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75 ATTEND FORUM IN CASSVILLE



Amy Boxx, Barry County Prosecuting Attorney candidate, answers a question at the Cassville Democrat's Barry County Candidates Forum. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



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Quartet of candidates answer questions at Cassville Democrat event

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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The two candidates for Barry County Prosecuting Attorney and two candidates for Barry County Presiding Commissioner answered questions on Thursday at the Barry County Candidates Forum, hosted by the Cassville Democrat at the Cassville High School Performing Arts Center.

About 75 people attended the event in person, and a Facebook live stream of the Forum garnered more than 50 viewers at points during the more-than-hour-long question-and-answer session.

Denna Clymer, division chair of the Social Science Department at Crowder College, moderated the

BARRY COUNTY CANDIDATES FORUM

When: Thursday at the Cassville High School Performing Arts Center

Who: Amy Boxx and Andrew Cole for prosecuting attorney; Steve Blankenship and Chad Johnson for presiding commissioner

More: 75 attend event in person, online viewership over 50 at points

Forum, which consisted of nine questions for each pair of candidates, alternating every three questions.

The first three questions to the prosecutor candidates, incumbent Amy Boxx and challenger Andrew Cole, assistant prosecutor in Lawrence County, cen-

tered around crime trends, drugs and mental health, and the county's response to methamphetamine and fentanyl crimes.

Boxx and Cole agreed drug crimes were a major issue, and Boxx pointed to an uptick in domestic violence crimes. Both also agreed that drugs and mental health issues tend to go hand-in-hand, and drugs tend to lead to other crimes. Treatment courts, they said, are a viable option for helping rehabilitate offenders.

Boxx added that mental health complications have prevented some individuals from standing trial, including two at the Barry County jail that have been incarcerated for two years. Cole pointed to a confer-

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Barry County sales taxes mixed in June

Almost all show income up for first half of 2026

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat

Sales tax in Barry County proved sluggish in June, as almost every city saw receipts drop.

Monett, however, generated such a big boost that it pushed both the city and county totals over last June's mark.

The seven Barry County cities received \$887,766.92 in sales tax revenues for the month. Comparing the same taxes as last year, that represented a 6% increase. Only Monett and Washburn, which had its tax revenues withheld last June by the State Auditor's office, saw increases. Use tax receipts were down across the board. That suggests generally less spending by the public since the Iran war spiked gasoline prices in March.

Cassville saw its first monthly decline in 2026. The city's 1% sales tax sup-

porting the general fund produced \$119,515.25, a drop of \$585.64 from a year ago. Even Cassville's use tax receipts fell by more than \$4,000, or 14%. For the first half of 2026, receipts to Cassville's general fund are up by 8%. Combining all Cassville's four sales taxes and its use tax, revenues are up by more than \$112,000, or 6%.

Monett, the biggest sales tax generator in the county, bucked the month's trend. Monett's two sales taxes paying general bills yielded \$239,608.32, up \$24,956.66, or nearly 12%, the second highest June on record behind the 2022 peak. For the first half of the year, Monett's taxes combined were nearly double what Cassville produced (\$3.5 million in Monett vs. almost \$1.9 million in Cassville), and up for the year by more than \$340,700, or more than 10%.

Seligman's 1% sales tax for its general fund received \$12,474.28 in June, down \$696.41 from a year ago. Like Cassville, it was the first drop this year. Seligman's general

fund is up 6% for the first half of 2026. Not counting the city's new 1% tax supporting law enforcement, combined sales and use tax revenues are up by \$28,000 for the year or nearly 14%. With the law enforcement sales tax, city income is up by more than \$106,000.

Purdy's 1% sales tax for its general fund was close to even with last year, producing \$5,864.37, down \$322.47 from last June, the second drop in four months. Purdy's general fund income from sales tax is up 9% for the first half of 2026.

Wheaton followed Purdy's pattern with a slight dip. Its 1% general fund tax generated \$6,060.85 in June, down \$274.42 from a year ago, the third drop in four months. Wheaton's general fund income is down 4% for 2026. The city's half-cent sales tax is back to its odd pattern, bringing in 47% of the 1% instead of 50%. The two taxes combined plus the city's use tax showed a drop of nearly \$5,000, or

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PURDY SCHOOLS

What: Met on June 29 to discuss finances, roofing and other business

Roof: Oak Ridge Commercial Roofing Solutions to complete restoration work after hailstorms

More: Multiple hirings approved

Purdy schools grappling with smaller budget

Base pay still below state minimum

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat

The Purdy school board, meeting on June 29 to assess year-end finances, approved a reduced budget for the coming year and took stock of other pressing issues such as roof repairs.

The board's monthly meeting started with an extended review of the budget. Superintendent Travis Graham had warned board members that program cuts may be needed with anticipated revenues dropping below the previous year.

"With the challenges districts are facing statewide regarding

state funding and revenues, the Purdy Board of Education and district administration are strategically analyzing the 2026-27 fiscal budget with the expectation of making reductions in

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NEWS BRIEFS

Eagle Rock Community Association hosting political event

The Eagle Rock Community Association is inviting the community to a Meet and Greet with Amy Boxx on July 23 at 6 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Center, located at 27824 Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock. The Community Association invites voters to attend to help make an informed decision on their vote for Barry County Prosecuting Attorney.

Capps Creek Road District meeting

The Capps Creek Special Road District will meet in regular session on Thursday at noon, at the home of Garry and Pam Bartkoski, located at 5086 Farm Road 2057 in Monett. The public is welcome to attend.

Hidden underground history panel in Monett

Join the Monett Historical Society for a special open panel discussion on the legendary Monett Muddy Cave (also known as the Monett City Park Cave) on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Monett Historical Society Museum, located at 422 Broadway in Monett. Hosted by Robert Painter, Mike Randall, Rusty Morris, and author E. A. Hilton, BS. Explore stories of early 1900s explorations, underground rivers, deep drop-offs, rumored connections to Pierce City, its use as a quarry/trash dump, and why it was sealed around 1918. The event is free and open to the public.

Take a walk down memory lane

Take a walk down memory lane in downtown Monett from 1887 to now. Come share what once was and appreciate the diverse places of business that Monett Broadway has welcomed over the years. The event is for ages 18-and-older, and it is from 5-6 p.m. on July 23, starting at the Monett Historical Society and Museum, located at 422 Broadway in Monett.

In-person absentee voting through Aug. 3

Two week in-person, no excuse absentee voting for the Aug. 4 Primary Election begins Tuesday and runs through Aug. 3. Voters must present photo identification to vote. Acceptable IDs include: Missouri Driver License, Missouri Non-Driver License, Military ID or Passport. 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. The last day to request an absentee ballot is July 22. For more information, call the Barry County Clerk's Office at 417-847-2561 or email jennis@barrycountyclerk.com or ajohnson@barrycountyclerk.com

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., Dinolympics, 2 p.m.; Friday, Route 66 Pull Paint, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Crochet, 10 a.m.; Monday, Family Paint Night, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Tot Time, 9:30 a.m., Story Time, 10 a.m., Teen Paint, 2 p.m., Scrapbooking, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Kids Book Club, 3:30 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 fort 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.

LOCAL

Fred Arning Senior Classic packs the house for a good cause



A packed field of 22 four-person teams hit the greens on June 12 for the 5th Annual Fred Arning Senior Classic, hosted by the Cassville Golf Club. The tournament's top squads included Championship Flight winners Chuck Edie, Todd McCrackin, Joel Wells and Shane Boyd. A Flight winners Derral Cloyd, Curtis Adams, Gary Routh and Bill Crabtree. And, B Flight winners Kristin Houston, JR Rose, Marci Sorensen and Toby Sorensen. Beyond the competitive action on the course, the event poured heavily back into the community. Representatives from Arning presented a \$5,000 donation to the Cassville Golf Club and announced plans for an upcoming donation to the Cassville School Industrial Technology Department this fall. From left: Cassville Golf Club Course Manager Dylan Garner alongside Arning Representatives Robert Edie, Angie Edie, Jenn Weiser and Kenyon Atkinson. Contributed photo

Lake residents call for restrictions on ballast-equipped wake boats

Shell Knob woman submits release highlighting petition to create new laws

A group of Table Rock Lake residents is calling for stronger regulations on ballast-equipped wake and surf boats, citing concerns over shoreline erosion, dock damage, environmental impacts, water quality, and public safety. What began as a grass-roots effort has quickly gained momentum. In just a short period of time, thousands of citizens, property owners, visitors, and lake users have voiced support for increased restrictions on these vessels through a petition aimed at protecting one of Missouri's most treasured natural resources, a press release by Kellie Geraghty, of Shell Knob, said. "Unlike traditional recreational boats, wake and surf boats are specifically designed to create large, powerful waves," she said. "These waves are generated by adding thousands of pounds of water ballast to the vessel, dramatically increasing its displacement and producing waves far larger than those created by conventional boats traveling at similar speeds." Residents around Table Rock Lake say the effects are becoming impossible to ignore. Property owners report accelerated shoreline erosion, collapsing banks, damaged vegetation and increased sediment being stirred into the water. Docks, lifts and waterfront structures are subjected to repeated impacts from large artificial waves, creating repair costs that many lakefront residents believe should not be

considered a normal consequence of recreational boating. "For decades, Table Rock Lake has been enjoyed by fishermen, swimmers, families, paddlers and boaters using traditional watercraft," Geraghty said. "Many residents argue that the recent growth of ballast-equipped wake boats has introduced a level of wave energy that the lake was never intended to accommodate in narrow coves and heavily developed residential areas." Environmental concerns extend beyond erosion. "Many wake and surf boats transport large quantities of water in ballast tanks," Geraghty said. "[Residents] have expressed concern that these tanks may hold water from other lakes and waterways. If ballast systems are not properly drained, cleaned, and maintained, there is concern that invasive species, harmful organisms, or contaminants could be introduced into Table Rock Lake." Among the concerns raised by residents are zebra mussels, aquatic invasive species, bacteria, algae and other organisms that can be transported from one body of water to another. While many boaters take precautions, opponents argue that the risk increases as more ballast-equipped vessels move between lakes. "Local residents also point to what they view as an inconsistency in environmental policy," Geraghty siad. "The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers strictly regulates shoreline activities around Table Rock Lake. Property owners often face restrictions on tree removal, shoreline modifications, and cleanup efforts in order to protect the lake's ecosystem. Yet many residents believe that the large waves generated by ballast-equipped

boats are causing significantly greater impacts to shorelines than many activities that are already regulated." The petition, available at <https://tinyurl.com/259f-dk96>, does not seek to eliminate recreational boating on Table Rock Lake. Instead, supporters are asking policymakers, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Water Patrol Division, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state legislators to consider stronger regulations on ballast-equipped vessels. Proposed measures include restrictions on the use of ballast systems in narrow coves and residential areas, increased setback distances from shorelines and docks, enhanced enforcement and potential limitations on the use of ballast-equipped wake boats in sensitive areas of the lake. "Supporters argue that the issue is not about being anti-boating," Geraghty said. "Rather, they say it is about balancing recreation with conservation and ensuring that Table Rock Lake remains healthy and enjoyable for future generations." "Table Rock Lake belongs to all of us," petition supporters said. "We have a responsibility to protect its shorelines, water quality, wildlife habitat, and the peaceful enjoyment that has made this lake special for generations." As public discussion continues, residents hope state and federal agencies will carefully examine the long-term impacts of ballast-equipped wake boats and work with local communities to develop solutions that protect both recreation and the lake itself. "The goal is simple: preserve Table Rock Lake before the damage becomes irreversible," Geraghty said.

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Purdy: Drones used to inspect roof damage

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the areas of operations,” Graham said. “Once we have navigated through our 2026 tax rate hearing that is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 13, we will amend our budget, ultimately taking a reserved approach to spending for the 2026-27 fiscal year.”

The preliminary budget called for setting the base pay scale at \$38,000, making the district reliant on state grants to meet the mandated salary base of \$40,000. The salary scale would include a step increase for years of service for all certified and non-certified staff except for the building and district administrators and directors. Board-paid health insurance would remain at \$576.35.

Other budgeted financial commitments included \$53,000 to OM Construction Repair and Maintenance for continuing deferred maintenance needs, plus \$125,000 for district technology and upgrades. Board members agreed to continue work on both short-term and long-term plans for facility improvements. A planned discussion with a representative from the investment banking firm Stifel for financial options was postponed until later in the fall.

Roof issues

Board members continued their discussion of financial matters by reviewing the aftermath of the April 28 hailstorm. Graham reported talks were continuing over hail damage on roofs, where an initial adjuster called the impact on one of the metal roofs only “cosmetic.” He enlisted drones to review the roofs on the middle school and the FEMA shelter/performing arts center, which he thought may be replaced.

“Beginning the 2025-26 school year, we began to seek out solutions to address our roof needs,” Graham said. “We had a few roof vendors come out and inspect our roofing systems over the past few years – Coryell Roofing, CCR Roofing, and Oak Ridge Commercial Roofing Solutions – ultimately leading us to partner with Oak Ridge Commercial Roofing Solutions. Currently, a majority of our roofs – the high school wing, elementary wing, and cafeteria area – are standing metal seam roofs, which were installed approximately 40 years ago. Due to budgetary reasons, we fiscally cannot replace our roofs. We looked into two

options: one, restoration, and two, single ply, ultimately selecting restoration as the best solution for our standing seam metal roof areas.”

Quoted prices for restoration of five roofs ran about half of the replacement costs for a single-ply roofs.

“The restoration process removes existing aged coatings and fabric from the current roof surface as needed,” Graham aid. “Then, they pressure wash the entire roof area with a Rust Off cleaner to etch metal, remove rust, oxidation and dirt. Once that step is complete, they apply Encase Rust Inhibiting Metal Primer over the entire roof area, apply seam grade premium caulking compound to the standing seam to seal openings between panels, then apply a polyester fabric embedded into it on all end-lap seams. Finally, they apply a white Puma XL Top Coat at the rate of 1.9 ga. per 100 square feet over the entire roof. Resulting in a roof system that has an 85 percent reflectivity, and a UL-790 Class A Fire rating.”

Single-ply, he noted, is more in-depth and costly.

As for other hail damage from the recent storm, Graham reported the windshield on the district’s van had been replaced. The Suburban and the van were going into Horner’s body shop in Monett to repair the body damage.

In other action, the board approved sending two students to the GO CAPS program in Monett to attend the medicine/healthcare and the global business strands. The district has sent students to the GO CAPS program through the Scott Regional Technology Center for the past two years.

Handbook changes

Several changes were approved for the student

and faculty handbooks. Graham observed the student handbook has lacked guidance on the A+ program, which has been limited to juniors and seniors in the past. On the advice of incoming high school principal Stephanie Heman, Graham wanted to open participation up to freshman and sophomores to providing tutoring, enabling them to complete those hours earlier.

Dual credit questions arose last year, he said, when participation expanded. The handbook stated all dual credit classes are weighted. It had since been determined that College 101 was not a weightable class, and would be restructured into core classes.

Asked about the dress code, Graham said he would enforce it in the coming year. He noted a basketball player who had stars dyed into his hair for the summer will have to remove them for the school year.

School opening hours would also change, starting both the elementary and upper grades at 8:15 a.m., moving up the start time for lower grades to over clogged drop-off lines. Doors will open at 7:35 a.m. as well, rather than 7:40 a.m. Graham said he would also adjust the preschool drop-off time accordingly, noting that with a third teacher, handling more students should be easier.

The employee handbook would have updated verbiage on paid time off.

Board members agreed to change a policy from the Missouri State High School Activities Association that barred fourth and fifth graders from playing on traveling basketball teams and a school team. Graham found no justification for the state rule, and that it discouraged play on the school team. “Let them be kids,” said board president

Ken Terry, as the consensus was to allow students to play in both squads.

Personnel action

The board approved hiring Rebecca Botts as a high school teacher. Graham said Botts was retired with many years of experience teaching English. Principal Heman knew her and convinced her to take the position. Botts was able to return to work without penalty to her retirement as the position qualified under the critical shortage waiver, an advertised post in core subject matter that had not been filled and was approved under the waiver qualifications.

A science teaching post has yet to be filled.

Seth Shoemaker was hired as head middle school basketball coach and assistant to the high school program. Brock Morey was tapped as baseball assistant coach.

Board members approved Raely Henderson moving from full-time to part-time as a paraprofessional. Four other paraprofessionals were hired, along with two food service staff and a bus driver.

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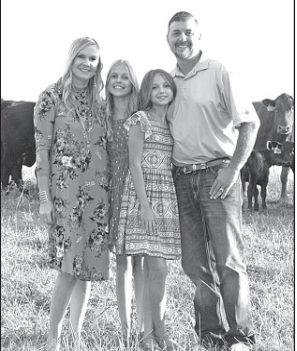
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COMMENTARY

PUBLISHER'S VIEW



KYLE TROUTMAN

Give it a rest, chaos

It's inevitable. Every time I try to leave town, the world goes a little bonkers. Floods and murders have both occurred while I have been "on vacation," and hopefully we'll avoid those in coming days, as the last week has been more than enough to handle.

Part of the chaos is my own doing by hosting the Barry County Candidates Forum five days before I leave for the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors Conference in Cardiff, Wales. Making sure that event ran smoothly has been a stressor in recent weeks, and I'm happy to report it went beautifully.

All four candidates — Amy Boxx and Andrew Cole for prosecutor, and Steve Blankenship and Chad Johnson for presiding commissioner — arrived with pep in their steps and performed well.

A full breakdown of their responses to the nine questions in each race is in this edition, and the event was live streamed on Facebook, which will remain accessible for 30 days from the time of posting per Facebook's policy.

The 75 people who attended the event seemed to have enjoyed it, and the candidates and moderator heaped more than enough thanks to the paper for putting on our third-ever Forum for Barry County candidates.

I also wish to thank our sponsors one last time: Security Bank of Southwest Missouri, Missouri Farm Bureau (Chad Yarnall), Randall Masri & Randall P.C., Blake Fields Law Office and Barry County Co-Op. Having had no sponsors at our sheriff and northern commissioner Forums in 2024, it was nice to be able to promote these businesses for their assistance in covering some minor costs and time expended into putting the Forum together.

Credit also goes to the Cassville school district for use of the Performing Arts Center. While the FEMA Event Center is a fine facility, the PAC added an air of elegance to the Forum we hope to capitalize on again in future elections.

A bit to my surprise, it was the first time inside the facility for many on the stage and in the audience. Also, a quick thanks to Dusty Reid for sticking around a few minutes after the event to show my eldest daughter and her friend how the lighting system works and what future theatre production classes they may have access to at Cassville. That was a sweet ending to the evening, seeing the wheels in those pre-teen heads turning as they are starting to reach the age they can truly start thinking about their futures.

My elation at the event's success, however, was short-lived. On Friday, we learned of an issue at our printing press that would send a stick flying through the spokes of a typical week of delivering the news.

The plate machine had been having trouble, which delayed our distribution two days last week. We were informed Friday it had gone down again and would not be back functional until Wednesday at the earliest, a day after I head over the pond.

In the middle of writing the recap of the Forum, I was also connecting with other publishers in the region who found themselves in the same boat. For us, the next-closest newspaper presses are at least 3 hours away, and we had to find one.

As a result, this week's issue looks a touch different. Unfortunately, and a fact I did not realize until Friday, we've been spoiled with full color over the years. The two print shops we found, one in Oklahoma and another in Eldon, do not offer full color. Oklahoma offered 8 pages of color for a 16-page single-section product, and Eldon offers color only on the fronts and backs of each section.

Ultimately, price and location were the determining factors. Eldon's timing made it so my wife, Jordan, could drop me off at the airport on Tuesday on the way to retrieve the papers, and Eldon's quote came in about 30% less than Oklahoma's.

While it may not be the gleaming, colorful 16 pages we normally produce, we are proud that in a pinch and ahead of a week where trips are planned, we were able to pivot from our norm and still produce a newspaper we are proud of.

I will return on Sunday with a gleam of my own, I hope, ready to take on the next challenge that comes our way and excited to report on adventures abroad.

Fingers crossed that the chaos takes a rest for the week.

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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 ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com or scan the QR code to the right to submit a letter online.



STAFF VIEW

Who cut the cheese?

If Amendment 5 passes on Aug. 4, the state income tax will be phased out.

If Amendment 4 passes, the ability of individual citizens, like you and me, to initiate and pass a ballot amendment will be restricted.

"Missouri Promise," a pro-Amendment 5, nonprofit, political action committee (PAC) with anonymous donors, is attempting to scare us with the specter of "big tech" and out-of-state money's influence on Missouri politics.

Backers of Amendment 4 are using some of the same talking points.

I've got news: the influence of out-of-state money is already operating in Missouri, thanks to established state laws.

In 2022, former Governor Mike Parson signed the Personal Privacy Protection Act into law. The act protects non-profit groups (including PACs) from the need to disclose their donors (RSMo 105.1500). Now, whosoever will, from hither and yon, can donate anonymously and influence Missouri state law.

Missouri Promise, one such influential PAC, gives just enough information to sound truthful, while being misleading.

Yes, many "big tech" data companies in Missouri aren't paying state sales and use taxes, but not because of a loophole. The blame lies on tax credits (RSMo. 144.810) deliberately dished out by our governor and legislators.

Tax credits for qualifying data centers cover 100% of state sales and use taxes for materials and utilities used in the construction and operation of data centers for up to 15 years. The tax credits were proposed by then-Senator Mike Parson in 2015, and were signed into law that same year. They've been effective ever since.

While we underlings have been sweating with legitimate concern about the impact data centers will have on our electric bills and on the environment, our elected state officials have been courting those very entities.

The deals they cut reek like freshly-sliced Roquefort, as does another tax credit called the State and Local Tax (SALT) Parity Tax Credit (RSMo. 143.436).

Here's where Amendment 5 comes in.

The SALT tax credit was signed into law by former Governor Mike Parson in 2022, when the Personal Privacy Protection laws were enacted. The weird name distracts from the SALT credit's



SHEILA HARRIS

purpose: to provide a handout to certain out-of-state partnerships and corporations who do business in Missouri.

"Pass Through Entities," as such out-of-state corporations are called, are required by law to pay Missouri state income taxes, but the SALT tax credit provides some of them with a work-around for both state and federal taxes.

Pay close attention, here.

The formula for calculating the amount of state income taxes a Pass Through Entity will owe when using the SALT credit, hinges on — get ready for this — the current state income-tax rate for individuals.

I'm no tax expert, but if Amendment 5 passes, with its stated goal of reducing the individual state income tax rate to zero, it seems that some out-of-state companies who operate in Missouri could get a free state-tax ride. Maybe even companies like Denali and HydroAg. I'd hazard a guess that a few more data centers will be looking to set up shop as well. The blatant bribe of our public tax dollars will be served up by Gov. Mike Kehoe, who, we are told, will already be facing a budget deficit during the upcoming year.

The numerical value of SALT tax credits for out-of-state Pass Through Entities could explain a discrepancy between Missouri's 2024 and 2025 Financial & Statistical Reports, published by the Department of Revenue (DOR).

The state's 2024 report for the fiscal year ending on June 30 of that year shows that the state collected \$1.4 trillion in revenue from Pass Through Entities. By comparison, the DOR reported that the individual income tax collected — typically the highest revenue source for the state — was a paltry \$9 billion for that same year.

In 2025, a disappearing act occurred.

The 2025 fiscal-year financial report (a report that the DOR states is "revised" and "updated")

shows a revenue of only \$746 million collected from Pass Through Entities for FY 2024 — not the \$1.4 trillion that had been reported the previous year.

That's a shortage of more money than I can get my head around. Billions of dollars, is it? Where did it go?

Somebody owes us an explanation. I'm still waiting for the DOR to answer my questions.

Maybe the shortage is the result of a simple miscalculation, or maybe the billions of dollars wiped from the slate went down the sinkhole surrounding the SALT Parity tax credit — an amount that perhaps also includes tax credits to data centers.

Although Missouri isn't willing to share with the public the cost of data center tax credits, some states do. Virginia reports that their data center tax exemption program cost that state \$1.6 billion in 2025. Georgia reports a cost of \$625 million for the same year.

Yes, yes. More out-of-state businesses may flock to Missouri to take advantage of our more-than-generous tax terms if Amendment 5 passes.

However, businesses like data centers and sludge-spreaders have no interest in our Ozarks heritage. Nor are they concerned about our environment and the quality of our water. They'll plunder our natural resources from far-removed urban towers, with dollar signs dancing in their heads

If Amendment 5 passes, who do you suppose will make up for the loss of over \$9 billion paid in income taxes by individuals?

It won't be out-of-state Pass Through Entities.

The average Missourian who lives here, and doesn't anticipate ever leaving, will be left trying to support the state's financial structure by paying higher prices on goods and service — much higher, if we're to compensate for a \$9 billion loss in individual state income taxes.

Out-of-state businesses will profit if Amendment 5 passes, while leaving Missouri residents poorer in more ways than one.

If Amendment 4 passes as well, we underlings will be stranded up Sludge Creek, without much hope of rescue.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

July brings harvest, helpful insects and opportunities for fall planting

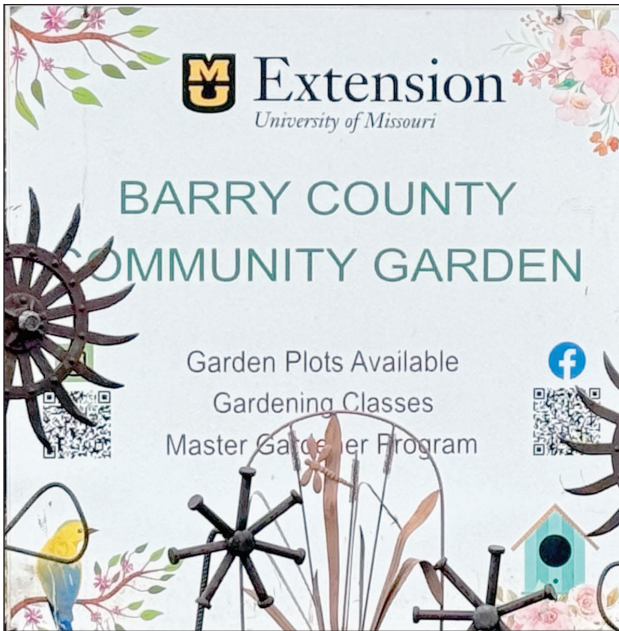
July is one of the busiest and most rewarding months at the Barry County Community Garden.

With summer in full swing, gardeners are enjoying an abundance of fresh vegetables, colorful flowers and the many pollinators that help keep the garden thriving.

Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, beans and sweet corn are all beginning to produce, providing fresh and healthy foods for families throughout the community. Regular harvesting encourages plants to continue producing and helps ensure that little goes to waste.

The warm July weather also brings important garden chores. Consistent watering, mulching and keeping weeds under control help plants withstand the summer heat. Gardeners are watching closely for common pests and diseases and are taking steps to protect their crops naturally whenever possible.

Several common garden pests become more active during July. Aphids often gather on tomatoes, peppers and beans and can usually be controlled with a strong stream of water or by encouraging beneficial insects such as



ladybugs.

Squash bugs and cucumber beetles are common on squash and cucumbers and can be reduced by removing insects and damaged leaves.

Tomato hornworms and Japanese beetles may also appear and are best managed through regular inspection and hand removal.

Fortunately, many beneficial insects are hard at work throughout the garden. Flowers in bloom are attracting bees, butterflies, lacewings and ladybugs, all of which help pollinate crops and naturally con-

trol pests.

Native flowers such as coneflowers, black-eyed Susans and milkweed provide valuable habitat and food sources for these important visitors.

July is also the perfect time to start planning for a fall harvest. Gardeners can begin planting carrots, broccoli, cabbage, kale, lettuce, spinach and beets to provide fresh produce well into the cooler months. Herbs such as dill, fennel, cilantro and parsley not only add flavor to meals but also attract beneficial insects that support a healthy garden ecosystem.

More than just a place to grow food, the Barry County Community Garden continues to bring people together. Volunteers, families and visitors of all ages share knowledge, lend helping hands and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from nurturing the land and providing fresh produce for the community.

As the summer season continues, the Barry County Community Garden stands as a powerful example of how growing together strengthens connections, nourishes neighbors and creates a lasting impact that reaches far beyond the garden gates.

Community members are encouraged to stop by and see the garden in full bloom, lend a hand as a volunteer or support its ongoing mission in any way they can.

For more information or to get involved, contact Melissa Hamilton at 417-592-0432, send a message through Facebook or visit the MU Extension office in the Cassville Courthouse.

Melissa Hamilton is a dedicated volunteer with the Barry County Community Garden and a Barry County Master Gardener. She may be reached at melissa.hamilton1969@gmail.com.

THROUGH THE YEARS

50 years ago

July 21, 1976
— **HISTORY HURDLE FOR COURT-
HOUSE PLAN CLEARED?**

Apparently there isn't anything of historical significance about the Barry County Courthouse, at least to the extent that a remodeling project will be delayed much further. The site, not the present structure, once was the Confederate capital of Missouri, but that appears to be the extent of its historical designation.

County officials received word from Congressman Gene Taylor that federal approval for the remodeling project was on the way.

The County Court had become concerned because contracts had already been awarded to Lester Prewitt Construction Co. for the \$42,000 project, which will remodel the circuit courtroom, rewire portions of the courthouse and provide new offices on a balcony overlooking the courtroom.

Funding includes \$21,000 each from Barry County and the Missouri Council on Criminal Justice. Because of the federal involvement, the project required review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Presiding Judge Nolan McNeill said delays could increase costs to the contractor. The court wanted to avoid imposing additional expenses on the Prewitt firm.

The project will include a lowered ceiling in the courtroom used by Circuit Judge William Pinnell, air conditioning, new curtains, chairs, benches and carpeting.

McNeill said the Exeter contractor was also working on the Cassville Neighborhood Facility and could begin courthouse work as soon as formal approval arrived.

— Election judges named for primary vote Aug. 3

Judges representing both political parties have been named to conduct the Aug. 3 primary election in Barry County.

County Clerk Howard Bounous made the selections from recommendations submitted by township party organizations.

Each of the county's 26 townships will have at least two judges from each party, with larger precincts receiving three. The judges will select clerks to assist with voting during polling hours from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bounous also announced absentee ballot counting teams.

Democratic absentee judges are Bob Malarkey and Clairece Hall of Cassville and Richard Monroe of Monett.

Republican absentee judges are Jewell Davis of Purdy and June Smith and Curt Thomas of Cassville.

40 years ago

July 23, 1986
— **GRANDVIEW FIRM LEASES IDC
BUILDING FOR PLANT HERE**

Cassville Industrial Development Corporation officials executed leases Tuesday with a Grandview firm to locate a manufacturing division here.

Donald D. Row, president of R&W Manufacturing Co., will locate in the 20,000-square-foot IDC building on West 11th Street.

Garrett Manufacturing Co., a division of Masco Inc., a Michigan firm, has been leasing the facility but released the building in favor of R&W.

Row said he would be in full operation here by Aug. 15, manufacturing a number of parts for Caterpillar Inc. of Peoria, Ill.

Officials of the IDC, Bob Mitchell, vice president; William Easley, treasurer; and Bill LeCompte, member, concurred in the signing of the five-year lease.

The IDC, including Truman Baker, president, who was out of town, has been negotiating with Row for several months.

Included in the property he acquired are three structures, one of 10,000 square feet and two of 5,000 each. The location, once housing a modular

home construction firm and later the first home for Wells Aluminum here, has for a number of years been under lease to Garrett. When Masco announced months ago it would close the local facility, IDC officials began seeking a tenant for the locally owned building.

Row said his initial employment would be eight to 10 persons. He said that number should grow to 20 in six months. He said interviews had been conducted with former Garrett employees and others. Those interested could leave their names, address and telephone number with the Cassville Chamber of Commerce until the mid-August date when he would fully staff the local concern.

The Cassville operation will be an expansion of his Grandview firm, R&W. He said about 300 different parts contracts to Caterpillar would be made here. Equipment in the building belongs to the Illinois-based firm.

Row installed the machinery here for Garrett operations while he was an employee of Caterpillar in 1977. He will add equipment for completion of the contracts he holds.

The five-year lease signed Tuesday will put part of an industrial shutdown back into operation. Masco, still phasing out Garrett operations here by completing existing contracts, had not announced shutdown dates. Jerry Greuel, plant manager, said the 40,000-square-foot Garrett main building was still involved in manufacturing.

Row, a former Caterpillar employee, was with the company 27 years before acquiring his own plant at the south edge of Kansas City.

The property leased to R&W was purchased through IDC stock purchases for the original location of Wells Aluminum. Two expansions of floor space have been added since Garrett leased the location several years ago. The property is owned by the stockholders of Cassville IDC.

— **SELIGMAN WATER LINE, SEWER
ACTION**

Residents outside the city limits at Seligman who receive water service will have to maintain pressure in the lines themselves and at their own expense. The decision came in a recent meeting of the city council, according to Zelda Relethford, city clerk.

The clerk said action came when a resident of Heritage Heights, Paul Hopkins, appeared before council to complain about water pressure in the 10-unit area. Rated at 20 psi, residents have been told the low pressure could prevent the city from maintaining a good level of drinking water.

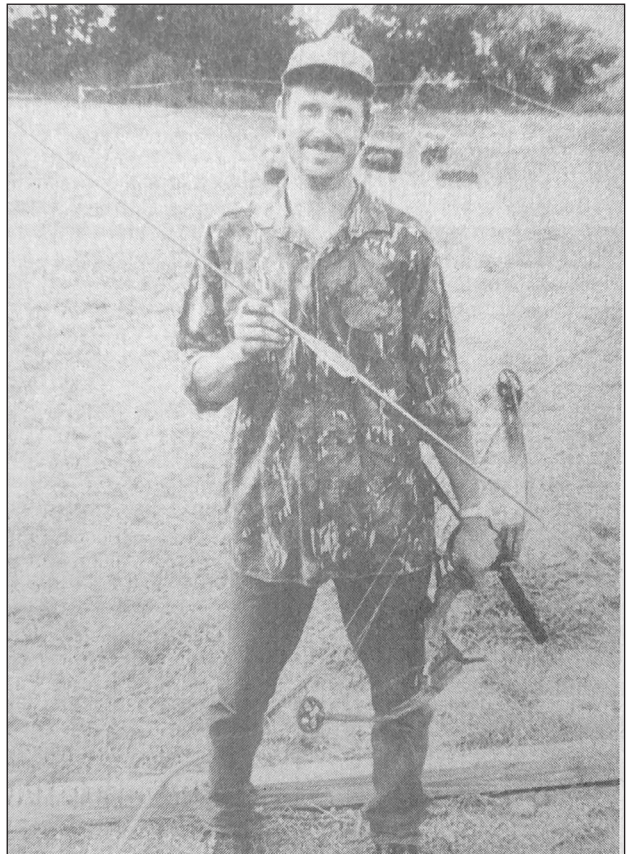
Council was instructed by attorney Emory Melton that on Aug. 1 it should close the master meter supplying the area outside city limits unless those citizens involved installed and maintained, at their own expense, a booster pump to elevate the water pressure to the development.

Other business before the council, including members Edna Tatman, Tommy Evans, Earl Bolton, James Appleton and Mayor Johnny Corn, included a decision to pursue grant funds for building a wastewater treatment plant for Seligman. The town is currently served entirely by individual septic tanks.

Other action included consideration and approval of plans to purchase a backhoe for the city.

Visitors included John McDaniel, John Petty and Lowell Treadwell from the Sugar Creek Special Road District. They explained problems with district machinery that was inoperable and the inability to assist in repair of city streets.

Council also received a report that work was nearly completed on replacement of a number of water lines. The project, costing between \$45,000 and



30 YEARS AGO: MODERN DAY ROBIN HOOD — John Haggard of Washburn, Robbinhooded while target shooting at 7 Valleys Archery last Saturday. He accomplished this feat with just two shots, not a cluster of shots. The odds of making this type of shot is one in three million. Haggard has been shooting for two years.

Democrat file photo

\$48,000, is designed to replace leaking lines that were losing about a million gallons of water a month.

The project includes replacing 18,400 feet of water lines that were installed 55 years ago. Sixteen new fire hydrants are included.

Mayor Corn said the "expensive project will pay for itself in pumping and water loss costs."

— **COMBINED FESCUE FESTIVAL,
LIVESTOCK SHOW WENT WELL**

Despite a new location and temperatures topping 100 degrees, Cassville's two major agricultural recognition events went off with little hitch Saturday. The 12th annual Fescue Capital USA Festival and 16th annual Barry County Youth Livestock Show were well attended.

Sponsors of the Fescue Festival handed out more tickets than were used at the dinner, and livestock numbers were down, but not as much as expected with the hottest day of the year.

Foresight by Cassville Chamber of Commerce officials to place a couple of tents on the Cassville R-IV School grounds helped by providing shade. There was also an early evening breeze through the Flat Creek bottom where the event began at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Chip Kammerlohr, Chamber president, said about 600 people were served the pit beef dinner with all the trimmings. The livestock show attracted 24 exhibitors with a total of 80 animals.

All divisions were represented except swine.

A decline in the local hog industry and the extreme heat contributed to the absence, show officials said.

Agriculture committee members Ron Miller, Cherry Warren, Truman Baker, Dr. Eugene Miekley, Bill Horner and Corky Stehlik, along with longtime bean cooker Art Hegi, prepared the meal.

The event was open to Barry County 4-H and FFA members. Assisting were FFA advisers Dennis Epperly, Southwest; Lowell McInturff, Wheaton; Leonard McGee, Purdy; Gene Rhodes, Monett; and Nancy England, 4-H youth educational assistant.

Festival sponsors included Schallert Seed, Ronald Miller, State Bank of Purdy, First Security Savings and Loan, Pennington Seed, Commerce Bank of Barry County, Cassville Ford Center, Great Plains Construction, Cassville Farmers Exchange, Barry County Co-op, Miller Seed, Stockton Seed House, George Ray-Sons, Boatmen's Bank, United Seed, Empire Seed, Davis and Garrett Seed and Feed, Brothers Tractor and Implement, Security Bank of Southwest Missouri, United Savings and Loan Association, Bill Horner Oil, MFA Oil Co., and nine Cassville real estate firms.

Division winners included Jamie Miller

(grand champion sheep); Shonda Terry (dairy showmanship); Raymond Schmidt (grand champion Brown Swiss); Pat Stewart (grand champion Jersey); Jill Elwing (champion beef female and showmanship); Aaron Nowland (champion beef bull); Randy Stewart (champion dairy goat); Sherry Leverich (dairy goat showmanship); and Amy Hammen (public speaking).

Mrs. Ella Frost, Chamber secretary, said agriculture committee members and the board of directors would review the event. Early comments indicated the festival and livestock show would continue as a combined event, with the eastern edge of the Cassville school campus potentially developed into a permanent livestock exhibit facility.

30 years ago

July 17, 1996
— **FACILITY LAUNCHES BARRY
ELECTRIC INTO SECOND CENTURY
OF SERVICE**

Board members stood side by side Monday, with shovels in hand, in the middle of an empty field that will soon become the site of a new headquarters for Barry Electric Cooperative. The nine-member board celebrated the beginning of the \$1.5 million construction project by hosting a public groundbreaking.

The new 24,000-square-foot facility, which will be located on a 10-acre tract of land west of the Assembly of God Church in Cassville on Business 37 North, propels the cooperative into its second half-century of service.

Construction of the new headquarters also marks the end of a two-year planning and design process.

Steady growth over the past 50 years is the catalyst behind the new facility.

"As the county has grown, the community has

grown and the cooperative has grown," said David Cupps, chairman of the Barry Electric board.

Manager Bill Shiveley echoed this sentiment.

"We outgrew our office and warehouse long ago," said Shiveley. "Where in 1946 a handful of employees found plenty of room to work, today 23 employees work elbow-to-elbow in our office. The Main Street building has served us well. We've simply outgrown it."

Growth of the local cooperative can be charted by studying the number of customer hookups and the miles of line Barry Electric serves.

In April 1946, when the cooperative was created, there were 1,930 customers and 155 miles of line. Last month, Barry Electric billed 8,252 customers who are served by 925 miles of line.

Shiveley said the cooperative has picked up 669 new customers in the past two years alone.

The new utility headquarters will bring office and warehousing functions together again under one roof. Currently, operations are spread out between three separate locations.

"Our new building will mean better service for members, improvements in workflow and communications for the staff, and dramatic energy savings," explained Shiveley. "This project is a great show-and-tell on the why and how of energy efficiency."

Architects and construction managers for the project are Adams & Associates Inc. of Nevada. The Adams firm has designed and managed construction for a number of cooperatives in five Midwest states. More than two years ago, the architectural group began detailed interviews with Barry Electric personnel to compile current and projected square footage needs for building space, equipment and vehicle storage, parking and other site areas.

Their analysis concluded that Barry Electric's headquarters on Main Street needed to more than double in size. Enlarging the existing structures was not a reasonable option, according to Shiveley.

At that time, the board decided to sell the original building and apply the proceeds toward construction of a new headquarters. A suitable building site was purchased in October 1995, and preliminary designs were developed on the architect's computers at the Cassville headquarters.

Adams said crews will begin the construction process by concentrating on the building pad. He hopes to have the slab ready for steel by October. Adams predicts that the frame of the building will not be erected until early spring.

The facility should be ready for occupancy by mid-July 1997.

The work sequence schedule includes 178 tasks and involves seven

contractors.

Contractors for the project include: R.D. Dale Inc. of Joplin, prime contractor; Allen's Mechanical of Springfield, mechanical and plumbing; Bill's Electric of Webb City, electrical and communications; Stewart Construction of Cassville, water and sanitary sewer; and Hillcrest Landscaping of Nevada, landscaping.

— **GROUNDBREAKING AT ROARING
RIVER STARTS NEW CONSTRUCTION**

The largest construction project in Missouri state park history is scheduled to begin this month at Roaring River State Park in Cassville. A groundbreaking ceremony was held last Thursday to officially launch construction on the \$4 million-plus lodge complex.

The event was held at the construction site, which sits atop the hill above the existing location.

The park's natural beauty served as an appropriate backdrop for the hour-long ceremony, which included a series of speeches by public officials.

"This wouldn't have happened without hard work and cooperation," said Doug Eiken, director of the Missouri Division of State Parks.

Other members of state government on hand to speak at the event were Rep. Sam Gaskill, Sen. Emory Melton and David A. Shorr, director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Shorr said approximately 3.4 million people per year visit Roaring River State Park.

"It is the most visited park in our system," he said. "We've known for years it (the lodge and restaurant) needed to be improved."

The 47,000-square-foot facility will contain a retail store, 26 guest rooms, a restaurant and administrative offices. Shorr said the project would be finished by late fall 1997.

The bid for the new lodge was awarded to Edgewater Construction Co. of Eureka Springs, Ark., for approximately \$3.9 million.

Financing for the lodge comes from the state park earnings fund, which is derived from concession operations revenue and other park fees. Additional improvements, including the entrance road and infrastructure, such as water and sewer lines, will be funded from the parks and soils sales tax approved by voters in 1984.

Once the new lodge is completed, the current restaurant and motel will be demolished. The lodge built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s will be kept as a park store.

The ceremony attracted a crowd of about 40 spectators, including members of local government, park employees and representatives from the Cassville Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Corporation.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

Hi, I'm Armani — a 7-month-old Great Pyrenees mix with a big personality packed into a growing frame! Right now I'm a strapping 56.7 pounds of fluffy white fur, and I'm already neutered and ready for my forever home. I love having fun and exploring the world with my people. My adoption fee is just \$90, so come meet me and let's start an adventure together. Adopters can complete an application at www.havenoftheozarks.org/adopt. No appointment is needed. The Haven is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. All Haven of the Ozarks pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. For more information, people may email havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or call at 417-835-3647. Contributed photo



OBITUARIES



LORRAINE IRENE BARKHOFF

Lorraine Irene Barkhoff, 85, of Cassville, Mo. passed away Friday, July 3, 2026 at Mercy Hospital Northwest Ark., in Rogers, Ark.

She was born October 12, 1940 in Spencer, Iowa the daughter of Louis William and Ora Irena (Miller) Schoning, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Ronald Barkhoff; daughter, Dawn Young, and seven siblings.

Survivors include her son, Shane Barkhoff of Grantville, Pa.; three grandchildren, and special caregiver, Julie Davison of Cassville, Mo.

She grew up in rural Milford, Iowa and attended Okoboji Community Schools, through her junior year before graduating from Milford High School in 1958. She lived in Paonia, Colo., for 40 years

before moving to Cassville in 2003.

She was an active member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for 40 years while living in Paonia. After moving to Cassville, she volunteered and became a member at St. John's Hospital Cassville Women's Auxiliary in 2008 until her death. She also served as vice-president eventually becoming president and purchasing agent for the gift shop. She gave hours and hours of her time doing the volunteer work. She was a former member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Cassville and was a current member of Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob, Mo.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, July 26, 2026 at Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob, Mo. Pastor Steve Okpisz will conduct the service.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

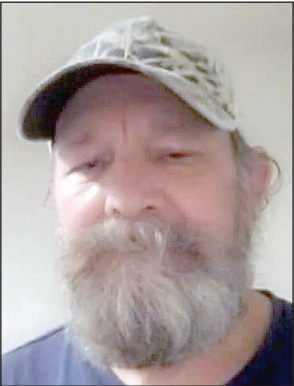
Contributions may be made to Peace Lutheran Church, PO Box 407, Shell Knob, Mo. 65747 in memory of Lorraine.

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CECIL EDWARD "BILL" BURDISS

Cecil Edward "Bill" Burdiss, of Cassville, Mo. passed away from cancer on Saturday, July 4, 2026 at his home.

He was born January 12, 1962 in Kansas City, Kan., the son of Cecil Kenneth and Velma Sue (Poor) Burdiss, who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death were two sons, Billy Jagger and Bobby Burdiss; and one brother, Kenny Burdiss.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Diane "Ginger" Sibley; three sons, Shawn Burdiss of Cassville, Mo., Chris Burdiss of Farmington, Mo., and Josh Leary of Cassville, Mo.; three sisters, Angel Perry of Diamond, Mo., LaRhonda Gibson of Oklah., and Julie McCool of Oklah.; seven grandchildren with two great grandchildren on the way.

He grew up and attended school in Shell Knob, Mo.. He worked for many years as a concrete laborer. He was also employed by Regal Rexnord Climate Solutions in Cassville and later helped Chris Yockey with mowing.

Graveside services were held Thursday, July 9, 2026 at Mineral Springs Cemetery in Cassville, Mo., under direction of Fohn Funeral home in Cassville. Holly Rivera conducted the service.

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

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JOANNE EILEEN FEHRING

Joanne Eileen

Fehring, 90, of Rocky Comfort, Mo. passed away Saturday, July 4, 2026 at her home.

She was born October 14, 1935 in Conway, Mass., the daughter of John and Cora (Fairfield) Warger, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband Ralph Fehring; brothers, Kenneth and Barry, and sister, Muriel.

Survivors include her sons, R.L. Fehring and wife Teri of Neosho, Mo., Steve Fehring of Aurora, Mo. and David Fehring and wife Julia of Neosho, Mo.; sisters, Joyce Hume and husband Robert of Norcross, Ga., and Corinne Laskey and husband David of South Deerfield, Mass.; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She grew up in Conway, Mass., where she attended school and graduated from Conway High School. In 1957, she moved to Rocky Comfort from Ark. She and her husband, Ralph, owned and operated Fehring Farms, as a dairy farm, until 2008.

She was a member of Prosperity Southern Baptist Church.

Graveside services were held July 10, 2026 at Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Mo., under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society in memory of Joanne.

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JOHN RANDALL "PAPA NUBS" HARPER

John Randall "Papa Nubs" Harper, Sr., 66, of Cassville, Mo. passed away Monday, July 6, 2026 at his home.

He was born November 13, 1959 in Ukiah, Calif., the son of Vernon and Opal (Foster) Harper, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in

death were his fiancée, Laurie Philbin; brothers, Richard Harper and Robert Harper, and sister, Melody Powers.

Survivors include his sons, Richard Harper of Cassville, Mo. and John Randall "JR" Harper, Jr. of Lookout, Calif.; daughters, Jacqueline "Jackie" McIntire and husband Jeremy of Cassville, Mo. and Brittany Harper and her significant other Brandon Stevens of Springfield, Mo.; brother, Tom Cannon of Marionville, Mo.; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He grew up and attended school in Ukiah, Calif. He was employed by an architectural company as a paint line operator until he became disabled in 2005. He moved to Cassville in 2016 and had been in the nursing home since 2019. He was of the Christian faith.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Rocky Comfort, Mo.. Pastor Hap Anders will conduct the service.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral home in Cassville.

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DAVID STERLING "DAVE" HARRIS

David Sterling "Dave" Harris, 66, of Wheaton, Mo., passed away on Friday, July 3, 2026.

He was born December 6, 1959, in Independence, Mo., to Johnny and Geneva (Birkes) Harris.

Preceding him in death were his parents and sister, Deborah Harris.

Survivors include his wife, Suzan Stewart; his sons, David John Harris of Knoxville, Tenn., and Daniel Robert Harris and wife Ashley of Olympia, Wash.; daughters, Kelli Harris of Cassville, Mo., Sheena Bittle and husband Tim of Exeter, Mo., and Kirstyn Lydia Harris of Cassville, Mo.; sister, Karen Harris Larkin of

Springfield, Mo.; eight grandchildren.

He graduated from Terranova High School in Pacifica, Calif., and made Wheaton his home in 1977. He owned and operated Wheaton Locker Service for 11 years. He later spent 25 years at Schreiber Cheese in Monett, retiring earlier this year.

He dedicated 37 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Wheaton Fire Department and proudly served as mayor of Wheaton.

He was a member of Ridgley Baptist Church.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 11, 2026 at Wheaton Southern Baptist Church in Wheaton, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Wheaton Fire Department in memory of Dave.

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ILLA MAE HICKAM

Illa Mae Hickam, 74, of Granby, Mo. passed away Saturday, July 4, 2026 at her home.

She was born May 15, 1952 in San Diego, Calif., the daughter of Illo Powell, Jr. and Kathryn (Ellis) Powell who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Illo Powell, III.

Survivors include her three sisters, Kay Baker of Georgetown, Texas, Kathy Minton of Liverpool, N.Y., and Kriss Hickman of Granby, Mo. and several nieces and nephews.

She grew up in San Diego, Calif., graduating from Kearney High School in San Deigo, Calif. She worked for many years as an over-the-road truck driver. Eight years ago, she moved to Granby from Joplin, Mo. She was of the Christian faith.

Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

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Taxes: Barry County receipts up 12% for year

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8%, for the first half of the year.

Exeter's 1% sales tax for its general fund clung even closer to last

June. The general fund tax received \$2,885.65, a drop of \$94.38 from last June. For the year, Exeter's general fund income is down 8%, but combined with Exeter's use tax, income is down only 3%, or less than \$800.

Washburn's 1% sales tax generated \$3,465.10 for its general fund in June, down \$442.12 from two years ago. Having received payments for the two months lost by the State Auditor's freeze in 2025, Washburn's general fund income is

up nearly \$5,000 from a year ago. Combining all three Washburn sales taxes and its use tax, income for 2026 is down more than \$3,000, or more than 5%, from two years ago.

Countywide taxes reflected a more robust picture than the individual cities.

Barry County's two older half-cent sales taxes for the general fund and road maintenance each produced more than \$259,698 in June, both up more than \$5,100 from a year ago or 2%. Income from the two sales taxes the county has supporting its general fund is up by more than \$106,500 for the year so far, or 6%.

Combining all four of Barry County's sales taxes and its use tax, income for the first half of 2026 is up by more than \$685,500, or 12%.

The separate .375% sales tax supporting central dispatching and 911 services in the county generated \$194,774.08 in June, up \$3,838.03 from a year ago. For the first half of 2026, income from that tax is up 6%.

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ELECTION 2026



BARRY COUNTY PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

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. What opportunities does the commission have to encourage business growth?
There are different ways we can encourage business growth such as a TIF or a chapter 353 tax abatement. The city of Monett is currently working on both of these, I actually sat on the committee to set up the rules for their 353 plan. The commission and the cities and communities just need to set down and discuss what will work best for each community. My door is always open for a discussion.

2. How can the county support small business and agriculture?
By working with MU Extension, our youth programs such as 4H and FFA and continue working on our economic alliance plan.

3. What options does the county have when it comes to the spread of industrial sludge as fertilizer, and how can you balance supporting farmers who use sludge, adjacent property owners and the environment?
Without planning and zoning, the commission doesn't have any power to do much and even if there was planning and zoning it would be zoned for agriculture so it could still be used. I for one would like to see it regulated where every load had to be tested so you would know for certain that no PFAs were in it and how much phosphorus and nitrogen you were putting on your ground. I encourage the



Steve Blankenship

farmers that do use it to watch their farms and not let be applied over and over on the same ground.

4. If elected, how would you measure success at the end of your term?
Since I am finishing up my first term I can say that being instrumental in getting the tire dump on 39 highway south of Aurora cleaned up thanks to the Solid waste district N and some of the citizens in that area that all worked together to get it done. We built the new jail and sheriff's office put a new roof on the Judicial center building put new heating and air units in both the courthouse and judicial center and done the restoration in the courtroom of the courthouse. We have also built 5 new bridges on county roads and 2 more will be completed this

summer and managed to put a substantial amount of money in our emergency reserve fund. I believe those are pretty good measure of success.

5. What is one county issue you believe receives too little attention?
The imbalance of funds in our 25 special road districts, some districts are pretty well off while others are barely getting by.

6. How would you improve communication between the commission and county residents?
I for one am in favor of Town Hall type meetings kind of like the patriot group in shell knob. I am open to suggestions and people can call me anytime. My number is 417 846 3853.

1. What opportunities does the commission have to encourage business growth?
The biggest opportunity is building strong relationships and maintaining open communication. When local governments, businesses, schools, and community leaders are working toward common goals, it creates an environment where businesses can grow and succeed.

2. How can the county support small business and agriculture?
Small businesses and agriculture are the backbone of Barry County. The county can support them by being a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars, maintaining infrastructure, supporting public safety, and helping preserve the quality of life that makes people want to live, work and invest here.

3. What options does the county have when it comes to the spread of industrial sludge as fertilizer, and how can you balance supporting farmers who use sludge, adjacent property owners and the environment?
State law largely governs agricultural practices, including the use of bio-solids. The county's role is to ensure regulations are being followed and that concerns from all parties are heard. I believe communication is critical. Farmers, neighboring property owners, regulatory agencies, and local government all deserve a seat at the table when



Chad Johnson

addressing concerns and finding solutions.

4. If elected, how would you measure success at the end of your term?
Success would be measured by trust. If residents feel heard, county offices have the support they need, communities are working together, and Barry County is in a stronger position than it was four years earlier, I would consider that a successful term.

5. What is one county issue you believe receives too little attention?
Partnership and communication. Barry County is full of good people doing good work, but sometimes we operate in separate lanes. I believe stronger communication and collaboration between communities, organizations, and county

government can help us solve problems more effectively.

6. How would you improve communication between the commission and county residents?
We have more tools available today than ever before. I would look for practical and low-cost ways to better share information with residents through technology such as social media, push notifications, Facebook , community meetings, and direct communication. People shouldn't have to wonder what's happening in their county government. They should be able to easily find information and stay informed.

5 veterans honored with quilts



Melvin Crots, left, who served in the Army and Air Force from 1957-1965, accepts a Quilt of Valor at Friday's presentation ceremony at the Cassville Senior Center. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Benjamin Babb, left, smiles as his Quilt of Valor is unveiled by Chris Langenfeld, right, and Vickie Ginn. Babb served in the Marines from 1996-2002. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Bill Shiveley, left, inspects a quilt being presented to him by Quilts of Valor of the Ozarks at the Cassville Senior Center on Friday. Shiveley served in the Navy from 1967-1971. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Louis Todd, left, thanks Chris Langenfeld, right, and Vickie Ginn for the Quilt of Valor presented to him on Friday at the Cassville Senior Center. Todd served in the Army starting in 1971. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Donna Gracy, center, smiles as Chris Langenfeld, right, and Vickie Ginn (not pictured) drape her with a Quilt of Valor during Friday's presentation at the Cassville Senior Center. Gracy, who accepted the quilt also on behalf of her late husband, served in the Air Force from 1978-1983. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

LOCAL

Amy Boxx, left, candidate for Barry County Prosecuting Attorney, smiles as she prepares to answer a question at the Cassville Democrat's Barry County Candidates Forum, held at the Cassville High School Performing Arts Center on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Denna Clymer, division chair of the Social Science Department at Crowder College, applauds candidates at the closing of the Cassville Democrat's Barry County Candidates Forum, held at the Cassville High School Performing Arts Center on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Forum: Republican Primary Election on Aug. 4

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ence he attended focused on the fentanyl and opioid crisis as a resource he plans to pull from.

The first three presiding commissioner questions focused on government management, why each candidate should be trusted with the county's budget and difficult leadership decisions.

One-term incumbent Steve Blankenship noted during his last 3-1/2 years, the county has not had any layoffs, a point of pride for how finances are being managed. He also pointed to his farming and firefighting experience as tools to lean on in a management role.

Chad Johnson, a Cassville small business owner, pointed to his work on the Cassville School Board as qualifying him for the presiding commissioner position, and how he has owned a small business for many years with financial stability.

Regarding difficult leadership positions, Blankenship described the decision to stop taking inmates from other counties while the new jail was being built, saying stopping the practice was not what he wanted to do, but he recognized the necessity. Johnson fell back on a school board decision, saying his first foray into the job was dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and whether or not students and staff should wear masks. He said the decision to require them was highly scrutinized but believed it to be the best decision for everyone at the district.

The second series of prosecutor questions delved into the balance of punishment, rehabilitation and crime prevention; when the maximum sentence should be sought; and metrics they would use to measure success in drug-related crime prosecution.

Cole said the prosecutor's top priority is to keep the public safe through a balance of prosecution and rehabilitation. Punishment, he said, starts with accountability, and the main goal of the prosecutor's office is to prevent crime and lessen repeat offenders through treatment courts or prison time.

Rehabilitation, Boxx said, is largely up to the defendant and the will to change their lifestyle. Career criminals, she added, should be sent to prison. She estimated about 15% of the Barry County jail population to be a danger to the community and fall in that heavier punished category.

Boxx and Cole agreed seeking a maximum sentence is determined on a case-by-case basis, factoring in criminal history, crime circumstances and danger to the community. Boxx said in cases where 7 years is the maximum sentence, new laws are forcing criminals to serve more of that time, and probation is a tool to impose a maximum sentence should the offender violate the order.

Cole said defendants who take accountability for their crimes receive greater consideration for

sentencing length than those who lie about the crime committed, but ultimately, all decisions come down to the totality of circumstances in each case.

Regarding measures of success, Cole pointed to statistics of prosecutions and victims of drug-related crimes as key in determining success.

Boxx said Barry County Drug Court keeps statistics on its participants for two years, and one measure of success she found is how many Drug Court graduates stop by her office to update her on how well they have been doing since completing the program.

The second set of presiding commissioner questions were about infrastructure, economic development and balancing property rights with neighbors' concerns, especially regarding industrial waste used as fertilizer, sludge storage tanks, and poultry houses.

Both Johnson and Blankenship identified bridges as the top priority, especially with a new jail, new health department and Barry County Courthouse renovation. Blankenship said the county has done seven bridge projects in the last 3-1/2 years, but more are needed.

Regarding economic development, Johnson and Blankenship pointed to regional groups, like the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments and Missouri Association of Counties as tools to bolster new business and job opportunities. Larger cities in the area doing well, they said, would have a trickle-down effect to Cassville and smaller communities.

When it comes to property rights and residents' concerns about agriculture practices, both candidates pointed to SB391 as having removed many decisions from county leaders' hands, as it stipulates counties may not impose any laws more strict than the state. Taking concerns to state legislators and forming community coalitions with vested interest in opposing certain practices is the route residents should take. Both said in the commissioner position, they can help with such endeavors.

The final trio of prosecutor questions asked about protecting child victims, transparency regarding charging decisions and disagreements with law enforcement on charging decisions.

Boxx said the prosecuting attorney's office

works in tandem with the Children's Division, Child Advocacy Center and trained law enforcement to collect forensic interviews that keep children from having to relive victimization multiple times. She said she uses all the tools state statute allows to protect children who are victims of crime.

Cole said it's vital to work with those same groups, make sure charges are filed in a timely manner and utilize a victim's advocate to work with children and their families to help them understand the process. He said children are the most vulnerable in crime situations, and the prosecutor is the last line of defense.

Regarding transparency, both candidates said the public deserves as much transparency as is allowed, with respect to victims. Cole said things like victim information and confidential informants, along with other sensitive crime information, are not things the public always needs to know. The public should know, he said, how a case is charged and why, and it's vital to be as open and transparent as possible without causing issues with a case.

Boxx said victim's rights are more important than the public's right to know detailed information, specifically with sex crimes and domestic crimes. She said she looks at the victims first and if they will be hurt by information being revealed. She also said court is open to the public, and people should know what charges are filed and when, emphasizing victims come first.

Both candidates said they frequently disagree with charges submitted by law enforcement, believing some should be greater and others lesser. Boxx said in those instances, she works with law enforcement to determine why specific charges were suggested, then they come to an agreement before filing. She noted disagreements are part of the nature of the beast, and law enforcement also serve as witnesses, so their input is vital.

Cole said though he does not file charges in Lawrence County, as he is assistant prosecutor, he has disagreed many times with what is sent over. In those times, good relationships and open lines of communication are key, he said.

The final presiding commissioner questions discussed explanations of controversial decisions, how residents should

Steve Blankenship, left, and Chad Johnson, both candidates for Barry County Presiding Commissioner, answer questions at the Cassville Democrat's Barry County Candidates Forum, held at the Cassville High School Performing Arts Center on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Amy Boxx, left, and Andrew Cole, both candidates for Barry County Prosecuting Attorney, answer questions at the Cassville Democrat's Barry County Candidates Forum, held at the Cassville High School Performing Arts Center on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

hold the commission accountable and issues they believe are not getting enough attention from the public.

Blankenship said transparency is key when a controversial decision is made, giving leeway for personnel issues or decisions in closed session. The key, he said is remaining responsible to the public who vote leaders into office.

Johnson said transparency and communication breed trust from the community, and with a precedent of trust, the public will know commissioners have the public's best interests at heart.

Regarding accountability, both candidates said the best way to hold public officials accountable is to show up to meeting and ask questions. Johnson said to avoid bringing up issues through social media or the rumor mill, instead, going to the source. Blankenship

agreed the public should ask questions at meetings, or call commissioner directly with issues.

The most important issue in the county voters are not talking about enough garnered different responses from the candidates.

Through his work on the solid waste management board, Blankenship spotlighted recycling as an issue. Though there are no landfills in Barry County, he said up to half of the state's trash could be recycled, and people should

be concerned about the sustainability of landfills statewide.

Johnson pointed to the state deficit and Amendment 5 as not receiving enough attention, saying the state and counties should work to figure out how to eliminate the state deficit.

The Republican Primary Election is set for Aug. 4, with voters getting to choose one candidate in each race. The winners in each race will be unopposed in the Nov. 3 General Election.

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EAGLES RACK UP 27 WINS



Purdy's Quentin Dodson slides safely into home to score a run in the Eagles' win over East Newton last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Purdy baseball team still chasing elusive district title

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Purdy Baseball Coach Joshua Hughes said the Eagles' 27-win season was about far more than victories, pointing to the growth of his players on and off the field as the program's biggest accomplishment. "We were very, very successful," Hughes said. "Not only in the win column and the player accolades and everything, but just in the growth of young men and the growth of baseball players and individuals. It was just an awesome year. We got to see a lot of things happen. We had a lot of kids do well in the classroom, they're part of other organizations like FFA, and it's just nice to see them be able to do more than just baseball."

PURDY BASEBALL

Record: 27-2-1
Last result: 4-0 loss to Miller in Class 2, District 11 championship
More: Coach points to strength as a way to improve for next season

The Eagles finished 27-2-1, won the final Southwest Central League championship before the conference dissolved, and reached the district title game for a third straight season. While Purdy fell shy of its goal of a district championship, falling to Class 2 third-place finisher Miller, 4-0, Hughes said the season remained one to celebrate.

"They were super successful at 27-2-1," Hughes said. "We had a goal to win a district title, and we came up short. The thing is, their pitcher was just better than ours that day, or better than our offense was that day." Hughes credited much of the team's success to the confidence it developed after buying into changes implemented months before the season began. "The confidence," Hughes said. "That's one of those things. We started in August and we told them we were going to change some things. We were going to change some philosophies. Early on in August, they were not bought in, but by the

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Year in Photos — Cassville cross country



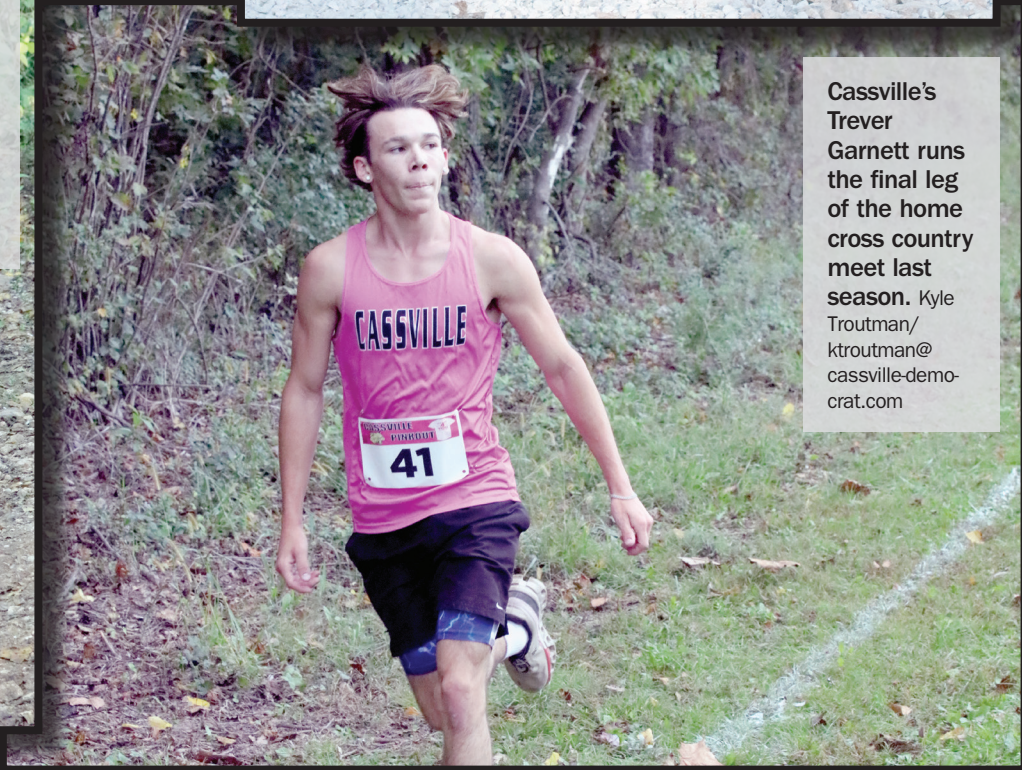
Cassville's Donovan Mikesch, left, and Peyton Anderson fight for the finish line at the home cross country meet last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Leah Walker keeps pace during the Cassville XC meet last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Lydia Cupps runs in the home cross country meet at the Aquatic Center Park last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Trever Garnett runs the final leg of the home cross country meet last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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BIDS
The City of Seligman is accepting bids to clear approximately 450' of fence line with trees and brush, then install a new 5 strand barb wire fence.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

MADALENA C. RACANELLI, Plaintiff, Vs. ROCKY ELSEY
If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives, spouses and all Other persons, corporations or successors claiming by, through and under them.
Case No: 26BR-CC 00091
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendant, Rocky Elsey
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property:
All of Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Oklahoma Addition to the City of Wheaton, Barry County, Missouri.
The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Blake B. Fields, 605 Main Street, Cassville, Missouri, 65625.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 1st day of July 2026, judgment by default will be rendered against you.
IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Cassville Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri.
A true copy for the record.
Witness by hand and the seal of the circuit court this 25th day of June 2026.
Craig Williams
BY H.C.
Barry County Circuit Clerk
FIRST PUBLICATION: 07/01/2026
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PUBLICATION: 07/08/2026
THIRD PUBLICATION:

07/15/2026
FOURTH PUBLICATION: 07/22/2026
1st insertion 07/01/26 25-28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF L.A.C.
JUAN CERVANTES and LETICIA CERVANTES, Petitioners.
Case No. 26BR-JU00049

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Itzel Cervantes natural mother and the unknown natural father:
You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of the County of Barry, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption.
The names of all parties to the said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for petitioner is James J. Randall, 405 Broadway, P.O. Box 151, Monett, MO 65708.
You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 8th day of July, 2026, judgment by default will be rendered against you.
It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in The Cassville Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court, State of Missouri, the 25th day of June, 2026.
Craig Williams
Circuit Clerk
By: H. C.
First Publication: 07/08/2026
Second Publication: 07/22/2026
Third Publication: 07/15/2026
Fourth Publication: 07/29/2026
1st insertion 07/08/26 26-29

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

JARED KING PLAINTIFF, VS. JUSTIN KING DEFENDANT.
CASE NO. 24BR-CC00002

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION

By virtue and authority of a certified Copy of an Interlocutory Judgment and Order of Sale in Partition issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, on the 6th day of June, 2025, in the above-captioned cause, wherein the Court found that the real estate hereinafter described cannot be divided in kind without great prejudice to the owners thereof, and directed the undersigned Sheriff of Barry County, Missouri, to sell said real

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Other Tax	\$317.22
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Natural Gas Department Expenditures	\$290,527.72
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$487,185.36

estate at public venue to the highest bidder for cash.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, the undersigned Sheriff of Barry County, Missouri, will on the 9th day of September 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, located at 700 Main Street, in the City of Cassville, Barry County, Missouri, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (or certified funds), all the right, title, and interest of the parties to said suit in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Barry, State of Missouri, to-wit:
Tract 1: Lot Fifteen, Block Five in Chain-o-Lakes Subdivision No. 2, Barry County, Missouri, as per the recorded Plat thereof; and Tract 2: Lot Seventeen in Block Five in Chain-o-Lakes Subdivision No. 2, Barry County, Missouri, as per the recorded plat thereof, situated in the County of Barry, Missouri.
Parcel ID/Tax ID Number: 29-6.0-14-002-006-0007.000/3-1254-0
Commonly known as: 27274 Hickory Drive, Eagle Rock, Missouri
Terms of Sale: Cash payable at the time of sale. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.
Given under my hand this 9th day of July 2026.
Danny Boyd
Sheriff of Barry County, Missouri
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

FREEDOM BANK OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI,

Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTOPHER R. ROSS, Defendant
Case No. 22BR-CC00048
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue and authority of a Writ of Execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri at Cassville, Missouri: Take notice that on August 17, 2026 at 1:00 pm the Sheriff of Barry County, Missouri, will sell at the East Door of the Barry County Courthouse in Cassville, Missouri, to the highest bidder for cash, all right, title, interest of the above-named Christopher R. Ross and Jackie Ross and in and to the real property described as:
The West half of the Northwest Quarter A/VD the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Twenty-three (23), Range Twenty-nine (29), Barry County, Missouri. EXCEPT a tract of land described as follows: Beginning ai the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, thence North 1448 feet, thence running West 900 feet, thence running South 1448 feet, thence East 900 feet to the point of beginning.
situate in the County of Barry, State of Missouri, to satisfy said execution and costs.
Dated: July 8, 2026
Published in the Cassville Democrat on: July 15, 22, 29, August 5 and 12, 2026.
DANNY BOYD, Barry County Sheriff
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PROBATE
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
Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE

In the Estate of STEPHEN A. PEIFFER, Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00076
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of STEPHEN A. PEIFFER, Decedent:

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (INDEPENT ADMINISTRATION – NON-RESIDENT FIDUCIARY)

On MAY 26, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of STEPHEN A. PEIFFER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's name is: LAURA K PEIFFER
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: EDWARD E COX, 105 W VAN BUREN, PO BOX 518, CENTERVILLE, IA 52544, 641-856-3251
The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is: RUSSELL D. COX,

1531 E MONROE STREET, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802, (417) 380-0916
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: 15-FEB-2026
Date of first publication: JULY 1, 2026
Date of second publication: JULY 8, 2026
Date of third publication: JULY 15, 2026
Date of fourth publication: JULY 22, 2026
Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk by S. Parker, Probate Clerk
Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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TRUSTEE’S SALES

TRUSTEE’S SALE

IN RE: James Hughes
Trustee's Sale:
For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by James Hughes dated February 13, 2024 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 24, Page 707 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:50 AM), at the East Door of the Court House, City of Cassville, Barry County, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Barry County, State of Missouri, to wit:
ALL OF LOT THREE (3), TIMBER CREEK SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONETT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.
to satisfy said debt and cost.
MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No: 234649.072126.471016 FC
NOTICE
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PUBLISH ON: June 24, 2026, 07/01/2026, 07/08/2026, 07/15/2026
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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE’S SALE

In re: John Bowman and Sandra Bowman, husband and wife
Default having been made in the payment of certain monthly installments on a Note described in and secured by Deed of Trust executed by John Bowman and Sandra Bowman, husband and wife, dated August 15, 1996, and recorded August 19, 1996, in Book 96, Page 5444, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Barry, State of Missouri; the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note, who has elected to declare the entire indebtedness due and payable, will on July 24, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., at the at the East front door of the Barry County Courthouse, in the city of Cassville, 700 Main St, Cassville, MO 65625 sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate described in said Deed of Trust and situated in the County of Barry, State



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Together with all improvements thereon known and numbered as Rt. 2, Box 240A, Crane, Missouri 65633 for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the costs of executing this trust, and the present taxes, if any, due and paid by the holder.
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Successor Trustee
By: /s/ Michael P. Gaughan
Michael P. Gaughan
12701 W. 87th Street Parkway, Suite 200
Lenexa, KS 66215
Email: saleinfo@lewisricekc.com
SINGERS CORP, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by Jonathan L. Reed And Amber R. Reed, Husband And Wife, dated 11/8/2021, recorded on 11/9/2021, as Instrument No. 202107685, in Book 21, Page 7569, Rerecorded on 2/14/2022 as Book No. 22, Page 958, Office of Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on 8/31/2026, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at 1:15 PM, at the East Door of the Court House, City of Cassville, Barry County, 102 West Street, Suite 2, Cassville, Missouri 65625, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:
ALL OF THE WEST SIXTY-TWO AND ONE-HALF (62 1/2) FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND, TO-WIT: BEGINNING TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY (270) FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF OUT LOT NUMBER THIRTY-EIGHT (38) IN THE CITY OF CASSVILLE, MISSOURI, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-THREE (23), RANGE TWENTY-SEVEN (27), BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) FEET, THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE SOUTH LINE OF OUT LOT NUMBER THIRTY-EIGHT (38), THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) FEET, THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SAME BEING A STRIP OF LAND SIXTY-TWO AND ONE-HALF (62 1/2) FEET WIDE EAST AND WEST AND TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET, MORE OR LESS IN LENGTH RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH. ALSO A STRIP OF LAND THREE (3) FEET WIDE OFF THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND; BEGINNING 200

FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF OUT LOT THIRTY-EIGHT (38) IN THE CITY OF CASSVILLE, BARRY COUNTY, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-THREE SOUTH LINE OF OUT LOT THIRTY-EIGHT (38), THENCE WEST 70 FEET, THENCE NORTH TO PLACE OF BEGINNING AND BEING A STRIP OF LAND 70 FEET WIDE RUNNING EAST AND WEST AND 200 FEET LONG, MORE OR LESS, RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH. LESS ANY PART THEREOF, IF ANY, TAKEN OR USED FOR ROAD PURPOSES SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD OR FACT. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRACKETS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION)
For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.
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By: NFPDS
Website: www.xome.com
Purported address: 304 W 14TH ST, CASSVILLE, MO 65625
Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at:
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TRUSTEE’S SALE

IN RE: Donald Adamson Jr and Rhonda Adamson, husband and wife
Trustee's Sale:
For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Donald Adamson Jr and Rhonda Adamson, husband and wife dated April 25, 2019 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Barry County, Missouri in Book 19, Page 2143 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:50 AM), at the East Door of the Court House, City of Cassville, Barry County, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Barry County, State of Missouri, to wit:
LOT EIGHTEEN (18) AND 18 FEET OFF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT SEVENTEEN (17) IN BLOCK ONE (1), WOOLSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONETT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RIGHTS

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NOTICE
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by, MICHAEL J. ADAMS dated 3/10/2006 and recorded on 3/13/2006 in BOOK 06 PAGE 1843, in the Recorder's office for Barry County, Missouri. The successor trustee will on August 10, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at 12:00 PM, at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, 700 Main Street, Cassville, Missouri sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only), the following real estate:
ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER THAT LIES SOUTH AND WEST OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 44 IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 23, RANGE 29, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI.
for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.
CSM Foreclosure Trustee Corp.
Successor Trustee
(800) 652-4080
4x
07/15/2026, 07/22/2026, 07/29/2026, 08/05/2026
CSM File 26-26-01091
NOTE: This office is a debt collector.
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TRUSTEE’S SALE

In Re: Dale K Roller and Julie A Roller husband and wife
TRUSTEE’S SALE – Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Dale K Roller and Julie A Roller husband and wife dated 01/11/2005, and recorded on 01/18/2005 Book 5 Page 409 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 08/10/2026 at 10:00 AM at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, 700 Main St Cassville, Mo. 65625, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit:
THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (W/2 NW/4 NE/4); THENCE EAST 220 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 250 FEET; THENCE WEST 220 FEET, THENCE NORTH 250 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALL BEING IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 23, RANGE 27, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI..
Eastplains Corporation
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
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LEGALS

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri

To be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 2026.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1

[Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c), Missouri Constitution (SJR 1, 2005)]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years? The measure allows continued collection of the existing sales and use tax, which generates revenue of approximately \$140 million annually.

Article IV, Section 47(c) of the Missouri Constitution:

Section 47(c). Provisions self-enforcing, exception—not part of general revenue or expense of state—effective and expiration dates.—[The effective date of this amendment shall be November 8, 1998.] All laws inconsistent with this amendment shall no longer remain in full force and effect after the effective date of this section. All of the provisions of Sections 47(a), 47(b) and 47(c) shall be self-enforcing except that the General Assembly shall adjust brackets for the collection of the sales and use taxes. The additional revenue provided by Sections 47(a), 47(b) and 47(c) shall not be part of the “total state revenue” within the meaning of Sections 17 and 18 of Article X of this Constitution. The expenditure of this additional revenue shall not be an “expense of state government” under Section 20 of Article X of this Constitution. [This Section 47(a), 47(b) and 47(c) shall terminate after ten years following the effective date of this amendment.] Upon voter approval of this measure in a general election held in 2006, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, the provisions of this section, 47(b), and 47(a) shall be reauthorized and continue until a general election is held in 2016 or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose. Every ten years thereafter, the issue of whether to continue to impose the sales and use tax described in this section shall be resubmitted to the voters for approval. If a majority of the voters fail to approve the continuance of such sales and use tax, Section 47(a), 47(b), and 47(c) shall terminate at the end of the second fiscal year after the last election was held.

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 1, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.



DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (First Regular Session) HCS HJR 23 & 3]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
• require all charter counties, including Jackson County, to provide for the election of a county assessor; and
• require assessors in all charter counties to comply with any training requirements established by general law?
State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 18(b) of Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to assessors.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

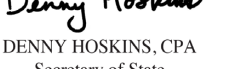
Section A. Section 18(b), Article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 18(b), to read as follows:

Section 18(b). The charter shall provide for its amendment[.]; for the form of the county government[.]; for the number, kinds, manner of selection, terms of office, and salaries of the county officers[.]; and for the exercise of all powers and duties of counties and county officers prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state[.];. However, such charter shall[, except for the charter of any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants.] require the assessor of the county to be an elected officer and to comply with all training provisions required by general law.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 2, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.



DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Extraordinary Session) HCS HJR 3]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
• Modify current requirements that a statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution;
• Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and
• Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot?
The Department of Corrections estimates increased annual costs of up to \$21,817. The Office of State Public Defender estimates an unknown fiscal impact. Other state governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article

III of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to ballot measures, with penalty provisions.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adopting one new section, to be known as Section 54, to read as follows:

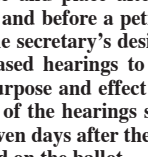
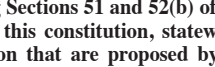
Section 54. 1. This section shall be known as the “Protect Missouri Voters” amendment.
2. For purposes of this section, a statewide ballot measure shall mean any measure submitted or proposed to be submitted to the voters of the state under articles III or XII of this constitution.
3. (1) No political committee that makes expenditures or contributions in support of or in opposition to a statewide ballot measure shall knowingly or willfully receive, solicit, or accept, whether directly or indirectly, contributions from a foreign adversary of the United States or a foreign national. No foreign adversary of the United States or a foreign national shall make any contribution or expenditure in support of or in opposition to a statewide ballot measure.
(2) For purposes of this section:
(a) A foreign adversary of the United States shall be defined as:
a. Any national, provincial, or local government or any entity that is directly or indirectly controlled or owned by a government or that directly or indirectly controls a government or a political party of a foreign country designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of State from the time such designation is published in the Federal Register until revoked; or
b. Any individual who is a citizen of a foreign country meeting the requirements of subparagraph (a) subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section and who is not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident;
(b) A foreign national shall be defined as any individual who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States of America.
(3) Any violation of this subsection shall be punishable by imprisonment for up to one year or a fine of up to one thousand dollars or both, plus an amount equal to three times the illegal contributions. The attorney general shall have exclusive criminal jurisdiction.
(4) The general assembly may by law:
(a) Enact laws to implement the restrictions of this subsection, or enact further restrictions to implement this subsection;
(b) Enact restrictions on foreign support for or opposition to Missouri ballot measures;
(c) Enact reporting requirements regarding foreign support for persons or committees that oppose or support ballot measures; and
(d) Provide for the investigation and enforcement of the provisions of any such enactments, or of this subsection including, but not limited to, criminal penalties or civil remedies.
4. (1) Any person who commits any of the following acts with respect to a petition on a statewide ballot measure is guilty of the crime of petition signature fraud:
(a) Signs any name other than his or her own to any petition, or who knowingly signs his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or who knows he or she is not at the time of signing or circulating the same a Missouri registered voter and a resident of this state;
(b) Intentionally submits petition signature sheets with the knowledge that the person whose name appears on the signature sheet did not actually sign the petition;
(c) Causes a voter to sign a petition other than the one the voter intended to sign;
(d) Forges or falsifies signatures; or
(e) Knowingly accepts or offers money or anything of value to another person in exchange for a signature on a petition.
(2) Any person who knowingly causes a petition circulator’s signatures to be submitted for counting, and who either knows that such circulator has violated subsection 1 of this section or, after receiving notice of facts indicating that such person may have violated subsection 1 of this section, causes the signatures to be submitted with reckless indifference as to whether such circulator has complied with subsection 1 of this section, shall also be deemed to have committed the crime of petition signature fraud.
(3) The crime of petition signature fraud shall be punishable by imprisonment for up to one year or a fine of up to one thousand dollars or both. The attorney general shall have exclusive criminal jurisdiction to prosecute under this section.
5. At a reasonable time and place after an initiative petition is submitted with signatures and before a petition is placed on a ballot, the secretary of state or the secretary’s designee shall conduct one or more in-person or web-based hearings to receive additional public comment regarding the purpose and effect of the proposed measure. Transcripts or summaries of the hearings shall be made available to the public no later than seven days after the hearing is conducted and before the petition is placed on the ballot.
6. Notwithstanding Sections 51 and 52(b) of this article and Article XII, Section 2 (b) of this constitution, statewide ballot measures to amend the constitution that are proposed by initiative petition are approved only if affirmative votes are cast by a majority of voters in each congressional district in effect at the time of the vote.
7. The full text of any statewide ballot measure proposed by the initiative shall be made available to each voter, either legibly printed on paper or in digital format, at the time a ballot is made available to the voter for voting. This requirement is in addition to, and does not replace, all other printings and displays of the full text and the ballot title required under this constitution or by law. The secretary of state is expressly authorized to promulgate rules consistent with rule making authority under Missouri law to implement and administer the provisions of this subsection.
8. The provisions of this section are self-executing. All of the provisions of this section are severable. If any provision of this section is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted, the remaining provisions of this section shall be and remain valid.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:
“Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
• Stop foreign nationals and foreign adversaries of the United States from providing funding to influence ballot measure elections, and allow criminal prosecution of violators;
• Punish initiative petition signature fraud as a crime;
• Require public hearings be held to get public comment before initiative petitions are placed on the ballot;
• Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and
• Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot?”

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 4, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.



DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 5

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS SCS HCS HJR 173 & 174]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
• Require legislative phase-out of the individual state income tax based on revenue growth, and authorize the expansion of sales and use taxes;
• Curtail constitutional limits on taxing goods and services; and
• Require local tax rate cuts without reducing school funding if local sales tax revenue increases?
The proposal has no direct impact on state or local tax revenue. If passed, implementing legislation will have an unknown impact to state and local tax revenue. If implemented, state government entities expect a reduction of \$57,000 annually in income tax check-off donations and implementation costs of at least \$100,000.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 4(d) and 26 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to taxation.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 4(d) and 26, Article X, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 4(d) and 26, to read as follows:

Section 4(d). 1. In enacting any law imposing a tax on or measured by income, the general assembly may define income by reference to provisions of the laws of the United States as they may be or become effective at any time or from time to time, whether retrospective or prospective in their operation. The general assembly shall in any such law set the rate or rates of such tax. The general assembly may in so defining income make exceptions, additions, or modifications to any provisions of the laws of the United States so referred to and for retrospective exceptions or modifications to those provisions which are retrospective.
2. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, the general assembly shall enact legislation to reduce and eliminate the state individual income tax by requiring reductions to the top rate of the individual income tax based on revenue growth until such tax is eliminated. Upon the elimination of the individual income tax, the general assembly shall be prohibited from enacting or imposing any state individual income tax.

Section 26. 1. In order to prohibit an increase in the tax burden on the citizens of Missouri, state and local sales and use taxes (or any similar transaction-based tax) shall not be expanded to impose taxes on any service or transaction that was not subject to sales, use or similar transaction-based tax on January 1, 2015.
2. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, including subsection 1 of this section, for the purpose of reducing and eliminating the state individual income tax and reducing local tax rates, state and local sales and use taxes (or any similar transaction-based tax) may be expanded by legislation to impose taxes on transactions involving any goods and services. For the purposes of this section, the phrase “for the purpose of reducing and eliminating the state individual income tax and reducing local tax rates”, with respect to legislation enacted by the general assembly, means that the legislation expressly states the general assembly’s finding that such legislation will directly lead to the reduction and elimination of the state individual income tax as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, and will directly or indirectly lead to the reduction of local tax rates as provided in subsection 3 of this section.
(2) Any expansion of the sales and use tax base or increase in the state sales and use tax rate enacted for the purpose of reducing and eliminating the state individual income tax and reducing local tax rates shall be offset in the same legislation by a reduction in the top rate of individual income tax that reduces such tax revenues, less refunds, by an amount that is at least substantially equal to revenues generated by such expansion of the sales and use tax base or increase in the state sales and use tax rate, and, if such legislation is enacted within five years of the effective date of this amendment, shall not be considered new annual revenue for the purposes of Section 18 (e) of this Article and shall be exempt from the provisions of Article IV, Sections 30(b), 30(c), and 30(d) of this Constitution.

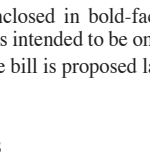
3. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, beginning twelve months from the effective date for legislation in which the general assembly expands the sales and use tax base pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, any political subdivision that imposes a sales or use tax shall, in the manner provided by law enacted by the general assembly, make a one-time adjustment to one or more of the following rates of tax imposed by the political subdivision to reduce the amount of revenue generated thereby in an amount that is substantially equal to ninety-seven percent of the additional revenue produced by any expansion of the sales and use tax base authorized by this section:
(a) The sales and use tax rate;
(b) The levy imposed on property in class 2;
(c) The levy imposed on property in subclass (1) of class 1;
(d) The levy imposed on all class 1 property if such political subdivision imposes a single rate of levy on all such property; or
(e) The rate of any tax imposed on earnings.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection to the contrary, no political subdivision shall adjust its local tax rates in a manner that results in any reduction in funding to any public schools within, or serving, such political subdivision.
4. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, beginning twelve months from the effective date for legislation in which the general assembly expands the sales and use tax base pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, each sales and use tax rate imposed directly by this constitution, with the exception of the rate imposed under Article XIV of this Constitution, shall, in the manner provided by law enacted by the general assembly, be adjusted in order to reduce the amount of tax in an amount substantially equal to the amount of tax produced by any sales and use tax base expansion authorized by this section. The state auditor shall be responsible for calculating the reduced rates that will go into effect as provided in this subsection.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:
“Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
• Phase-out the individual income tax based on revenue growth;
• Reduce personal property and other local taxes when local revenues increase;
• Modify the sales and use tax to eliminate income tax and reduce local taxes; and
• Protect local funding for public schools and other purposes?”.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 5, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.



DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

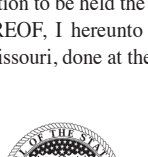
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STATE OF MISSOURI } ss
Secretary of State

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DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State



DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

BARRY COUNTY TAX SALE

NOTICE OF TAX CERTIFICATE SALE

I, Skyler Bowman, Collector of the Revenue in and for Barry County, Missouri, hereby give notice as provided by law that I shall offer for sale, the hereafter described lots and lands or so much, thereof, as may be necessary to discharge the taxes, penalty, interest and costs due thereon at the time of sale, to the State of Missouri for delinquent taxes on real estate, in or adjacent to the courthouse in Cassville, Barry County, Missouri, on the fourth Monday of August, Being the 24th day of August, 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m. of said day and continuing from day to day thereafter until all is offered, said lots and lands situated in Barry County, Missouri, and described in forty acre tracts or other legal subdivisions and the additions, etc., and the aggregate amount of taxes, penalty, interest and costs. Each year separately state as follows:

CODE NUMBER	PUB.#	PARCEL#	DEL. YEAR	DEL. TAX
PROPERTY OWNER				
LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
1. 01-0000322-0037		30-6.0-23-000-000-0005.051		
AGUSTER, BRODIE			2023	521.06
SECTION: 23 TOWNSHIP: 21 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 2.20			2024	460.56
PT. SENW			2025	398.71
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	144.00
			TOTAL	1,484.33
2. 01-0000434-0000		29-2.0-04-004-002-0001.000		
GILL, KARI W. TRUSTEE			2023	54.81
SECTION: 04 TOWNSHIP: 21 RANGE: 26 ACRES: 1.00			2024	49.52
NE COR. NWSE N & E ROAD			2025	44.11
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	252.44
3. 01-0000453-0002		29-2.0-04-003-002-0003.000		
CURRY, BOB & KAY TRUST			2023	201.56
SECTION: 04 TOWNSHIP: 21 RANGE: 26 ACRES: 4.10			2024	154.00
PT. S 1/2 SW			2025	155.74
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	640.21
4. 01-0000844-0000		29-7.0-26-000-000-0016.000		
SEE, HAROLD & ELLISON ROBERT & PATRICIA & THURMAN, CHRISTY			2023	4,551.60
SECTION: 26 TOWNSHIP: 21 RANGE: 26 ACRES: 1.13			2024	4,014.43
PT. SE 1/4 FRL. WEST HWY. P (250' X 330')			2025	3,628.69
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	12,238.72
5. 01-0004654-0002		16-6.0-13-000-000-0006.002		
GARRETT, KAREN L.			2023	1,109.06
SECTION: 13 TOWNSHIP: 23 RANGE: 29 ACRES: 3.50			2024	978.93
PT. E 1/2 SW			2025	915.84
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	3,107.83
6. 01-0004979-0000		11-9.0-32-000-000-0013.000		
MUSTAIN, SUSIE			2023	18.67
SECTION: 32 TOWNSHIP: 24 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.50			2024	17.35
PT. SE COR. SESW			2025	16.37
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	156.39
7. 01-0005078-0000		12-6.0-13-000-000-0009.000		
HARTKOPF, MARVIN E. & WILMA N.			2023	1,050.71
SECTION: 29 TOWNSHIP: 24 RANGE: 26 ACRES: 5.00			2024	928.14
PT. S 1/2 SE E. HY.			2025	862.08
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	2,944.93
8. 01-0006510-0000		10-7.0-26-000-000-0009.000		
CARNEY, TERRY D.			2023	164.85
SECTION: 26 TOWNSHIP: 25 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 6.20			2024	146.53
PT. NWSE & PT. SWSE			2025	129.49
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	544.87
9. 01-0007160-0000		08-4.0-19-000-000-0005.000		
BAUGH, JEFFREY LEE			2023	1,788.71
SECTION: 19 TOWNSHIP: 25 RANGE: 27 ACRES: 37.85			2024	972.26
SENE			2025	2,923.47
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	8,006.00
10. 01-0007160-0001		08-4.0-19-000-000-0005.001		
BAUGH, JEFFREY LEE			2023	113.26
SECTION: 19 TOWNSHIP: 25 RANGE: 27 ACRES: 40.00			2024	101.12
SWNE			2025	88.58
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	406.96
11. 02-0000653-0000		18-9.0-29-001-019-0007.000		
GILLILAND, ALLEN JR.			2023	260.37
SECTION: 33 TOWNSHIP: 23 RANGE: 27 ACRES: 0.00			2024	230.77
CASSVILLE OUT LOT: PT. NO. 52			2025	200.94
			PUB.FEE	50.00
			REC.FEE	54.00
			TOTAL	796.08
12. 02-0000882-0000		18-4.0-20-004-016-0006.000		
MCCRACKEN, RICHARD L.			2023	442.39
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MEADOW VALLEY LOT 5 & 6			2025	917.99
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VICK, CHRIS			2023	204.71
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VICK, CHRIS			2023	72.99
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ARROW PT. EST. LT. 225			2025	51.11
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MOENCH, MEL			2023	19.21
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BIG BASS BEND; LOTS 4A - 10A, BLK.1-A			2025	16.96
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COGGIN, CITALYN			2023	386.55
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BREEZE POINT: LOT 2			2025	300

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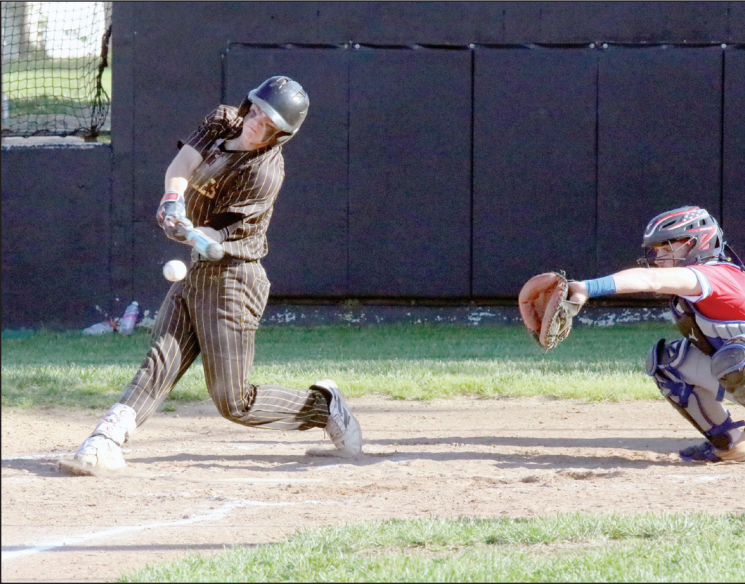
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	COUSINS, NADINE F.	SECTION: 36 TOWNSHIP: 22 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023	178.06					
	VIOLA ORIGINAL: PT. LOTS 2, 3 & 4; BLK. 3		2024	158.18					
			2025	137.19					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	577.43					

I, Skyler Bowman, Collector of the Revenue in and for Barry County, Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct list of lands and lots that will be offered for sale as set forth.

THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2024
SKYLER BOWMAN
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BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI



Purdy's Daniel Aldaba chases down an East Newton runner in a pickle during a victory over the patriots this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Purdy's Hunter Wormington connects on a pitch in a contest against East Newton last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Eagles: Underclassmen have played for multiple distirct titles

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time the end of fall came around and then when we started in the spring, their confidence in what we were trying to accomplish, how we were going about that and the process of it, they had complete confidence in that.”

That belief eventually translated into success on the field.

“When you have the confidence in the practices and the confidence in the process, the games just become easy,” Hughes said. “The games are fun. That’s what we tell them. We’re going to work our tails off in practice, but the game should be fun.”

Finding areas to improve after a 27-win season isn’t easy, Hughes admitted, but he believes increasing the team’s overall strength can help the Eagles take the next step.

“It’s so hard to talk about improvement when you win 27 games in a spring, conference champions,” Hughes said. “I guess we could be nitpicky and say maybe we could get a little bit more improvement when it comes to the strength of our guys. We’ve already started implementing some of that this summer.”

Hughes said the emphasis is on becoming stronger throughout the lineup.

“Our bat speed, our strength, our durability, just things like that that can lead to better all-around baseball,” he said. “We can be stronger in our lower half, stronger in our arms and shoulders to help maybe prevent tiredness or fatigue.”

“The strength is probably the only area that I could see that really needed to be improved compared to the other areas of what we did and what we accomplished.”

Two early-season games helped convince Hughes his team was capable of competing with anyone on its schedule.

One came in the Purdy Tournament against Hartville.

“We were playing Hartville at our place in the Purdy Tournament, and it was for first place,” Hughes said. “Our

guy pitched extremely well, their guy pitched extremely well, and we got beat 2-1

“I can remember as coaches and as players we kind of looked at it and said, ‘OK, we got beat, but we’re there.’ We can compete with good teams.”

Another defining moment came when Purdy battled Seneca to a 1-1 tie over nine innings.

“I thought the Seneca game, us tying with them 1-1 in nine innings, was huge,” Hughes said. “They were ranked fourth in Class 4, and we came in and went toe-to-toe with them.”

Hughes believes the game could have gone much longer had both teams not needed to leave for prom.

“I don’t know if we ever finish that game,” Hughes said. “I think both teams weren’t going to give up any runs. We probably would have played 15 or 16 innings that day. To be able to compete with them, I thought that was a huge step for our guys.”

While the Eagles had talented seniors, Hughes said what made the class special was its willingness to lead in different ways.

“This group of seniors was a good group baseball-wise, but they’re good young men,” Hughes said. “They were good leaders. Whether it was through their work ethic, the way they practiced, the way they played, or if it was just kind of a vocal leader in the dugout, we had all types of leaders in the senior class.”

Hughes also praised one senior who was unable to play after transferring back to Purdy but still found a way to contribute.

“One of our seniors was unable to play this year due to transferring back to Purdy late,” Hughes said. “He wanted to be the manager, and I’m like, absolutely. By the end of the year, it was like having another coach. The guys trusted him and the guys believed in him.”

The seniors filled a variety of roles throughout the season, something Hughes believes strengthened the team.

“We had one of our

seniors being the catcher and one of them kind of being a utility guy where he could play multiple positions and pitch for us,” Hughes said. “Then we had one that was an everyday left fielder, and then had a guy that could come off the bench and do some stuff for us.”

“We didn’t have stars. The mixture of those seniors was perfect to be the leaders. They didn’t act like stars. They acted like just another one of the guys.”

Purdy returns much of its roster, and Hughes said the underclassmen have already embraced the offseason emphasis on strength and conditioning.

“Coach Jacob Bouchard is taking over the idea of getting us stronger and has ran with it,” Hughes said. “They’re working out three or four times a week this summer. The younger guys have bought into that. We’re hoping to see this fall how the strength that we were lacking last spring can help contribute on the field.”

Hughes said the returning upperclassmen have helped set the standard for incoming players.

“This year’s juniors and seniors coming back have bought into it,” Hughes said. “Therefore, we’re getting two or three freshmen that are coming in on a regular basis. The younger kids are buying in based on the leadership of our guys that played last year and wanting to get stronger.”

Although the Eagles accomplished many of their goals this spring, Hughes said one remains unfinished.

“We have a goal every year,” Hughes said. “You want to win the conference, you want to win district. It was nice to win the SWCL the last time it was ever there. A goal of winning a district title, and we’ve come up short three years in a row on that. We want to get over that hump.”

Purdy’s last district championship came in 2019. With five experienced seniors returning next season, Hughes believes the opportunity is there.

“We bring back a lot of guys that are very talented,” Hughes said. “They’ve played a lot of baseball. They’ve been in that district championship game two or three years. They’re wanting it.”

“If we can get over that hump, that would be the goal that we’re shooting for, even right now when we’re doing offseason stuff, summer stuff, weights, strength and conditioning.”

Hughes also credited assistant coaches Brad Longley and Bouchard for helping build the program.

“We have had a really good coaching staff with Coach Longley and Coach Bouchard,” Hughes said. “They’re both very good coaches, and they did a lot for me and the program. They just do a fabulous job.”

“We’re actually going to miss Coach Longley, so it’s up to Coach Bouchard and I to keep working toward the process.”



Purdy pitcher Damon Mahurin check a runner by throwing to first baseman Hunter Wormington during a game against East Newton last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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