would you address them?

The largest issues by numbers are drugs, stealing and assaults. I have been addressing them through prosecution of cases with stiff penalties for those defendants convicted of these offenses. The Missouri legislature has



Amy Boxx

seen fit to increase the potential penalties for repeat offenders in all of these categories, making longer prison sentences a possibility. The biggest problem lies with domestic assault cases. I attempt to make victims aware of the resources our communities have to offer to attempt to help the victim leave a dangerous situation. Those victims don't always want to pursue charges, even when his or her health and safety are at risk. Their lack of cooperation makes the case difficult to prosecute and the cycle of abuse, for many, continues.

4. What specific steps would you take to reduce the number of repeat offenders?

It has always been my practice to search a defendant's criminal history in order to obtain prior convictions.

With those, the range of punishment for the current offense can be enhanced, which means those repeat offenders spend more time in the department of corrections.

5. What types of crime deserve the most attention from the prosecutor's office?

All crime deserves attention. No one case is more important than another, however, certain crimes are more serious. As a prosecutor, I focus our efforts and resources on violent crimes, involving victims that have been physically injured or killed. Property can be replaced; those who suffer physical injuries or the death of a loved one can never be made whole again. The punishment must be severe for such crimes.

1. Why do you want to win this position?

I am running for Barry County Prosecuting Attorney because I believe it is time for new leadership in the Prosecutor's Office. I want to use my experience as a prosecuting attorney to give back and serve the community that raised me. Barry County is my home. I grew up here, graduated from Cassville High School, and have deep family roots in this county.

2. What are your qualifications to be Barry County prosecutor?

I am currently an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Lawrence County. Since my first day in the office, I have been in the courtroom handling all types of criminal cases from drugs and property crimes to violent offenses and crimes against vulnerable persons. I have experience throughout the process, beginning with the initial filing of charges through to final resolution. I routinely review investigations, work with and advise law enforcement, meet with victims and witnesses, negotiate case resolutions and am not afraid to try cases in court to a Judge or Jury. I also serve as a Pierce City municipal prosecutor and city attorney. Additionally, I serve on the Board of the Lawrence County Crime Victims Outreach Fund which provides much needed resources for victims with funds acquired by various fundraising sources.

3. What are the three biggest public safety issues facing Barry County today, and how would you address them?

The biggest public safety issue I see facing Barry County is the drug epidemic. Drug abuse has been proven to lead to more crimes in the community. Thefts, violence, child neglect and sex crimes often stem from an underlying addiction. As Barry County Prosecuting Attorney, I will prosecute



Andrew Cole

dealers aggressively and use every resource available, including early intervention, treatment courts and intense probation requirements for those offenders who have an addiction and want help. The second biggest public safety issue are crimes against children, the elderly and other vulnerable people. Child predators and abusers must be aggressively prosecuted and severely punished. Aggressive prosecution that results in meaningfully severe punishment is the only way to prevent hurt to more children. Lastly, I think it is vital for Barry County to recruit, train and retain qualified law enforcement officers and Prosecuting Attorney's Office employees. We are a large County and it takes a long time to drive from one side to the other. We have limited resources, so it is important that the Prosecuting Attorney works closely with law enforcement and the County Commission to ensure resources are allocated effectively.

4. What specific steps would you take to reduce the number of repeat offenders?

I believe accountability should begin with the first offense and we should not wait until someone has committed four or five crimes before taking their

conduct seriously. Early intervention and consistent prosecution can deter a first-time offender from becoming a career criminal. Each case is different and accountability can take different forms. For some, accountability may mean probation with meaningful supervision, treatment, restitution, community service or participation in a specialty court. For others, it means going to prison.

5. What types of crime deserve the most attention from the prosecutor's office?

The priorities of the Prosecuting Attorney should be guided by public safety, the seriousness of the harm and the need to preserve the peace throughout our County. Crimes involving victims deserve the most attention from the Prosecutor's Office. Specifically, crimes against children, the elderly and other vulnerable individuals. Violent offenses, sexual offenses, domestic violence, financial exploitation and serious property crimes can have lasting effects on victims and their families. My office will make these cases a priority to prevent revictimizing these individuals. My office will also focus on drug trafficking and the drug abuse that drives theft, neglect and violence throughout the community.

Purdy: Fireworks June 26 to July 5

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set expenses of \$419,537, while sewer income of \$311,391.58 covered expenses of \$240,441.01.

Council members acknowledged the city's limited resources for making major improvements in town. They agreed to take another look at a use tax, since Purdy is the only one of seven major Barry County cities that does not have a use tax for online purchases.

At the start of the meeting, it was noted that East Ward incumbent Keither Postlewait and West Ward incumbent Heather Van Note ran unopposed in the April 7 election. Since the city council had voted to not require a public vote in cases of unopposed races, it was unclear whether swearing in was necessary. However, city attorney Toni Hendricks advised Mayor Brian Bowers that the step was still necessary. With all present at the meeting, Clerk Sasha Gomez administered the oath.

In other business, Cook reported Doty Sanitation conducted an audit of its service in town billed through the city, and found numerous trash cans being emptied were not on their list. Those cans or extras were removed. He noted the city has never provided trash service to church-

es, though Doty as policy does not serve businesses under its city contract. Council members saw no reason to not to extend service to churches. Cook noted he has no more trash cans to give to new customers and would have to ask for more.

Police Chief Jackie Lowe reviewed final preparations for the July 3 nation's birthday celebration with fireworks by the Ken Terry family. Lowe hoped Wheaton Police Chief Clint Danforth would again help with crowd control. The event will see competition this year from tractor pulls that night in both Butterfield and Cassville.

Lowe noted fireworks discharge will again be allowed from June 26 to July 5.

In his monthly report, Lowe recounted difficulties at the apartments reopened recently at 702 Washington. A dispute on May 13 between a tenant and the new landlord prompted three calls in one day and responses also by the county sheriff's deputies and the Highway Patrol, coming close to arresting all parties involved.

Lowe also mentioned several incidents involving juveniles, including one where a 13-year-old pulled a knife on his

mother for taking away his PlayStation.

In public works, Cook reported difficulties with the east lift station that pumps wastewater to Monett continue. Replacing brackets did not resolve the blowback from the pumps. Cook expected to wait until dry weather to drain the lagoon for further repairs. He noted pumps are running an extra five hours a day due to the inadequate discharge of about 100 gallons a minute. Cook plans to explore installing shut-off valves in the lagoon system that would enable easier maintenance.

Council members discussed a previously raised issue of a utilities customer who wanted her mother's bill adjusted while the family tried to fix a water leak. The leak was compounded by the city's practice of charging sewer use for all water used, having no meters on sewer service. The council had agreed to a payment plan. However, Van Note pointed out that attorney Hendricks said such plans violated the city's ordinance. Council members agreed to follow the ordinance and have the customer's water turned off the next day until payment was received in full.

The next council meeting was set for July 8.

Woman charged with arson, assault

Suspect allegedly set couch on fire while victim was in home

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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A Seligman woman has been charged with two felonies after allegedly setting a couch on fire in a home where the victim was lying in another room.

Jenece Bohmke, 55, of Seligman, is charged with first-degree arson and first-degree domestic assault.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Deputy Billy Forester

III, on Thursday at about 8:55 p.m., while the victim was lying in a bed in an adjacent bedroom, Bohmke allegedly knowingly and unlawfully used a disposable lighter to ignite a fire to the living room couch with the intent of burning the whole dwelling down.

The victim was suddenly awoken by the smell of smoke filling the bedroom, and the victim entered the living room and saw the couch on fire and room filling with smoke.

The victim described the flame as about three feet high, and the victim grabbed a pillow and was able to extinguish the blaze, saying if action had not been taken at that time, serious injury or

death may have occurred.

After investigation, Bohmke allegedly admitted to having used the lighter when lying on the couch and threw it once the couch was ignited. Bohmke also sustained burns to both of her legs.

Forester noted in the statement there is a past history of domestic violence between Bohmke and the victim, with Bohmke having allegedly threatened to kill the victim on multiple occasions.

Bohmke is being held in the Barry County jail on a cash-only bond of \$250,000. A bond appearance hearing is set for July 2 at 9 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge Robert Foulke.

Fentanyl: 26.52 grams found

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highway. Before a search was conducted, photos of the vehicle were taken. During the search, authorities allegedly located a large bag containing a powdery white substance under the driver's seat, as well as a trash bag containing burnt foil consistent with narcotic consumption.

A separate bag con-

taining a white rock-like powdery substance was allegedly located in Lawyer's purse on the front passenger seat. Also allegedly located in the purse was a prepackaged bag containing five oxycodone pills, as well as multiple small plastic baggies consistent with narcotics distribution, Meyers said.

Both substances

field-tested positive for the presence of fentanyl, and the field weight was approximately 26.52 grams.

Lawyer is being held in the Barry county jail on a cash-only bond of \$500,000. A bond appearance hearing is set for July 2 at 9 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge Robert Foulke.

Tornados: 2 of 3 in Barry County

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across the roadway four lines high, preventing any vehicles from turning onto Highway U from Highway 37.

The Barry County tornadoes accounted for two of three produced by

the line. The third tornado was near Fidelity in Jasper County, an EF-1 with winds of 90 miles per hour traveling 1.2 miles with a maximum width of 150 yards.

That tornado uproot-

ed multiple trees 2-3 feet in diameter, and a home suffered significant roof and structural damage from a fallen tree. A truck was also crushed under the tree before the tornado lifted.

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FISHING TOURNAMENT

What: NYFA State Championship
June 13-14
Who: Two Cassville teams
Results: Top team 15th in Junior Division

Anglers compete at NYFA State

Pair finishes 15th in challenging weather conditions

The Cassville Bass Fishing Team was represented by two teams at the NYFA State Championship held June 13-14 at Pomme de Terre Lake.

The championship weekend presented difficult conditions for all competitors, with severe thunderstorms, lightning, torrential rain and rapidly changing lake conditions. Saturday's PTA State Championship tournament experienced three separate rain delays due to weather.

Competing in the Junior Division, Deagan Gross and Colton Yockey battled through the challenging conditions to weigh in three fish totaling 3.43 pounds during Saturday's PTA event. On Sunday, after heavy rains caused the lake to rise an estimated 5-6 feet, the pair weighed in one fish for 2.50 pounds and finished 15th out of 49 boats in the NYFA Junior Division State Championship.

Cassville High School anglers Jaxson Winfrey and Wyatt Hollingsworth also qualified for the State Championship and repre-

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WHEATON DELIVERS MOST WINS IN 45 YEARS



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Bulldogs take steps forward, still seeking title caliber

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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A record-setting season provided evidence of progress for the Wheaton baseball team, but Coach Nathan Jones believes the Bulldogs still left opportunities on the table.

In his second season leading the program, Jones' Bulldogs finished at 13-13, delivering the most wins in a spring season since 1981. Even so, Jones said the team fell short of its biggest goals.

"I feel like overall we underachieved and didn't reach some of the goals we set out for ourselves as a team," he said. "We did finish 13-13, but we just couldn't quite get it done when it mattered this

BULLDOGS BASEBALL

Record: 13-13

Last result: 5-4 loss to Galena in Class 1, District 10 Tournament

More: Wheaton logs most wins in a spring season since 1981

year." Jones said.

One of the biggest areas of growth came in how the Bulldogs handled adversity throughout a season filled with highs and lows.

"I felt like our ability to be resilient and not make excuses for ourselves when things went bad improved throughout the season," Jones said. "We had a ton of ups and downs, and us learning how to be extremely accountable for our play and actions was important for us."

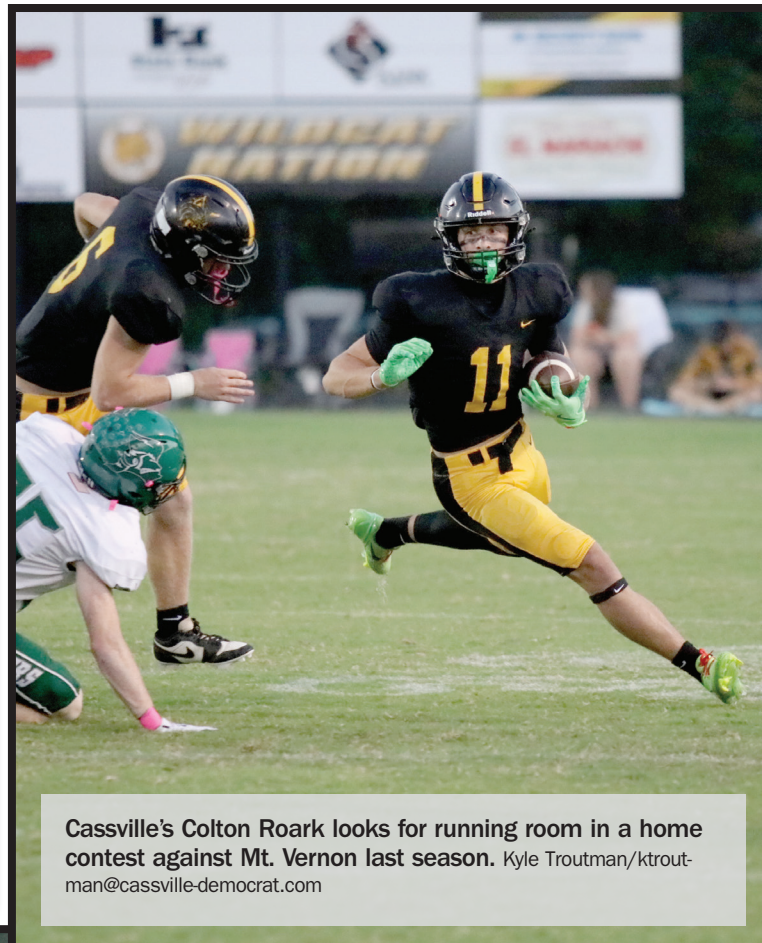
That growth was tested repeatedly as Wheaton found itself in close con-

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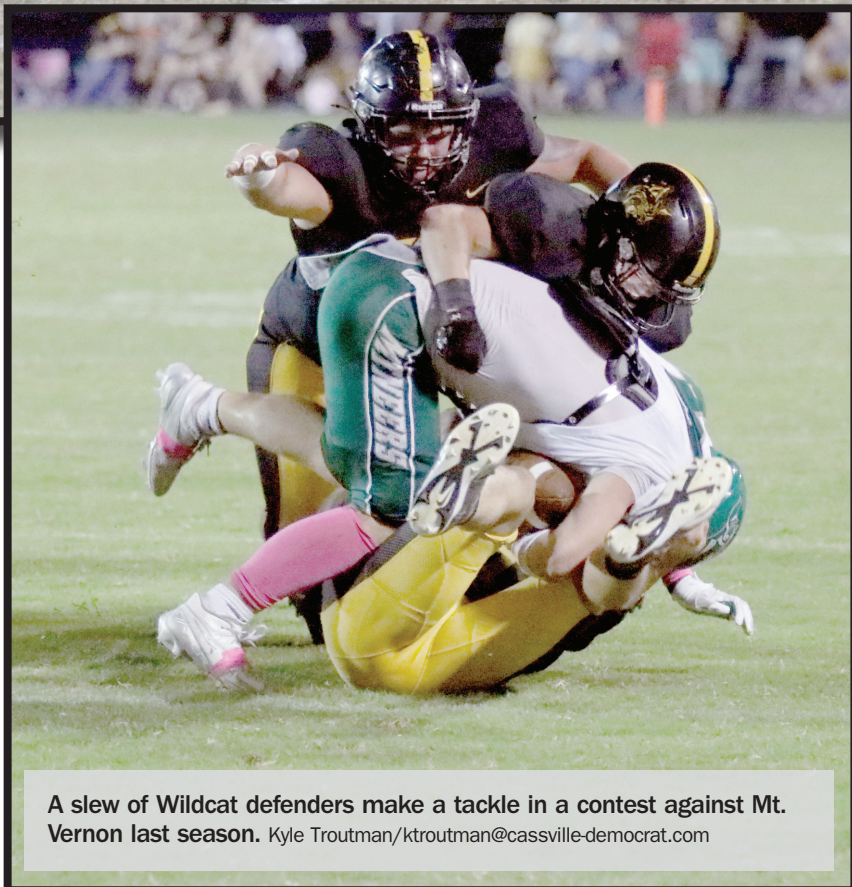
Year in Photos — Cassville football



Cassville's Masin Bryan skirts around a defender during a home playoff victory over Mt. Vernon last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Colton Roark looks for running room in a home contest against Mt. Vernon last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



A slew of Wildcat defenders make a tackle in a contest against Mt. Vernon last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Easton Hughes (No. 10) celebrates a touchdown in a home contest against Harrisonville last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

CASSVILLE AREA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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Every day is closer

“So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.” — Psalm 90:12 (NASB)

Getting older is a strange journey. I had a birthday Saturday and was recalling thoughts of when I was young, when I was counting the years until I could drive, graduate, get married and retire. Then, one day, I look in the mirror and wonder where all those years went.

America is aging. According to recent census data, more than 58 million Americans are age 65 or older, and that number continues to increase. With aging

come both thrills and complications. There is the joy of grandchildren (boy are they), increased wisdom, treasured memories and looking back at God’s faithfulness through the decades. But there are also aching joints, doctor’s appointments, medications and the painful reality that our bodies do not work the way they once did and oh yeah, the grouchy old man syndrome sets in.

The great old comedian George Burns used to say, “You know you’re getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you’re



SCOTT MITCHELL

down there.”

Most of us can relate to that! Age has a way of reminding us that this world is not our permanent home.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day.” 2 Corinthians 4:16.

While our bodies may weaken, God is still at work strengthening our faith, shaping our character, and preparing us for eternity.

For the believer, every birthday is more than a reminder that life is passing — it is a reminder that heaven is getting closer. Every gray hair, every wrinkle, every slower step means we are one day nearer to seeing Jesus face-to-face. What a glorious thought!

The world fears aging because it sees only an ending. Christians can embrace aging because we know it is leading us toward a begin-

ning.

Every day lived for Christ is another day toward our eternal home.

So, whether you are young or old today, thank God for the days He has given you. Use them wisely and walk faithfully, love deeply, and remember: if Jesus is your Savior, the best days are not behind you — they are all ahead of you.

Call on Him today!

Scott Mitchell is the pastor at Solid Rock Baptist Church, located at 13704 Farm Road 1040 in Exeter. He may be reached at 417-846-6619.

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“The Lord will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

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LOST PET

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

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN CONTROL OF A STATE MEMBER BANK OR BANK HOLDING COMPANY

John H. Garrett, individually and as Trustee of each of the Filip J. Garrett Bank Trust u/a/d March 20, 2024, Sara E. Garrett Bank Trust u/a/d March 20, 2024, John H. Garrett Bank Trust u/a/d March 20, 2024, and Ida M. Garrett Bank Trust u/a/d March 20, 2024, all of Southport, North Carolina, Jeffrey S. Scott, individually and as Trustee of each of the Hayden Scott Trust created under the Sharon K. Garrett Revocable Trust dated November 1, 2000, as amended, and the Avery Scott Trust created under the Sharon K. Garrett Revocable Trust dated November 1, 2000, as amended, all of Purdy, Missouri, Tyler Scott, Purdy, Missouri, Shelby McCaffrey, Purdy, Missouri, Richard W. Scott, Purdy, Missouri, Sara E. Garrett, Springfield, Missouri, Ida M. Garrett, Springfield, Missouri, and Filip J. Garrett, Springfield, Missouri, a group acting in concert, intend to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire 25 percent or more of the shares and thereby control of Purdy Bancshares, Inc., Monett, Missouri, Purdy Bancshares, Inc. controls First State Bank of Purdy, Purdy, Missouri. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, MO 63166-0442. Comments may also be submitted electronically to comments.applications@stls.frb.org. The comment period will not end before July 7, 2026, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Holly Rieser, Senior Manager, at (314) 444-4713. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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BIDS

Mineral Springs Road District is accepting sealed bids for the sale of one vehicle: 2005 Ford F350 Cab and Chassis.

Contact Commissioner Charlie Tabor (417) 846-6210 for more information.

Written sealed bids will be accepted until August 14th, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Bids to be opened at the regular meeting on August 17th, 2026.

Bids should be submitted to:

Mineral Springs Road District
 PO Box 482
 Cassville MO 65625
 The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids
 Only insertion 06/24/26
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Barry County Commission is accepting sealed bids for Mailing; Barry County 2026 Tax Statements. Bid should include: Full-service mailing to include; 1 oz. and 2 oz. pieces; statements will need to be pre-sorted, have a bar code, include mailing, printing, stuffing and be picked up at the collector's office in Cassville, MO. Any questions are to be referred to Barry County Collector's office. Bids will be accepted at the Barry County Clerk's Office (700 Main Street, Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625) no later than 10:00 a.m. on July 2, 2026, at which time the sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. All bids will be opened in the County Commission's office and the bid will be awarded to the lowest or best bidder. All bids shall be marked "sealed bid - (name of item being bid)" and with the "bid opening date". Barry County Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids or any parts thereof.

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PROBATE

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

In the Estate of:
 Amy Lynn Russo-Graves,
 deceased
 Estate No. 25BR-PR00142

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF AMY LYNN RUSSO-GRAVES, deceased:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal/real estate of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property, on or about July 1, 2026, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

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

In the Estate of
 ELDON WAYNE
 GILLENWATER,
 Deceased.
 Case Number: 26BR-PR00079

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
 ELDON WAYNE
 GILLENWATER,
 Decedent:

On JUNE 3, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of ELDON WAYNE GILLENWATER, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY, Missouri.

The name and business address of the personal representative is:
 ELDON GILLENWATER JR,
 27015 FARM ROAD
 1197,
 EAGLE ROCK, MO

65641-8122
 The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
 HARRY D SCHWARTZ,
 702 WEST ST, PO BOX 276,
 CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
 417-847-2734.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: 20-SEP-2025

Date of first publication: JUNE 10, 2026

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Date of fourth publication: JULY 1, 2026

Craig Williams,
 Circuit Clerk
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 22-25

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

In the Estate of JOANNA OGANESYAN,
 Deceased.
 Case Number: 26BR-PR00058

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
 JOANNA OGANESYAN,
 Decedent:

On May 29, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of JOANNA OGANESYAN, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address is:
 SAM MADSEN,
 102 WEST STREET,
 SUITE 5,
 CASSVILLE, MO 65625.

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

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a

ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, June 27, 2026 — 10 AM

Location: Cassville, MO. From Cassville go East on hwy 248, 6.4 miles, auction on left. (17984 St. Hwy 248, Cassville Mo)

DURAMAX DIESEL PICKUP – TRACTORS – JOHN DEERE MOWERS – FORKLIFT – ENCLOSED TRAILER – TRAILER'S – TOOLS – COLLECTIBLES – HOUSEHOLD – MISC

Pickup: 2006 Chevy Duramax diesel, crew cab, dually with edge tuner, pre def, 218xxx miles, (one owner) sells w/confirmation. **Mowers:** John Deere 997 Z Trak, diesel 72" zero turn mower – John Deere 4300 hydrostat, diesel, 4x4 with 72" belly mower (2500 hrs.). **Tractors:** 1951 John Deere, 50 Series, power steering with mounted diggers (nice) – John Deere 3010 tractor with front loader (PTO don't work). **Forklift:** 580 Case forklift, 25' reach. **Trailers:** 18' tandem axle, flat bed trailer, 8 hole wheels – Haul mark 8'x16' enclosed trailer with ramp door. **Tools:** Ridgid gas powered portable air compressor with Honda engine – Grizzly 10" table saw – Grizzly 5"x10" stone Viking grinder – 64 piece tap & die set – engine hoist – 12 ton press – 24" porta cable, dove tail machine with attachments – United 3 hp shaper with power feed – Powermatic belt sander – Milwaukee band saw – Craftsman double blade cutter – Milwaukee drill, Sawzall, jig saw & right angle drive drill – Hitachi hammer drill – Bosch hammer drill – ¾ drive & ¾ to 2 ½" drive socket sets – tubing bender – misc step ladders – Hotsy pressure washer (heater wont work) – roller bed stands – roller stands – portable elect winch – shop lights – several chain booms – lots of air hose – load jacks – large 2 wheel dolly – ext cords – several devis – roll around shop carts – Stihl chain saw's – John Deere shop stool – Snap On stool – jack stands – roll around tool chest – 9x16 metal cutting band saw – 10"x39" horizontal & vertical Grizzly milling machine – torch set with cart – Stihl blower – dolly – Stihl limb trimmer – Grizzly bench grinder – Power Max 1100 plaza cutter (needs work) – Lincoln power mig 255 welder (no tank) – Misc sm power tools, grinders, saws, drills, etc – floor mdl drill press – Super Bronco rear tine tiller – 8"x76" Grizzly jointer with spiral cutting head – 20 ton press – nuts, bolts, screws, etc – nuts & bolts bin – lots of HD shop shelving – misc oils, cleaners, hydraulic fluid, etc – large pipe rack – 20 lb. propane bottles – (13) racks to stack firewood on – concrete forms – 8' long wood press – many ore shop items not listed. **Implementes:** 12' 3 pt side winder HD tiller – 10" field drag – John Deere 7000 corn planter – 3 pt spring tooth digger – A frame for front loader – 6' rock rake – front end, rock windrow roller – 3pt hydraulic wood splitter – 8' John Deere angle blade – man lift for forklift. **Collectibles:** Old wagon wheels- buck saw – old cast iron tractor seat stools – Bell & Howell camera, Super 8- Noritake China – Pyrex bowls – cutglass bowls – old lanterns – round oak 18-T01, ant wood burning parlor stove – Ant buggy seat – ant horse drawn plow – dozens of horse hames – ant drill press – old milk cans – large old wood wagon wheel – ant corn sheller – old camp stove – old draw knife – old surge SS belly mixer – oil lamps – ant International crème separator. **Furniture & Appliances:** Leather sofa – glass top horse hames table – cedar chest – leather love seat & matching chair and ottoman – suede sofa with wildlife print with matching chair & ottoman – sofa table – coffee table & matching end tables – Ca King bed – dresser & matching chest of drawers – office chair – king size bed – chest of drawers & matching dresser & night stand – 2 drawer metal file cabinet – child's table & chairs – leather seat stool – cowboy pictures – floor fan – old wood rocking chair – child's chair – floor lamp – Eagle pictures – Sharp flat screen TV – wood love seat rocker – patio bar & chairs – wood rocking horse – Christmas décor – ant aluminum bread maker – (2) Ric of seasoned firewood – misc angle iron, flat iron, tubing & flat iron – time clock – BB guns – many more items not listed. **Note:** AI was a master craftsman and could build or manufacture anything. A very large shop with all kinds of tools & shop items. This will be a large auction. We will sell in 2 rings part of the day so bring a friend or 2, truck and trailer and enjoy the day with us. In case of rain we can sell inside the large shop. Parking is great!! Catering and porta potty on site. **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. (Cash or credit card only on gun purchases) If paying by check on large items, items will be held until check clears auction company bank. If paying by credit card a 5% convenience fee will apply. All sells as is where is. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

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Estate Auction

9:00 AM * Saturday, June 27th * 9:00 AM
Location: 17743 F.R. 2030, Aurora MO. 65605

Directions: From Aurora take Hwy 39 south 4 ½ mi. then west on F.R. 2030 1 ½ mi. to Auction.
 Watch for Signs Breakfast, Lunch & Restrooms Available

Container - Mowers - Tractor - Tools 40ft. Shipping Container (Dry & Solid Floor);
 I.H. 574 Tractor, Gas, been sitting outside for years for parts or salvage; 6ft. Pull type Bush Hog; Cub Cadet Pro-Z 100, 27hp. Kohler, 60" Deck, Steering Wheel style, Like New only (492 hrs); EGO 26, 56 volt, 42" Deck (Low Hours); 5hp. Gas Brush Chipper; Shopsmith with accessories; Lots of Power & Hand Tools; Misc. Shop Related Items; (12) Chrome Rollaround Shelving Units
(60+) Guns - Coins - Stamps (60+) Rifles, Pistols & Shotguns by Remington, Ruger, CZ, Savage, Plainfield, Mossberg, S&W, Taurus, Springfield, Interarms, DPMS, SKS, Hi-Point, Rossi, Norinco, Tangfoglio, Beretta, Bersa, Canik, SAR Arms, CVA, & Others Thousands of rounds of ammo. Including 223, 7.62x397.62x25 Tokover, 30 cal., 40 cal., 45 auto, 38, 9mm., 44 magnum, 12ga. & More; Misc. Starter Pistols; Lot Gun related items not listed; Few Old Coins incl. 1879-CC Morgan Silver Dollar; 4 Large Totes Stamp Collection incl. Mint Sheet Albums (Full), 1st Day Covers, & Lots Lots More;
Antique - Collectible Galusha Maranville 31 Day Calendar Wall Clock by Bristol Clockworks; Waterbury Parlor/Mantle Clock; (30+) Beautiful Art Glass Paperweights including Calthness, Edenburg & Others; Copodiamente Flowers & more; (14) Figure Teapots by Enesco & others; Few Pcs. Black Frankoma Pottery; Lot Fiesta Ware including Disc Pitchers (Modern); Several Nice & Unusual Pottery & Woven Baskets, Tapestries & more from Africa; (30+) Longaberger Baskets of all kinds & sizes; (15+) Signed Art Prints by Kathleen Atkins Wilson & Aziz Diagne most have their COA's; Lots & Lots of unusual Pictures & Art Pcs.; Lot Costume Jewelry, Necklaces, Rings & Bracelets; (60+) Steinbach & Holzkunst Nutcrackers, Handmade in Germany, all are Mint in Original Boxes; (100+) Department 56 Christmas Village Buildings & Accessories, all are Mint in Original Boxes; 14" Lodge Cast Iron Dutch Oven; Few Pcs. Cast Iron incl. Enameled Descoware; Many more Nice Collectibles not Listed;
Electronics - Camera's Peavey model 115 Bass Cabinet Speaker; Peavey 158 Bass Combo Amp.; 35mm Cameras; Lot Electronics not Listed;
Furniture Lane King Size 7 piece Bedroom Suite (NICE); Queen Bedroom Suite, Dining Tables & Chairs Sectional Sofa; Misc. Sofa's, Loveseats & Occasional Chairs; 3 Tier Lawyers Bookcase; 3 Drawer Oak File Cabinet; Tall Jewelry Chest; Large selection of Coffee & End Tables, Stands, Cabinets, Chests, Desks, Shelves, Stools etc...; Tiffany style Table Lamp; Large Decorative Globe on Stand; Washer & Dryer; Nice Patio Furniture Sets;
Household - Sewing - Books - Misc. 1000's of Books of all Kinds; Hundreds of VHS Movies & CD's; Lot 78 LP Records; Lots & Lots of Sewing Material & Related Items; Harrisville Weaving Floor Loom; Lots & Lots of Bed, Bath & Kitchen Linens; Small Kitchen Appliances of all kinds; 22 Quart Pressure Cooker (New in Box); Lots & Lot Pots, Pans & Kitchen Items; Lots of Dinnerware & Party Host Items; Lots of Fitness & Exercise Equipment; Lots & Lots Misc. Household Items not Listed;

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defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
 Date of the decedent's death:

09-MAR-2026
 Craig Williams,
 Circuit Clerk
 by S. Parker,

Probate Clerk
 Date of first publication:
 June 10, 2026

CLASSIFIEDS/LEGALS

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 Date of fourth publication: July 1, 2026

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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE

In the Estate of JANET LAVERNE SUMMERS, Deceased.
 Case Number: 26BR-PR00064

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JANET LAVERNE SUMMERS,

Decedent: On MAY 29, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of JANET LAVERNE SUMMERS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's name and business address is: SARA SUMMERS, 1722 LAME DEER RIDGE RD, PROCTOR, OK 74457

The personal representative's name, business address, and phone number is: JAMES J RANDALL, P O BOX 151, 405 BROADWAY, MONETT, MO 65708, 417-235-8688

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

S A M A N T H A PRESCOTT, 405 BROADWAY STREET, MONETT, MO 65708, 417-235-8688

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 473.033, 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: 19-JAN-2026
 Date of first publication: JUNE 17, 2026
 Date of second publication: JUNE 24, 2026
 Date of third publication: JULY 1, 2026

Date of fourth publication: JULY 8, 2026
 Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

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MARCH 22, 2026
 Date of first publication: JUNE 10, 2026
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NOTICE OF LETTERS

TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION - NON-RESIDENT FIDUCIARY)

IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE

In the Estate of JAMES LAWRENCE HOUSER, Deceased.
 Case Number: 26BR-PR00056

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JAMES LAWRENCE HOUSER,

Decedent: On MAY 29, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of JAMES LAWRENCE HOUSER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

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

WILLIAM D. HOUSER, 10000 N. CENTRAL EXPWY, STE. 800, DALLAS, TX 75231

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

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

The 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 473.033, 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: 19-JAN-2026
 Date of first publication: JUNE 17, 2026
 Date of second publication: JUNE 24, 2026
 Date of third publication: JULY 1, 2026

Date of fourth publication: JULY 8, 2026
 Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

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

In the Estate of DORIS M. VAUGHAN, Deceased.
 case Number: 26BR-PR00073

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION) TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF

DORIS M. VAUGHAN,

Decedent:

On MAY 28, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of DORIS M. VAUGHAN, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY, Missouri.

The name and business address of the personal representative is: LAURIE ETTER, 1316 6TH ST, MONETT MO 65708-1131

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

RYAN F RICKETTS, 278 SOUTH HIGHWAY SIXTY PO BOX 517, MARIONVILLE, MO 65705, 417-258-7000

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

Date of the decedent's death: 09-JUL-2025
 Date of first publication: JUNE 24, 2026
 Date of second publication: JULY 1, 2026
 Date of third publication: JULY 8, 2026
 Date of fourth publication: JULY 15, 2026

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

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TRUSTEE'S SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Charles J. Hamann, dated May 30, 2025, and recorded on June 2, 2025, Document No. 202502825, in Book No. 25, at Page 2757 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on July 1, 2026, at 9:45 AM, at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, Cassville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

Lot numbered Nineteen (19) in Crystal View Addition to the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri, as per the recorded plat thereof,

commonly known as 101 N Spring St, Cassville, MO, 65625

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

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee
 First Publication: June 3, 2026.

For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express

permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 258072-1087558).

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Joseph William Hoover, dated August 18, 2017, and recorded on August 18, 2017, Document No. 003016500014, in Book No. 17, at Page 4628 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Barry County,

Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on July 1, 2026, at 9:45 AM, at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, Cassville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

LOT 2 AND 5 FEET OFF THE NORTH SIDE OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 1 IN PRESLEY'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CASSVILLE, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI,

commonly known as 1685 Presley Dr, Cassville, MO, 65625

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

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Monday, June 29, 2026 — 10 AM

Location: Cassville, MO. From Cassville go East on Hwy 248. 8.4 miles. Turn left on Hwy C and go 3 miles. Turn Right on Fr 1162. (9906 Fr 1162, Cassville MO)

KUBOTA TRACTOR – GUN'S – AMMO – ACCESSORIES – TOOLS – 1987 CHEVY PICKUP, 454 – OLD SCHOOL BUS – PREPPER ITEMS – LOTS OF TOTES FULL, HOUSEHOLD & MISC.



Kubota Tractor: Kubota L 3400, stick shift, 4x4, LA 463 front loader, Industrial tires (only 818 hrs) sells with owner confirmation. **Implements:** Kodiak 5' 3pt brush hog – 3 pt. 5' box blade. **Chevy Pickup:** 1987 Chevy ¾ ton, 4 sp, 4x4, 454 motor, runs (no title). - Old School Bus (no title). **Motorcycle:** Old Kawasaki 1400 motorcycle, project, no title. **Guns:** Winchester mdl 94, lever action, 30-30, top eject, - Ruger 10/22 semi auto w/Hawke scope – Marlin mdl 882 .22 mag, bolt action – Ruger American, 7.62x39 bolt action w/ Leupold scope – Ruger American .22 mag bolt action w/Boyd's walnut stock & Hawke scope – Auto Ordinance, M1 carbine, semi auto – Radical AR15, 5.56 – CMMG Banshee 44 ACP – Anderson 300 Blackout – Mossberg 94 JM Pro Competition 12 ag – ATI semi auto 12 ga – SD's 12 ga pump – Heritage 22 mag revolver pistol – Ruger SR .22 semi auto pistol – 300 Blackout pistol – Marlin .22 mag – Stevens 320, 12 ga pump – Can Canon. **Ammo:** Hundreds of rounds of all kinds – accessories such as, several AK magazines, ammo boxes – slings, gun stocks, Hex mags, tactical bags & much more. **Gun Safes:** Cannon 64 gun safe – Winchester gun safe. **Tools:** Engine hoist – chop saw – Little Giant ladder – old Snap On tool chest – welding table – Lincoln AC 225 welder – car ramps – Kobalt cordless tools – misc sm hand tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches, sockets, etc – vices – (2) Craftsman roll around tool chests – ant drill press – Sportsman 2000 watt generator – Power Boss 5500 watt generator – Sportsman 6000 watt generator – sm Torpedo heater – front tine tiller – portable tool boxes – Hi Lift jack (new) – roll around shop cart – Diamond Back tile saw – floor mdl drill press – 2 wheel dolly – tool cabinet – torch bottles – (4) 100 lb propane bottles (full) – Ridgid belt sander – Craftsman pancake air compressor – air hose – 3 ½ ton floor jack (like new) – Generac 6500 watt generator with only 1.5 yrs – Tapco Pro 10' 16" metal brake – nuts & bolts bins – gas cans – Stihl weed eater – Dewalt 3700 psi pressure washer – more tools not listed. **Prepper Items:** Lots of MRE's – buckets of flour, sugar, salt, soup mix, etc – 10 gal North Georgia Copper Still – canning jars. **Antiques & Collectibles:** Old anvil with tool – misc cast iron skillets – cast iron tea kettle – glass insulators – sm wood burning stove – old food grinder – old milk cans – several RC cars – pressure cooler – old treadle sewing machine – sure to be more not listed. **Trailer:** 5'x8' drop gate, wire mesh floor, utility trailer. **Household & Misc:** Whirlpool double oven – Frigidaire microwave – smoker – fan – vent free heater – under desk treadmill – elect heaters – queen air bed – gas & charcoal smoker/grill – soaker bath tub (new) – stereo speakers – fish cooker – Bow Flex PR 1000 (new in box) – fireplace insert – sm pet carrier – large animal crate – telescope – garden hose – commercial racks – plastic barrels – plastic shelf – (3) 45 watt solar panel kits – deep cycle batteries – golf clubs – several bags of chop corn – totes full of misc – E Waste Gold. **Note:** Sure to be surprises as we unpack. Many totes full of all kinds of items. Lots of gun related items. Catering & Port a potty on site. Come spend the day with us Monday June 29th at 10:00 AM. **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. (Cash or credit card only on gun purchases) If paying by check on large items, items will be held until check clears auction company bank. If paying by credit card a 5% convenience fee will apply. All sells as is where is. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

Owner: Josh & Renee Huffman



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



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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Monday, July 6, 2026 — 10 AM

Location: 24920 St. Hwy 39, Shell Knob MO

Commercial Building



Commercial building, could be split to make 2 commercial locations. Hwy 39 frontage across from the Plaza. Previously Rusty's Auto Parts. 24920 St. Hwy 39. Great location for anything commercial. See next week's paper for full listing or call 417-847-2507 to register to bid or preview property. **Real Estate Terms:** Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to the date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Bidders, buyers, or agent of the buyer are responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals, or final walk throughs. Seller has the right to accept or reject final bid. A 10% buyer's premium will apply on Real Estate. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

Owner: Rusty Rickard



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



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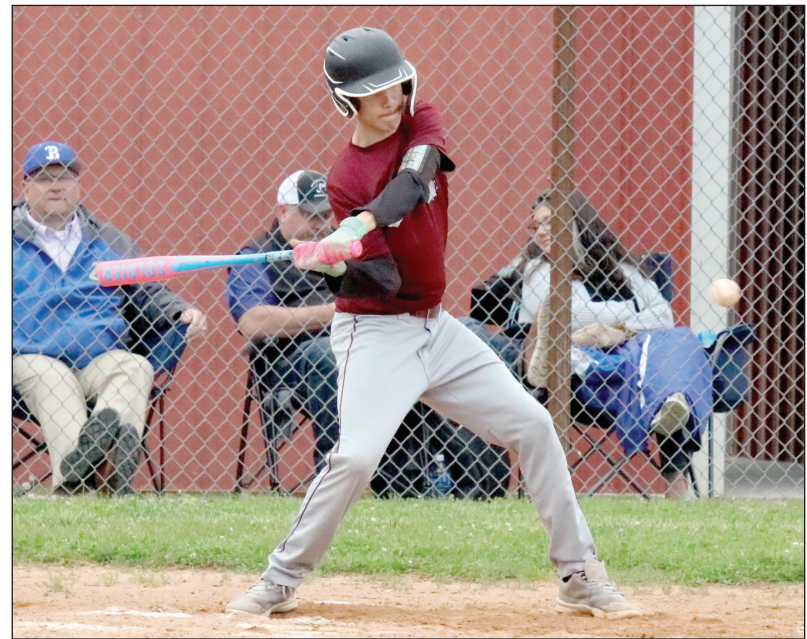
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Wheaton's Casen Bolton brings a ball in on a throw to first during action against Billings this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



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Wheaton: Expectation next season to win conference, district titles

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tests against quality opponents. While the Bulldogs often put themselves in position to win, Jones said finishing games remained a challenge.

"[We need to improve our ability] our ability to close out games and beat good teams," Jones said. "We are still learning what it takes to be considered a great team by finishing games against good teams."

Among the season's memorable moments, one comeback stood above the rest.

"The New Heights game was a fun one,"

Jones said. "We had a 6-run seventh inning to tie the game and fought back to give ourselves a chance."

The season also marked the final campaign for seniors Riley Roller and Evan Pyle, two players Jones said embodied the standard he wants for the program moving forward.

"We were fortunate to have two really good seniors," Jones said. "Riley and Evan were great examples of what we would like to see each player at Wheaton be when they put that uni-

form on each and every day."

Jones credited both players not only for their production but also for the example they set for younger teammates.

"They gave me their best effort and had tremendous seasons overall," Jones said.

With much of the roster expected to return,

Jones believes the foundation built over the past two years could position the Bulldogs to take another step forward next spring.

"Going into my third year with this team, our guys should be comfortable with how I coach and do things," Jones said.

"They should finally be in a position to be ready to

compete and get over the hump to do something worth remembering as a team."

That expectation begins with the same goals the Bulldogs carried into this season — championships.

"We have the same expectations to try and compete for a conference and district championship," Jones said. "We

have most of our team coming back, and I am expecting us to reach our expectations in the coming year."

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