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DATA CENTERS

What: No requests to Barry Electric made
Future: If request is made, provider's responsibility is to try to accommodate
More: Barry Electric CEO said no change would occur at a cost to current members

Data centers on horizon?

BEC CEO: No requests made; any change would come at no expense to members

BY SHEILA HARRIS

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A key infrastructural element for data centers is access to reliable electricity.

"A lot of the infrastructure in certain parts of the state would need upgraded in order to support data centers," said Jennifer McBroom, Barry Electric Cooperative CEO and general manager.

During a July interview with the Cassville Democrat, McBroom said that Barry Electric had not received any requests for service from data center developers.

"However, if they did ask us, it's our responsibility as an electricity distributor to try to accommodate them," McBroom said.

During a July 19 meeting at Scott Tech in Monett, Stephen Jeffery, environmental attorney with Jeffery Law Group in St. Louis, said that data center developers operate with a complete lack of transparency.

Jeffery was one of several speakers who addressed some 50 people at an event focusing on concerns surrounding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), sludge-spreading and data centers. The event was hosted by the Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (SRAP) and organized by Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER).

Jeffery represents plaintiffs in several lawsuits pertaining to data center development.

"Initially, the companies' big attorneys will come in and overwhelm county commissions or other government officials, asking them if they're interested [in a community development project]," Jeffery said. "They'll even offer funding benefits, which can sound attractive to rural communities."

According to Jeffery, those benefits are not what they're cracked up to be.

"If you critically analyze them, they can result in financial losses," Jeffery said.

Those losses could come in the form of state and local sales and use tax credits offered by state legislatures, and, in some cases, discounted state income taxes.

Missouri is no exception when it comes to subsidizing data centers.

According to Missouri state law, with an initial investment of \$25 million, data centers can receive 100% waivers on state and local sales and use taxes on

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COLE LANDSLIDES WAY TO PROSECUTOR



Esther Elmer, 9, of Cassville feeds her mother's ballot into the voting machine at the Family Life Center on Aug. 4. Kyle Troutman/ktoutman@cassville-democrat.com

Blankenship retains presiding commissioner post by 269 votes

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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For the first time since 2014, Barry County has elected a new prosecutor.

Following an official 31.15% turnout at the Primary Election polls, with 83.93% of voters (6,241 total) casting Republican ballots, challenger for Barry County prosecutor Andrew Cole pulled in 4,630 votes (77%) to incumbent Amy Boxx's 1,401 (23%).

"I was feeling confident throughout the whole election cycle, but to be honest, the turnout that we got, I was blown away," Cole said. "I was not expecting it to be that big of a difference. So I'm shocked, surprised and happy about it. It makes me

even more confident that I did the right thing."

Cole said after taking a week to recoup, he plans to over the next couple of weeks meet with Boxx and see where things are at the office.

"I want to have a conversation with all the employees," he said. "I've heard from a couple of different people they're worried about getting fired, and I need to ease that. I'm not going to come in and clean house, so I want to put their minds at ease."

Cole said he plans to retain all staff that wishes to stay.

Beyond staffing, Cole said he hopes to meet with law enforcement agencies to begin a transition to a new system of submitting paper-

work entirely online.

"I'd like to start shifting the way cases are referred to the prosecutor's office, doing that electronically as opposed to just hardcopy tickets being sent over," he said. "That's what we do up in Lawrence County. They can log into their side of the system, load their stuff in, and send it over to the prosecutor's office, and it streamlines the process. That helps things not fall through the cracks. And honestly, it helps with data tracking and keeping track of our metrics, which will now have to be reported starting in 2027."

"There's going to be a lot to do, so I want to get ready

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CITY OF PURDY

What: Plans made for sewer system update
Why: Periods of rain have overwhelmed sections of town to the point of making toilets unflushable
More: Police chief gives details on recent activity in town

Purdy Council advances sewer project

Amount approved for rate hike once construction starts

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat

The Purdy City Council advanced plans to improve the city's network of sanitary storm sewers during its July 8 meeting.

According to reports, periods of rain have overwhelmed sections of town to the point of making toilets unflushable. Bob Sell, engineer with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, at an earlier meeting reported only 10 percent of the city's sanitary sewer mains have been lined by previous efforts. Consequently, the inflow and infiltration problem has enabled stormwater to get into the sewer line cracks, filling up the system, causing backups, and increasing the volume sent to Monett for processing.

Sell reported the city's bonding capacity from its sewer system construction project to utilize Monett's plant still has capacity for major improvements without going back to voters. However, because the city used loans from the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program, the city must run plans for more upgrades through Rural Development and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Because of changes at the Department of Agriculture, the city has to prove it has sufficient revenue to pay for the project and continue paying on its debt prior to going out for bids.

To do that, Sell said, the city must project how much new work will cost and settle on an amount to add to current sewer bills. That sum must be submitted in advance of the project to

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Barry County sales taxes see solid gains in July

Use taxes log several big jumps

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat
Sales tax receipts for the seven Barry County cities and the county government entities saw solid gains in July, though two cities ended up marginally lower than a year ago.

The seven cities combined received \$867,421.37, a new July record even without the new law enforcement sales tax in Seligman. Not counting that new tax, receipts were up 4 percent from a year ago. Through most of the pandemic local sales tax surge, city receipts have run in the mid-to-upper \$700,000 range. Prior to that, the city total did not top \$700,000.

Cassville saw the biggest single-month gain for any town in

SALES TAXES

Overall: Solid gains in July
Cassville: Biggest single-month gain for any town in the bi-county area
County: Up 6% from same month a year ago

the bi-county area. Cassville's 1 percent sales tax supporting its general fund received \$125,590.42, up \$9,101.26 or almost 8 percent from last July. It was Cassville's sixth gain in seven months. Likewise, Cassville's use tax saw a \$7,000 jump, another pattern seen in Lawrence County cities for the month. For 2026, Cassville's general fund income is up by more than \$63,000.

Monett saw a much more modest gain but in the same pattern. The city's two sales taxes supporting its general fund generated \$220,644.66 in July,

up \$2,845.17 from a year ago for the fourth consecutive monthly gain. That put Monett's general fund tally for 2026 up by more than \$128,000 or 9 percent. Monett's use tax receipts doubled from last July, boosting the sum over last year's pace by more than \$172,000.

Seligman's 1 percent sales tax for its general fund generated \$14,390.61, a gain of \$577.70 from last July. Like Cassville, it was the sixth gain in seven months. That boosted general fund receipts for the year up almost \$5,000 above last year's pace. Seligman's use tax also saw a gain of nearly \$2,000 or 37 percent.

Purdy saw its third gain in four months. The city's 1 percent general fund tax produced \$6,298.11, up \$111.27 from last July. That held the city's margin over 2026 ahead by almost \$2,800.

Exeter logged a record July. Its 1 percent general fund sales tax received \$3,446.55, up \$1,473.06 from last year and breaking the 2024 record by \$22.86. It was the fourth gain for Exeter in five months, though the 2026 sum lags behind last year by more than \$5,000. Exeter's use tax has cut away some of that red ink, gaining 24 percent over last July and showing a gain of \$882 for the year.

Wheaton slipped for the month, as its 1 percent general fund tax produced \$5,167.03, down \$174.80 from last July. That put Wheaton's gener-

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COVERING BARRY COUNTY, MO., LIKE THE MORNING DEW SINCE 1871.

NEWS BRIEFS

Memorial service for 1901 lynching on Aug. 19

The annual memorial service for those who died in the 1901 lynching and race riot in Pierce City will be held at 9 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Commercial Street and Walnut in Pierce City. Local historian Murray Bishoff will retell the story of the African American community in Pierce City and the incidents that culminated in the riot that drove the African American community out of the town. Interested persons are welcome and should bring lawn chairs and a candle for a moment of silence. The program takes approximately 90 minutes. For additional information, people may contact Murray Bishoff at 417-316-3302 or murraybishoff@gmail.com.

Cassville High School purging records

Cassville High School will be purging the cumulative school records for the graduating class of 2021. Anyone who would like to have their records must pick them up in person at Cassville High School between 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the 2026-2027 school year. If anyone is unable to pick them up in person and would like someone else do it, the office must get a signed request before they may be released.

Cassville Back to School information released

The Cassville school district has released Back to School information for the 2026-2027 school year. The first day of school is Aug. 25. New students may register via email to lsanders@csr4.org or calling 417-847-2221. More information like district communication tools, food service information and building level information (including Stop, Drop and Go information and school supply lists for each building), may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4z88xrs>.

Monett Historical Society to meet

The Monett Historical Society will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Event Center at the Museum. Membership is not a requirement to attend, nor is there an admission fee. The program for this evening event will be a presentation given by Sean Kelley, the president of the Monett Athletic Boosters. Please join us to welcome Sean and kick off the coming 2026-2027 school athletic season.

Barry County Democratic Central Committee meeting

The Barry County Democratic Central Committee will meet on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Cassville Public Library.

Cassville Branch Library hosting events

The Cassville Branch Library will host the following events in the coming week: Thursday, Spirit Paint Night, 5:30 p.m. (registration and \$5 supply fee required); Friday, Scrapbook, 1 p.m., Open Paint Night, 5:30 p.m. (registration and \$5 supply fee required); Saturday, Crochet/Knitting Class, 10 a.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.

Library hosts 'Grease' with floats



The Cassville Branch Library recently screened the movie "Grease" and had popcorn and Coca-Cola floats available to attendees. The library hosts numerous events each week, which are listed in the Cassville Democrat's News Briefs section. More information can also be found at <https://www.blrlibrary.com/cassville>. Contributed photo

Data: FAS offers another option

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construction materials, operating equipment, utilities, telecommunications and internet for multiple years. Expanding data centers, too, can take advantage of tax breaks (<https://tinyurl.com/2r2tr856>).

The Federation of American Scientists (FAS), a nonprofit that's been involved in evidence-based policy research and advocacy since 1945, calls the state and local tax subsidies offered to data centers "extraordinary."

"Good Jobs First, which tracks corporate subsidies nationally, found that in 10 of the 20 states disclosing data center subsidy costs, programs cost over \$100 million per year," FAS stated (<https://tinyurl.com/2ws8beev>).

Missouri does not disclose the cost of the tax credits the state gives to data centers. However, Virginia — the world's largest data center market — foregoes nearly \$1 billion annually in state and local revenue, according to FAS.

Jeffery said that if county officials accept the deals proffered by data center developers, they'll usually be asked to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement. If signed, that agreement can prevent the public from becoming aware of a pending project, until it's well underway.

Jeffery said the acceptance of such clandestine offers can be counter-productive for elected officials who hope to maintain their positions. He cites recent examples of four councilmen being voted out of office after it came to light that they'd signed a non-disclosure agreement with a data center developer. In another case, a lawsuit is pending against a city mayor.

The surge in data centers in Missouri can be chalked up to an Executive Order that Governor Kehoe signed in January of this year.

"Data centers have been operating in Missouri since the early 2000s — with 50 in place by 2020," states the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on its website. "In January 2026, Governor Mike Kehoe signed Executive Order 26-02, to

align state research and workforce assets with President Trump's initiative to establish a coordinated national effort for AI-accelerated innovation."

On July 1 of this year, Kehoe went one step further. He signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance the state and federal permitting of critical infrastructure across the state — to do away with red tape, according to his press release (<https://tinyurl.com/4hazdkn7>).

Last year, Kehoe signed Senate Bill 4 into law, which allows utility companies to charge customers in advance of construction projects.

On June 10, Liberty Utilities hosted open houses in Pierce City and Aurora in advance of a \$750 million project to upgrade 90 miles of transmission lines from Branson, northwest to Aurora, across Lawrence County, then west to the Missouri/Kansas line. Liberty serves northern Barry County.

According to Liberty's website, the project will include the construction of approximately 316 miles of high-voltage 345 kV transmission lines, an upgrade from the existing 161 kV lines, in parts of southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma and southwest Missouri.

In July, the Public Service Commission approved an increase in annual operating revenues of \$97 million for Liberty Utilities, set to begin this month.

Nate Morris, vice president of transmission planning and operations for Liberty, said that upgrades in their transmission lines are being planned in order to provide more reliable and dependable electric service to customers.

"We're not planning these upgrades with data centers in mind," he said.

However, he stated, data centers — or anyone — can use the system in the future.

Liberty hopes to have the project completed by the end of 2030.

Whether the upgrade in transmission lines will change southwest

Missouri's future landscape remains to be seen.

McBroom said that if a data center desired to enter the Barry Electric landscape, she would want to ensure that it wouldn't be at the expense of other members of the Co-op.

"Everyone pays their fair share," she said. "We want to make sure nobody's subsidizing anybody else. We're not obligated to serve [an entity] at the expense of other members."

As an electric co-op, McBroom said Barry Electric is not subject to the regulations of the Public Service Commission, as is Liberty Utilities, nor is the Co-op subject to the legislation in Senate Bill 4.

According to McBroom, Barry Electric is part of a three-tiered system.

"Barry Electric serves as the local distributor," she said. "However, if a data center asked for service, our electricity provider, Associated Electric, would be involved."

Jeffery said when it comes to data centers and other environmental concerns, it's important for people to show up and make their voices heard.

"Sometimes, it takes a judge in a courtroom to order a defendant to do [or not do] something," he said.

FAS offers another option.

The organization recommends that community leaders who don't want to altogether nix the idea of a data center enter into a negotiated, legally-binding Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) with data center developers, before development proceeds. A negotiated CBA, FAS said, could cover such topics as harm remediation in the areas of electricity affordability, environmental protections and a cap on water usage. Above all, a CBA should provide transparency, accountability and enforcement authority with clear penalties for violations, they say.

Jeffery said that numbers won't always carry the day in this political climate.

"But sometimes the only way out is through, and the only way through is together," he said.

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Jack Chappell is pictured with his state Beta Club award in pottery. Chappell recently competed at the National Convention in Nashville, Tenn. Contributed photo



Lyndsie VanDerhoef holds a sculpture that placed 10th at the National Senior Beta Convention, held June 16-20 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. Contributed photo



Shelby Knoefler is pictured with his state Beta Club award in Language Arts academic test. Knoefler recently competed at the National Convention in Nashville, Tenn. Contributed photo

3 compete at National Beta Convention

VanDerhoef takes 10th place in Sculpture Division

Members of Cassville High School's Senior Beta Club recently earned the opportunity to compete during the National Senior Beta Convention, held June 16-20 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Senior Beta members Jack Chappell, Shelby Knoefler and Lyndsie VanDerhoef qualified for national competition after advancing through state competition earlier this year.

VanDerhoef's artwork earned

a 10th-place national finish in the Sculpture Division, placing her among the top artists in the nation.

Chappell competed in the Pottery Division, while Knoefler represented Cassville in the Language Arts academic test. Fellow Senior Beta member

Mason Rillstone also earned national recognition after placing among the top 20 nationally on the Health & Physical Education academic test. Although Rillstone qualified for national honors, he was unable to attend the convention to compete in person.

While in Nashville, Chappell and Knoefler participated in a variety of convention activities, including the National Beta College and Career Fair, viewing student competitions,

attending the organization's general sessions and awards ceremonies, and connecting with Beta members from across the United States. They also enjoyed Beta Night at the Grand Ole Opry, one of the convention's signature events.

The National Beta Convention celebrates academic excellence, leadership, character, service and talent by bringing together thousands of outstanding students from across the country to compete, learn and build lifelong friendships.

"Cassville Senior Beta congratulates Jack, Shelby Mason and Lyndsie on their outstanding accomplishments and for representing Cassville High School with excellence at the National Senior Beta Convention," a Beta Club press release said.

Purdy: Work on city hall roof completed

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DNR, and then to Rural Development, for approval.

Calculating a project cost

Sell needed council approval to submit his projections. He calculated Purdy sewer bills presently run \$75 a month on average, based on water usage. He figured work will run about \$72,000 a year for many years, starting with sections of town that have the most problems. Based on 391 sewer customers citywide, Sell calculated the city would need to charge about \$15.40 more per customer. In addition, the city ought to charge more to cover the nearly \$10,000-per-month increase in 2027 Monett is charging to cover its pending wastewater plant upgrade.

Council member Heather Van Note

observed the city has not raised water rates in several years, and that "everything has increased in price." Sell noted that the city does not have to raise rates until the work begins. He nonetheless has to submit a number to DNR to get the project moving.

Council members settled on raising sewer rates by \$18.50. If costs run higher when the project goes to bid, Sell said the city has the option to reduce the amount of work done in a year's time. He added the sewer lining ought to last 50 years. He planned to use the sum to finalize his report to advance the project.

Reports

Much of the rest of the council meeting focused on recent activity around town.

Police Chief Jackie Lowe

reported a two-year-old wandered off from a yard on June 25 and was found walking down a street. He recounted two 12-year-olds got into a fist fight. A 12-year-old girl, apparently without parental permission, knocked on a door at 9 p.m. one evening and asked for donations to help buy medicine for her mother, who did not need help. Her parents said they would handle the situation.

Lowe reported vehicular crashes. One case involved a train car striking a tractor at the crossing of Farm Roads 2090 and 1080. In another, a vehicle hit a fire hydrant, creating an ongoing problem for the public works department. Public works foreman Kevin Cook described issues repairing a broken cast iron T joint on a six-inch main, requiring ordering of parts and drier weather to dig out the

water line. The incident caused low water pressure for the entire town, though no boil order was issued.

Council members discussed putting a use tax on the November ballot. It was noted Purdy is the only major city in Barry County that does not have a use tax on purchases made online to match lost sales tax. The last attempt to pass a use tax failed by a handful of votes. Attorney Toni Hendricks plans to attend the Aug. 12 council meeting and help shape ballot language that better explains the proposal. Council members discussed a media campaign and possible door-to-door contact to explain the initiative.

City Clerk Sasha Gomez reported the roofer Like Father, Like Son completed work on the city hall roof.

Bills were paid totaling \$52,390.99.

Barry County
Health Corner

Back-to-school immunizations available

Did you know that immunization programs are considered one of the most important public health achievements in the world? Together with clean water and improved access to health care, immunizations have contributed to most countries' life expectancy.

According to data from the World Health Organization, vaccination campaigns prevent 4 to 5 million deaths annually worldwide. The Barry County Health Department offers all required vaccinations for school on a walk-in basis from Monday through Thursday until 5 p.m.

Most eighth-grade students will require Tdap and meningitis vaccines, seniors will need meningitis vaccines, and kindergartners will need Dtap, Polio, MMR and Varicella vaccines. We offer combination vaccines for students who are previously up to date on their vaccinations.

We also now have a combination vaccination for teens 16 years and older that protects against 5 different bacterial strains of meningitis (A,C,W,Y, and B). These are the most common strains that can be fatal, according to CDC (Centers for Disease Control).

Back to School will be here before you know it, so beat the rush and come in for your vaccinations today. You can do your part in keeping our community healthy by vaccinating yourself and your children against vaccine-preventable diseases.

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KYLE TROUTMAN

Primary surprises

This year’s primary election, much like the August of 2024, was unlike any other.

More than 6,000 residents cast their votes on everything from county positions to state amendments, and from the perspective of a neutral newspaper, there were as many predictable results as surprises.

The biggest local race on the ticket — Barry County prosecutor — delivered a predictable result with a surprising margin. I had a hunch incumbent Amy Boxx would struggle to keep her post, even though her 12 years of experience far outmatched that of her challenger, Andrew Cole.

Yet, a 77% to 23% margin in the challenger’s favor is one few would have predicted. It’s a result so wide other publisher friends of mine have asked me what led to the disparity, given most county primary candidates rarely receive above 60% support.

I can’t recall any local candidate in recent memory who tallied more than 4,600 votes in any race. The last primary election with this much interest was the sheriff race in 2024, which was ultimately decided in a recount with a difference of 48 votes among more than 6,600.

Clearly, the voters were not satisfied with Boxx’s performance over the last dozen years. Boxx has had numerous successes in her time in office, but also over that period of time, there have been numerous cases with results unacceptable to the populace who follows judicial proceedings in the county. Whether you supported her or not, all of that is water under the bridge now.

Looking forward, Cole has a mountain of work ahead of him, and I hope he’s up to the task. From what I have heard over this election cycle, people want a prosecutor that will be tougher on repeat offenders and perpetrators of sex crimes, especially involving children. They also want greater transparency and greater access to the prosecutor, a time-consuming prospect given the number of cases that roll through the office each day, week, month and year.

I am excited for 2027, when prosecutor offices across the state will be mandated to share metrics from their cases. Currently, tracking case outcomes and metrics as a journalist requires essentially making a spreadsheet using CaseNet. I’ve had colleagues who have done so, but they are lengthy projects requiring more man hours and staff than we have at the Democrat.

Hopefully, when those numbers start being delivered next year, we can begin to glean something from them that gives a fuller picture of how our county prosecutor is performing.

The race for presiding commissioner resulted in a more common tight victory for incumbent Steve Blankenship, taking 52% to second-time challenger Chad Johnson’s 48%. Blankenship’s resilience to win a three-man race four years ago and this two-man race should be a point of pride.

Going in, it seemed like a coin flip. Ultimately, like I said in following his 2022 victory, I think Blankenship’s traditional knock-on-doors effort is what continues to carry him across the line. Johnson ran a great campaign and was knowledgeable and qualified for the job. However, Blankenship’s genuine nature combined with his connections in the farming community, not to mention his eagerness to hear any an all concerns and criticisms from county residents, gives him a leg up only a successful incumbent can capitalize on — and he did.

Beyond the county positions, the biggest surprise, to me anyway, was how voters in a county that vote overwhelmingly for Republican candidates in state and national elections absolutely demolished two Republican-proposed statewide amendments.

The 78% to 22% margin in favor of Amendment 1, to renew the sales and use tax supporting state parks and soil and water conservation was no surprise given Roaring River State Park and Table Rock Lake are major driver of tourism and local tax dollars across the county.

However, the equally wide margins on Amendments 4 and 5 came as a bit of a surprise. A total of 77% of votes said nay to the Amendment 4 proposal to require the majority of voters from each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution. And, a total of 84% of county voters said no to the phasing out of the individual state income tax.

Both of these proposals came out of the Republican-led legislature, and both of them fell statewide by equally disparate margins. This should be a massive wake-up call to state leaders. There’s not much more to say when counties who vote 80% in favor of your candidates are voting 80% against your policy proposals.

We did not get our state leaders’ positions on these amendments on record, and in hindsight, I wish we had. Now, it’s back to the drawing board for the legislature, and I hope they listen to the will of the people that has so clearly been presented.

Whether it was the county races or the amendments, kudos go to you, voters. A turnout of more than 30% countywide is respectable — not incredible — but respectable. As the saying goes, if you don’t cast your ballot, you don’t get to complain about the results. Given that more than 6,000 voters did so, and agreed at such margins, is an ode to the rights enshrined in our democracy.

Well done, Barry County.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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AMERICAN INSIGHTS

Day of Trial and Grief

It was a typical day for thirty-eight-year-old Brian Sweeney, a defense contractor who had made the long flight from Boston to Los Angeles countless times. Luggage in hand, he left his home early on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. He boarded United Airlines Flight 175 at the airport, which departed at 8:14 a.m.

Thirty-three minutes into the flight, California was no longer the destination. Hijackers took control of the plane, which made a sudden turn. Instead of Los Angeles, the plane headed toward New York City.

Reality sank in. Sweeney grabbed a seat-back phone and dialed his wife’s number, a local Boston teacher, and left a voice-mail. “Jules, this is Brian,” he began. “Listen, I’m on an airplane that’s been hijacked. If things don’t go well, and it’s not looking good, I just want you to know that I absolutely love you.” The voicemail concluded: “I hope I call you.”

At 9:03 a.m., Flight 175 flew into the South Tower of the World Trade Center, killing everyone onboard.

Seventeen minutes earlier, American Airlines Flight 11 hit the North Tower, between floors 93 and 99. Trapped on the 101st floor, a thirty-one-year-old international trade consultant, Melissa Harrington-Hughes, called her husband. “Sean, it’s me,” she said. “I love you and I’m stuck in this building in New York. There’s a lot of smoke and I just wanted to let you know that I love you always.” The North Tower collapsed a little over one hour later.

Bill Spade, a local firefighter, grabbed two flashlights and a rope and ran toward the towers. “I couldn’t believe what I was seeing,” he recalled. “Bodies were dropping right in front of us.” Spade saw “a man a woman jumping, hugging each other.” They died on impact, “their arms around each other as they landed.”

Thick clouds of smoke and dust scattered after the towers collapsed. “The smoke and scale of the devastation were overwhelming,” David Battat, a volunteer firefighter, recalled. “Fire trucks, police cars, and ambulances were flattened. Smoke from the fires made it hard to breathe.” Hundreds of first responders would later die from illnesses contracted following their service in the rubble and



DAKODA PETTIGREW

ashes of the World Trade Center. “About 200 firefighters were unaccounted for when the day ended,” The New York Times reported the next day, confirming also that 266 had perished on the planes.

A third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, had hit the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m., and a fourth plane, intended by the hijackers to hit the White House or the Capitol Building, crashed instead into a field in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania, after passengers revolted and attempted to regain control of the plane.

“Mere words were inadequate vessels to contain the sense of shock and horror that people felt,” R. W. Apple, Jr. wrote in the Wednesday, September 12 edition of the Times, whose front page bore the headline, “U.S. ATTACKED.” It was all too reminiscent of December 7, 1941, the “day of infamy,” when Imperial Japan launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Unlike then, however, the enemy (Al-Qaeda) did not and would not reveal itself. Like ABC reporter N.J. Burkett, many thought it was “the opening salvo” of a coordinated assault with no warning or end.

The smoke continued to suffocate, the fires still smoldered, and bodies continued to be located and counted as President George W. Bush, seated at the Resolute desk in the Oval Office, took a deep breath and addressed the nation at 8:30 p.m., hours after he had been told, in a whispering voice, “America is under attack.”

“Today our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack,” the president began. “Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.” Bush added, with patriotic verve: “Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they

cannot dent the steel of American resolve.”

The president quoted Psalm 23: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.”

Standing before a joint session of Congress on September 20, Bush held up the badge of police officer George Howard, who perished in the flames of the twin towers trying to save others. “This is my reminder of lives that ended, and a task that does not end,” Bush said, choking up. “Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war,” the president added, “and we know that God is not neutral between them.”

Some remember only the planes, others the terrorists or the geopolitical aftermath. But some, like David Battat, remember the American spirit, animating countless nameless individuals. He worked in the rubble with “tourists who rolled up their sleeves” and firefighters who knew the air they breathed would shorten their lives. “That’s the memory I keep in the forefront,” Battat recalled. “Thousands of strangers trying to help others.”

“We saw that Americans were vulnerable, but not fragile—that they possess a core of strength that survives the worst that life can bring,” Bush said at the Flight 93 Memorial on September 11, 2021. “We learned that bravery is more common than we imagined, emerging with sudden splendor in the face of death. We vividly felt how every hour with our loved ones was a temporary and holy gift. And we found that even the longest days end.”

“On America’s day of trial and grief, I saw millions of people instinctively grab for a neighbor’s hand and rally to the cause of one another,” Bush added. “That is the America I know.”

The lost loved ones, the nameless volunteers, the selfless rescuers, the heroism of the Flight 93 passengers, those who embraced strangers, and the service of those who took the fight to evil itself—now, as ever, we must never forget.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Everyone pays their fair share. We want to make sure nobody’s subsidizing anybody else. We’re not obligated to serve [an entity] at the expense of other members. Barry Electric serves as the local distributor. However, if a data center asked for service, our electricity provider, Associated Electric, would be involved”

— JENNIFER MCBROOM, BARRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CEO AND GENERAL MANAGER, ON HOW BARRY ELECTRIC WOULD HANDLE A REQUEST TO BULD A DATA CENTER IN THE COUNTY



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50 years ago
Aug. 11, 1976
— EXETER SCHOOLS OPEN DESPITE STORM DAMAGE

Despite the loss of 40% of the elementary school root, Exeter will start classes Monday, according to Superintendent John Black. Strong winds that went through the area Saturday afternoon lifted a large section of the classroom building and deposited it in the lawn. Resulting damage to classrooms by downpours of water was fairly extensive the superintendent said. However, cleanup operations were being rushed, and other spaces would be used for classes at the school start. Exeter also will not have a new building ready for the start of school due to delay of materials. The new structure is now scheduled to be finished by September 1. For the opening, busses will run the same rounds and schedules as last year. Lunch will also be served opening day. Assignment of faculty to the district campus includes the following: Joyce E. Anderson, first; Dean Brooks, second; Sherry Ware, third; Eunice Brooks, fourth; Mildred Wilson, fifth; Mildred C. Luger, sixth; Dennis West, seventh; William Beaman, eighth, Sam Knight, physical education; Nola McMillen, home economics-science; Emma Jan Cameron, music; Stephen Cook, math and science, David Gilcrease, social studies; Rita Sigrist, kindergarten and remedial reading and Marilyn Pierce, business; Dorothy Yocum, teacher aide. Administrators include Marvin Henningson, high school principal and Sammy Hud-son, elementary principal. Black noted student insurance would be available through the school this year as a convenience to the pupil and district patrons.

— CITY UNHAPPY WITH PHONE COMPANY CUT-BACK PLAN

The City of Cassville might be headed toward a confrontation with a utility company serving this area. Mayor Bill LeCompte acknowledged this week that Continental Telephone Co. had requested time on the September meeting agenda to discuss proposed cut-backs of personnel in the Cassville office. Mayor LeCompte said he and alderman Bill Hailey had both been contacted by company officials concerning a possible reduction of personnel here and handling of Continental business out of a regional office in Branson. City officials are in the process of obtaining more information on the proposal from company officials in Wentzville, Mo. However, there is a certain ring to the opinion of those city officials contacted this week that they “don’t appreciate the situation.” From the initial conversations, Continental plans reductions in office and maintenance personnel in the Cassville offices possibly as early as October 15. The plan would leave only a skeleton force here that would handle minor problems with major services coming out of Branson, 60 miles away. A company official from Branson informed employees of the Cassville office Friday of the pending change. Included was an indication by September 1 of whether they would accept transfers or terminate company employment. Mayor LeCompte said this week he did not think it was right for an important utility such as the telephone company to even consider cut-backs in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. “Our people expect and deserve better consideration than they are getting from Continental,” he said. LeCompte said he had been contacted by a number of people who were removing or reducing their telephone service due to rate increases and reductions in services. Most important among these is the removal of Extended Area Service to the Shell Knob area. Leaders in the lake community also acknowledge there is considerable dissatisfaction in that area concerning all calls outside the local exchange being toll charges. Both LeCompte and Hailey said they intended to contact proper Continental officials for additional information about the coming meeting.



40 YEARS AGO: AVOIDING FUMBLES IMPORTANT — So important in fact that coach Joe Cavness has backfield prospects in early drills on hope to transfer the ball from one hand to another and avoid dropping same. These backs are among the Wildcats reporting for first drills last week. The first call caught 60 Wildcats in the hopeful list. More are prospects when summer jobs end and school starts. Democrat file photo

“In fact,” they said, we might not even wait that long before we start an official complaint process against the company through the proper channels. Continental has effected two rate increases through the Missouri Public Service Commission within the past year. They have also reduced the service area which was available on a toll free basis through revisions of the EAS contacts that date back to the time of Missouri State Telephone Co. owning and up-dating facilities here. Continental purchased the area plant from MSTC. Continental serves the communities of Cassville, Exeter, Washburn, Seligman, Jenkins, Golden, Eagle Rock, Mano and Shell Knob. When the company divided EAS charges at the suggestion of the Missouri PSC, petitions were drawn asking for an election, which were approved by the state agency. In a post card survey, little understood by many, Shell Knob was dropped from the service area available on a direct-dial, no-cost basis. The other communities are still accessible by Cassville patrons, cost free.

— CENTRAL LAKE BUSINESS AREA CONTINUES GROWTH

Business growths in the Shell Knob area have been noted by officials there. Included in the additions to the central Table Rock Lake community are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker have sold their drive-in on Highway 39 to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sherfy, who are also leasing the King’s Harbor Restaurant. A new building, constructed in Bridgeway Plaza by Mr. and Mrs. Herb McMullen, will serve as a real estate office for the couple. Mrs. McMullen holds a broker’s license and he a salesman certificate. The structure follows design of other businesses in the development. Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Blankenship have also opened a new antique shop in the Plaza business area. Mr. and Mrs. Swofford are doing business in their Open Door building on Highway 39. A new fruit and vegetable business, operated by Mr. and Mrs. James Wright is also open on Highway 39.

40 years ago
Aug. 20, 1986
— CHAMBER STARTS SELECTING DIRECTORS

Cassville Chamber of Commerce directors in session Tuesday started the process that will name four new members to the board before the new year begins. President Chip Kammerlohr named himself, Dick Moger and Chip Lawson to a nomination committee. The committee will report to the September meeting with eight candidates. Ballots will go out to members in October, said Ella Frost, secretary. Terms expire this year on the board for Don Cupps, Bob Mitchell, Gary Fields and Byron Tucker. When replacements are named, the four new directors will join eight hold-overs in choosing a slate of officers that begin terms with the annual membership meeting in January. Hold-over directors include: John Anglum, Kammerlohr, Dr. Carolyn Hunter, Lawson, Debbie Workman, Jim LeCompte, Moger and

Joe Preddy. Regular agenda business of the meeting included committee reports. Jack Nickols reported dates for the September Trout Derby in Roaring River State Park would be September 6-7 as a joint venture of the park concessionaire and C of C. Cash prizes will be awarded for tagged trout catches. Joy Chappell said merchant committee activities would include welcoming new Cassville teachers August 25. Also on the merchant’s schedule is a sidewalk sale August 29-30 and a meeting of the committee September 2 at Taggart’s Medicine Shop. Moger reported on last week’s successful completion of the second annual Hillbilly Golf Tournament. During the event the C of C hosted corporate representatives from participating industries in a two-day tournament on the Cassville course. Coordinated by the industrial relations committee headed by Moger and industrial group cochaired by Anglum and Mitchell, other committee participants were John Miller, Dennis Ledgerwood and Bob Allen. Agriculture chairman Ron Miller reported on successful combination of the Rescue Capital USA Festival and Barry County Youth Livestock Show. Membership chair Workman said the membership list grew by one this month with the addition of Cassville Carpet and Linoleum.

— AF BASIC

Airman Kenneth R. Burge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Burge of Purdy, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. The airman is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Brittenham of rural Monett.

— CAPTAIN BURRELL GAINS BOSTON U MASTERS

Capt. Gordon F. Burrill, son of Glenice E. Burrill of Reno, Nevada, has earned a master’s degree from Boston University. Burrill has completed college studies through participation in the U.S. Air Force off-duty education program. The program has the Air Force paying 75 percent tuition for active duty Air Force members and 90 percent tuition for career noncommissioned officers with less than 14 years military service. He is chief of communications electronics maintenance in West Germany, with the 2063rd Information Systems Squadron. The captain’s wife, Terry, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Breese of Exeter.

30 years ago
Aug. 14, 1996
— EAGLE ROCK-GOLDEN-MANO FIRE DISTRICT MOVES FORWARD

Property owners in the Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano communities voted last Tuesday to create a levy-supported fire protection district - a move that Fire Chief Robert Rizman

describes as a “great step” towards improving fire service in the area. Rizman adds that while the vote marks the first step, the district now has a lot of rungs on the ladder left to climb. One of the first tasks before the newly elected board of directors is to work on improving the district’s ISO rating. ISO is the acronym for Insurance Services Office, which establishes criteria a fire department must meet to qualify for different fire protection classifications or ratings. ISO ratings determine what insurance companies will charge for fire insurance in various communities. The higher the rating, the higher the rate. Currently, the Eagle Rock-Golden-Mano fire department has a “9” rating. (A “10” rating is zero fire protection.) Board members Cliff Mitchell, Norm Hillyer, Richard Penfield, Oscar Wade and Corky Nelson hope to raise the rating to at least an “8” and hopefully a “7.” “An increased rating could save property owners anywhere from \$100 to \$400 a year depending on their property value,” Rizman said. “This tax (levy to support the district) is one that can put money back in their pocket.” Hillyer said ISO ratings can be improved by updating equipment, a task that was hard to accomplish as a dues-supported association. Since the late 1970s, when the district was formed, fire fighters depended on members to pay annual dues in return for fire protection. Annual dues were \$40 per piece of property. According to Rizman, membership fluctuated between 600 and 900 in a 128-square-mile area that contains 2,200 parcels of property. He said each year it was a big task to collect the dues, and without knowing the exact amount that would be collected, it was impossible to set a yearly budget. He said those who did not pay their dues still expected fire protection in an emergency. “By going to a tax-supported district, everybody will be paying their fair share,”

said Rizman. Because the county assessor’s office is in the process of calculating the district’s assessed valuation, tax-generated revenue figures are unavailable. The assessor’s office said they are currently in the process of coding district property into the computer. The assessed valuation figures will need to be turned into the county collector’s office by Sept. 15 if the district wants to collect taxes in 1996. Once the valuation is complete, board members can predict what a 30 cent levy will generate in revenue for the district. Then short-and long-term budgets can be set. The board, which will meet next week to be sworn in, is currently working with its attorney to make sure the fire protection district complies with the 68 pages of state and federal laws governing its actions. “There are now laws we must follow as a district,” Rizman said. “It’s no longer the good ole boy handshake theory. Now it’s by law.” “We want to do it right and give the people the best value for their dollar.” The Eagle Rock-Golden-Mano fire department maintains four fire houses and is currently supported by 38 volunteer fire fighters. Rizman said department equipment includes four engines, one rescue truck, one medical unit, two brush trucks and two tankers. He added that the newest piece of equipment is 17 years old and the oldest is 33 to 34 years old. “We can operate with what we have but it’s costly to maintain,” Rizman said. The district plans to focus on purchasing new hand tools, fire hoses and fire nozzles first. Rizman said buying new fire trucks would be something the district would look at “some time down the line.” Tax money will also be spent on training for volunteer firemen. Rizman concludes that the key to a good fire protection district is its volunteers. In the first six months of 1996, Eagle Rock-Golden-Mano firefighters have put in a total of 1,729 hours, including: 239 hours on

medical calls; 353 hours on fire calls; 134 hours on service calls; 155 hours on motor vehicle accidents; 202 hours on training; 460 hours on maintenance of equipment; and 186 hours on cleaning the fire houses and equipment.

— DRUG AND ALCOHOL OFFENDERS CONTRIBUTE TO DARE PROGRAM

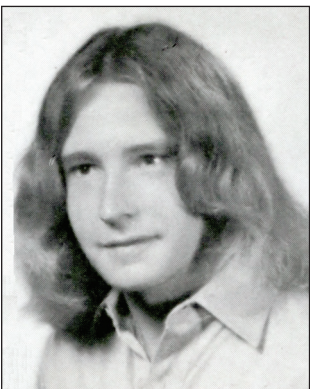
The Barry County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office has come up with an innovative way of contributing to the Cassville and Barry County DARE programs. Since February of this year several first and second time driving while intoxicated and misdemeanor possession of marijuana offenders have paid more than \$7,000 in contributions to the drug awareness programs. The contributions are made in lieu of a fine. According to Barry County Treasurer Lois Lowe, the county program, which is directed by Dana Kammerlohr, has received a total of \$4,185. Cassville City Clerk Vicki McCune said the city program, lead by Public Education Officer Lonnie McCullough, has received \$3,191.50. Barry County Associate Circuit Court Judge Mike Garrett said the contributions are recommended by the prosecuting attorney and are “usually done where the defendant is placed on probation.” He added there are several counties in the state that order offenders to contribute to drug awareness programs. Garrett said the contribution becomes a part of the probation. If the money isn’t paid, it is considered a probation violation, and the offender can be sentenced to jail time and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. “I think contributions made to the DARE program from alcohol related offenses are appropriate,” Garrett said. “These are the people who should be supporting drug and alcohol abuse education programs.” Garrett said that there are obviously some cases where the alcohol-related offense has caused injury or property damage. In these cases, DARE contributions wouldn’t be appropriate. “The purpose of the program is not to collect money, but to discourage young people from alcohol and drug abuse,” Garrett said. “We’ll know how successful the program is over a term of years, not months.” Barry County Prosecuting Attorney David Cole said he was approached by McCullough about the contributions. “Lonnie came to see me and asked why we don’t do this to give the DARE program some money,” Cole said. “That’s how it got started.” “What I like about it is that these people are out here violating drug and alcohol laws, and to let them assist DARE officers in educating the youth, sort of seems like poetic justice,” Cole said. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Hemphill said the contributions range from \$100 to \$1,500. He added that with the new program, the defendant, not only pays court costs, but also makes the contribution, which is generally equal to or in excess of a fine.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

I'm Miss Snuggle Muffin, a precious little black and white terrier girl who's just getting started on my big adventure! At only 2 months old and a petite 3.6 pounds, I'm still growing into my personality, but I'm already showing signs of being affectionate and friendly. I'll need a patient family ready to guide me through puppyhood, including training and socialization. Come meet me and let's start our journey 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



KEITH SANVERN BRISCO

Keith Sanvern Brisco, 63, of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away Sunday, July 12, 2026 in Phoenix.

He was born September 24, 1962, in Aurora, Mo., the son of Louie S. and Wilma R. (Bradley) Brisco, who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death was a nephew, Jimmy Lee Lesey.

Survivors include his sister, Jenise (Brisco) Caskey of Bradley, Ark.

He collected rocks and artifacts, often sending his discoveries to the University of Mo. in Columbia for study. He attended Cassville High School in Cassville, Mo. before proudly serving in the United States Air Force. Following his military service, he returned to Cato, where he spent

much of his life working as a farmhand.

He was an inventor, one of his inventions, a wrench design—was later patented by a company, a testament to his ingenuity and practical mind. In 2015, he visited Phoenix, Ariz., beginning a new chapter in his life.

No services are scheduled at this time. Burial will be at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins, Mo. Arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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DANNIE G. BYRD

Dannie G. Byrd, age 78, of Purdy, MO, passed peacefully from this life on

Sunday morning, August 9, 2026, at his home.

Dannie was born on October 17, 1947, in Wheaton, MO, the son of the late Loy and Rosalee (Pennel) Byrd. Dannie was a proud graduate of Exeter High School's Class of 1965 and honorably served his country in the United States Navy, a role he cherished throughout his life. A devoted member of Gunter Methodist Church, he faithfully worshipped alongside his beloved wife, Janice. Dannie had a strong work ethic and spent many years building homes in Ketchikan, Alaska. Upon his return to the area, he worked at Wells Aluminum for many years and fulfilled his entrepreneurial dream by owning and operating the Qwik Stop convenience store in Monett. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing but above all, Dannie's greatest joy came from his family. He loved watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports and treasured attending their games, activities, and accomplishments. His dedication to faith, family, and community will be remembered by all who knew and loved him.

On August 6, 1988, at Big M, Dannie married Janice Terry, they enjoyed thirty-eight years of making memories together.

Dannie is survived by his wife Janice of the home; three daughters, Misty Lane and husband Sam of Monett, Renee Veith and husband Ronnie of Purdy and Rhonda Schilly of Purdy; eight grandchildren, Ryan Veith and wife Jessica, Riley Veith and wife Kara, Reese Veith, Kobe Gates and wife Karsyn, Megan Terry and husband Cameron, Morgan Daniel and husband K.K., Corey Lane, Ryan Lane and wife Alicia; fourteen great-grandchildren, Haisley, Hadley,

Hensley, Jameson, Neva, Renley, Barrett, Lowen, C.J, Charlie Sue, Asher, Ace, Adilyn and Arya; one sister, Teresa Malone of Mt. Vernon, MO.

Dannie was preceded in death by infant daughter, Vicki Byrd; two sisters, Sheryl Byrd and Janis Byrd; grandparents, Leon and Marjorie Pennel.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Gunter Methodist Church, Butterfield, MO. Pastor Mike Tharp and Pastor Jerry Nickle will officiate. Memorial contributions have been requested to Gunter Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett, MO.

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ROSETTA LOUISE ROSE, "ROSIE"

Rosetta Louise Rose, "Rosie", 61, of Cassville, Mo. passed away peacefully at home.

She was born August 28, 1964, in Plainwell, Mich., to Junior Barnes and Jackie Irene Elkins, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Layne Rose; her son, Dakota Rose, and his

wife, Kiah-Grace; three grandsons; eight brothers and sisters and their families;

She graduated from Cassville High School in 1982 and later earned her bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in 2010.

She was a case manager for individuals with developmental disabilities.

She was a member of Full Life Fellowship in Purdy, Mo.

Graveside service were held Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 11:00 am at Fields Cemetery in Shell Knob, Mo., with Pastor Wilson Gauntt officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home and Crematory.

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LEVINA RUTH (TURNER) WOLF

Levina Ruth (Turner) Wolf, 82, of Cassville, Mo., passed away Monday, August 3, 2026, at her home.

She was born August 24, 1943, in Portales, N. M., the daughter of Hubert "Jake" and Winnie (Lawrence) Turner, who preceded her in death..

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Bill Wolf; brother, Hubert

Turner and sister, Dava-Lee Aryan.

Survivors include two sons, Brent Wolf of Cassville, Mo. and Chris Wolf and wife Cindy of Wheaton, Mo.; three daughters, Jackie Brisco and her husband Roger of Cassville, Mo., Dayna Barber and her husband Lance of Cassville, Mo., and Jasmine Manning and her husband Tyler of Tulsa, Okla.; two brothers, Greg Turner of Cassville, Mo. and Gary Turner of Seligman, Mo.; one sister, Roberta Langer of Big Spring, Texas and 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was a 1960 graduate of Cassville High School.

She was a foster parent for 25 years, taking in 68 children. She was a member of Gunter Methodist Church.

Services were held Friday, August 7, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Mike Tharp and Pastor Jerry Nickle conducted the services. Burial was at Gunter Cemetery in Butterfield, Mo.

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Ruby D. Ely, 94, of Seneca, Mo. passed away Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Seneca House in Seneca, Mo.

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

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Intermediate Beta students compete

Cassville Intermediate Beta students recently participated in the 2026 National Beta Convention held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort

& Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Cassville joined over 7,000 Beta members from across the United States who all earned top honors at their state level.

While there, students participated in pin trading using their Cassville pin and attended the Grand Ole Opry.

The 2026 National Beta Convention, themed "Wired for Success," To attend the National Beta Convention, indi-

viduals and teams had to place in the top five at the state level. Cassville Beta members attending the convention scored in the top three, with several placing first at state.

Bristol Davis earned top honors, being crowned National Champion in Cake decorating with over 30 participants in her division.

Alex Harris placed fourth at Nationals after qualifying through a knockout round and plac-

ing in the top 20 on an online test, which made him eligible to take a written test at Nationals.

Lilly Lowe competed in digital portfolio and on-site drawing

Mick Fields competed in Hand-drawn anime. His drawing was an anime drawing of himself.

Ellie Ennis competed in jewelry.

Silas Buntin competed in black and white photography

Others competing in team competitions include Apparel team: Emma Privett, Wylee Bradley Marketing and Communications team: Braxton Decker, Jace Kennedy, Miles Arnold, Silas Buntin

Robotics: Audi Cieslinski, Jemma Meltabarger, Mesa Cook, Lillian Artherton

"We are very proud of each of our students," a Cassville Beta press release said. "This is only our fourth year as a club and our third year to compete at the national level. For a very young club, we have had success at nationals the last two years. We look forward to taking what we have learned this year and applying it next year."

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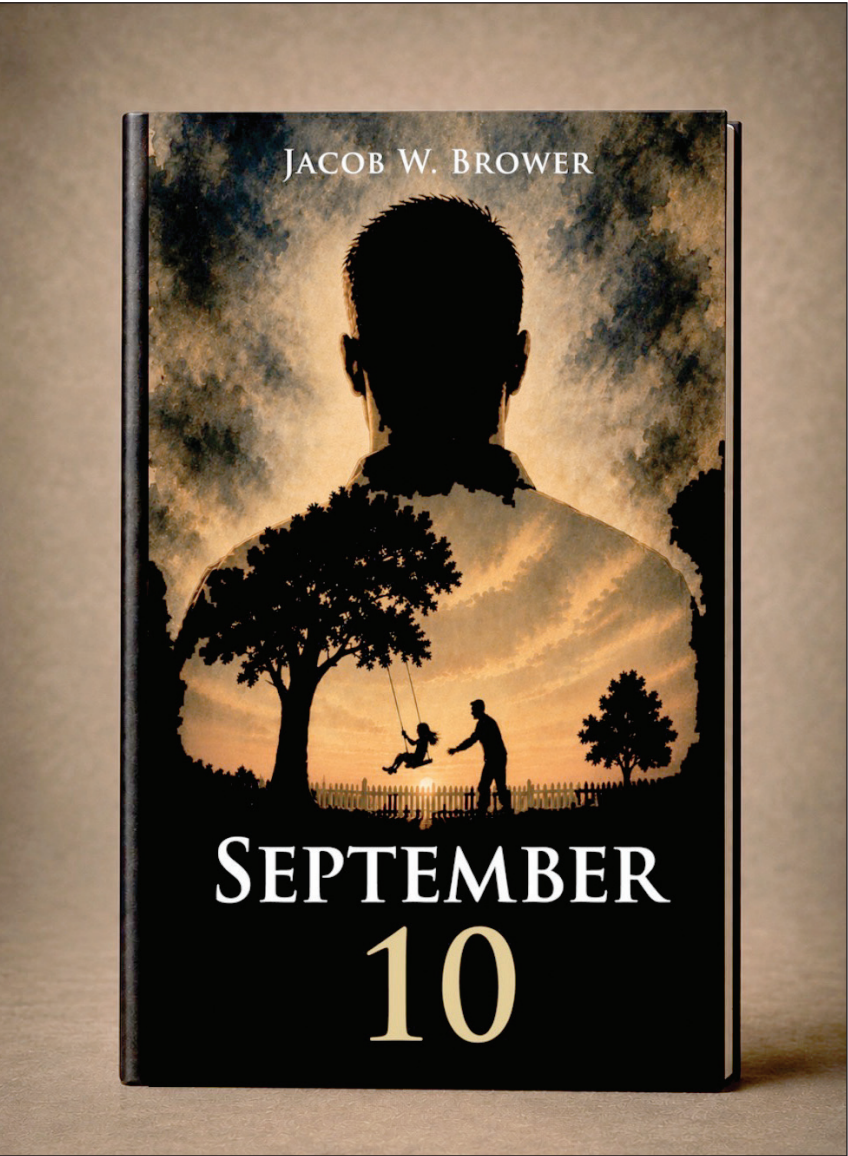


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Former Cassville Democrat publisher to release ‘September 10’ on 25th anniversary

Fictional book is set in life of World Trade Center employee day before 9/11

Former Cassville Democrat publisher Jacob W. Brower of Springfield will release his debut book, “September 10,” on Sept. 10, exactly 25 years after the day on which it is set.

The work of fiction follows Jack McCune, a 40-something finance executive working in the World Trade Center, through Monday, Sept. 10, 2001. The book also looks back on McCune’s life to that point.

The significance of the date is left entirely with the reader. Neither the characters nor the narrator knows what will happen the next day.

Brower said the forgotten ordinariness of the date first drew him to the idea.

“September 10 has always fascinated me because I don’t remember any of it. For most people, it was about as ordinary a Monday as you could imagine.

“This isn’t a September 11 book. There are plenty of those. This is intentionally a September 10 book. It’s about an ordinary day in an ordinary life. There’s no foreshadowing, no ‘little did he know,’ no grand revelation, none of that.

“The bar I set was, if the book were called ‘February 23’ and set in Cassville, would it still be worth reading? If not, I wasn’t interested in writing it.”

Brower said he initially considered approaching the subject through nonfiction.

“I realized the historical record couldn’t tell the kind of story I wanted to tell about an ordinary Monday. So I built the book around one fictional character and wove documented events and period details into his life.

“People who enjoy going down fact-checking rabbit holes as much as I do should have some fun with that.”

The book also draws from some of Brower’s own experi-

ences.

“I wanted the book to reflect the full range of an actual life. Some of it is painful, some of it is tender, and some of it’s ridiculous,” he said. “Jack and I have lived some of the same stories, and a lot of the weirder stuff actually happened. It was the more ordinary things I had to invent.”

Brower said he had completed “a good chunk” of the book before realizing this year marked the 25th anniversary of the day on which it is set.

“Once I realized that, it became important to me that the book be released on that day,” he said.

“September 10” will be available through Amazon and select

bookstores.

A book launch, free and open to the public, will be held at 11 a.m. that day at One More Page, 306 E. Commercial St. in Springfield. The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the event.

Brower was the Cassville Democrat’s publisher from 2013 to 2018. During the time depicted in the book, Brower was a reporter for the Joplin Globe and Missouri Southern State University’s student newspaper, The Chart.

He is the founder and president of ABM Strategies, a consulting and marketing firm, and continues to write for area publications.

Taxes: County \$500K up for year

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al fund tally down from last year’s pace by a little more than \$1,600. Even Wheaton’s use tax receipts slipped, but by only \$56.62. The disparity between Wheaton’s 1 percent and its .5 percent sales taxes was even more unusual in July. The half-cent tax usually brings in about 42 percent, instead of 50 percent, but this month topped its mathematical quota and brought in 52 percent of the 1-cent tax.

Washburn’s 1 percent general fund tax was almost dead even with last July. It generated \$2,512.43, down \$7.48 from a year ago. The

city’s two half-cent taxes showed a greater drop. The three taxes combined had a total drop of \$523. For the year, however, Washburn’s general fund revenues are ahead by \$4,868 or 30 percent of last year’s pace.

Countywide taxes showed much stronger gains for the month.

Barry County’s two taxes supporting its general fund at 1.125 percent yielded \$313,910.71, up almost \$17,000 or almost 6 percent from a year ago. That put general fund receipts for the year up by more than \$123,000 or also 6 percent. Barry County’s use tax, how-

ever, jumped by 48 percent in July or more than \$81,000. That put use tax income for 2026 almost \$500,000 ahead of last year.

The separate .375 percent sales tax that supports central dispatching and 911 service through the Barry County Emergency Services Board yielded \$188,346.49 in July, up \$10,136.10 or 6 percent from a year ago. That reflected a gain of more than \$74,000 for the year.

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Election: Bond, tax issues pass for Central Crossing fire, Seligman fire, Butterfield

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for it, but I don't see any issues in any of that.” Cole, a Cassville native and current assistant prosecutor in Lawrence County, said he's most excited to assume office and serve the people of Barry County.

“Like I've said this whole time, this is where I'm from, and I feel like there was a good opportunity to get in and make a change for the better, and then I get to actually be the one to do that,” he said. “I'm excited about that.”

An area of concern has been the fact Cole's father, David Cole, is the presiding judge for the 39th Circuit, which could create a conflict of interest. Andrew Cole, however, said that has also been the case while he has served in Lawrence County, and has not been an issue.

“We're just going to do the same thing that we did in Lawrence County,” he said. “[Judge Cole] transferred all of his cases to Judge [Alan] Blankenship, and that's what we're going to do in Barry County. I'm assuming he'll go back to taking the criminal cases in Lawrence County after I leave, and Judge Blankenship will get the criminal cases in Barry County. And, if for some reason, Judge Blankenship has to get out. There's plenty of other judges in the circuit as well.

“It hasn't been an issue in Lawrence County, so it's not going to be an issue in Barry. I'm not worried about that at all.”

Cole will also assume prosecution of the three brothers arrested for the alleged murder of 14-year-old Justin Hocutt in 1999. While he attended the recent press conference following the arrests, Cole said he has not had an opportunity to review case files and did not wish to speak on the case yet.

“I don't know all the details and the specifics of the case, so I'm not going to speak on that,”



Michelle Dewalt, of Cassville, fills out her ballot in the Primary Election on Aug. 4, voting at the Family Life Center. By noon, more than 650 cast votes at the precinct, and more than 1,200 had cast votes by the day's end. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

he said. “But, I am excited to have the opportunity to seek justice for Justin. I do think he and his family deserve that.”

Cole won every precinct in the county, performing best in Washburn and Seligman with 87% and 85% support, respectively. The closest precincts were Kings Prairie/Pleasant Ridge and Monett City/Monett Rural/Capps Creek, where he received 61% and 62% support, respectively. Cassville City/Cassville Rural/Mineral Springs was the largest voting block with 1,215 votes cast, of which Cole received 1,005 (83%).

“I would like to thank all the citizens of Barry County for coming out, participating in the pro-

cess, and obviously voting for me,” Cole said. “I definitely couldn't have done it without them, and everyone who worked on my campaign, everyone that went and called folks, and let people know to vote for me. I just appreciate everything that everyone's done for me. I look forward to getting in and working hard for the people of Barry County.”

Presiding Commissioner

In the two-man race for presiding commissioner, incumbent Steve Blankenship held onto his post with 3,088 votes (52%) to challenger Chad Johnson's 2,816 votes (48%).

“It went just about like I

hoped,” Blankenship said. “You never know, but I lost the places I thought I would lose and won the places I thought I'd win. I did try to do some campaigning in the places I thought I would lose, and I thought maybe I'd do a little better in some of those places I thought I was weak at, but it didn't seem to help.”

A Jenkins resident, Blankenship performed well in areas close to home, taking 72% in Jenkins, 74% in Ozark/Crane Creek, 65% in Kings Prairie/Pleasant Ridge, 65% in Golden and 61% in Monett City/Monett Rural/Capps Creek.

A Cassville resident, Johnson won four total precincts: Exeter, with 68%; Cassville City/Cassville Rural/Mineral Springs with 56%; Purdy/McDowell with 55%; Washburn/Ash with 56%; and Wheaton with 59%.

Blankenship's victory could largely be credited to Jenkins, Monett, and Golden, which provided 306 more votes total than Johnson, whom he defeated by 269 votes.

Blankenship said moving into his second term, he hopes to continue his work on steering committees and economic development with organizations like the Missouri Association of Counties.

“Last year, I was on the community and economic development committee, and this year, I'm on the agricultural and environment committee,” he said. “I think it's important to keep somebody from our county with a seat at the table up there, to steer state policy and have our voice heard. I'm going to continue to try to do those things and continue my work with the Monett and Lawrence County on our economic alliance because I think that's important to try to encourage more economic development in this area.”

Bridges also remain an area of focus going forward. Blankenship said some have been repaired and the county has taken bids for others, and the commission is continuing to look at more than need repair or replacement.

“Improving the infrastructure is part of economic development too, I think,” he said. “It kind of goes hand in hand making sure we have good infrastructure and no dangerous bridges out there. It's important.”

Ultimately, Blankenship said his primary goal as presiding commissioner remains the same.

“I'll keep listening to the people and doing the best I can,” he said.

Other in-county ballot measures

Three financial proposals within the county all received green lights from voters on Aug. 4.

A \$4.5 million bond issue for the Central Crossing Fire Protection District passed with 759 votes (64%) in favor and

427 (36%) against. In Barry County, 463 (62%) voted for the measure and 263 (38%) against it, and in Stone County, 296 (64%) voted in favor and 164 (36%) voted against. The funds will be used to renovate two stations, add to its fleet of brush trucks, purchase new equipment and pay off leases.

The Seligman Fire Protection District passed a 1% sales tax with 188 votes (68%) in favor and 89 votes (32%) against. Funds will be used for services, including equipment, training and operational expenses.

The city of Butterfield, on its second attempt, passed a \$5 million bond issue with 50 votes (77%) in favor and 15 votes (23%) against. Funds will be used to extend and improve the city's sewer system, including acquiring land and rights of way, the cost of operation and maintenance of said sewer system, and the principal and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the city from the operation of the sewer system, including all future improvements and extensions.

State Amendments

Barry County sided with the state on all four proposed Constitutional amendments.

On Amendment 1, to renew the .1% sales and use tax for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites for the next 10 years, Barry County voters cast 5,720 in favor (78%) and 1,582 against (22%). Statewide, it was approved by an 82%-18% margin.

On Amendment 2, to require the Jackson County assessor to be an elected position, Barry County voters cast 5,418 in favor (76%) and 1,707 against (24%). Statewide, it was approved by a 77%-23% margin.

On Amendment 4, to require the majority of voters from each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution and other provisions, Barry County voters cast 5,701 against (77%) and 1,669 in favor (23%). Statewide, it failed by an 80%-20% margin.

On Amendment 5, to phase out the individual income tax based on revenue growth and make other tax-related changes, Barry County voters cast 6,170 against (84%) and 1,213 in favor (16%). Statewide, it failed by an 83%-17% margin.

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As a parent, it's up to you to establish clear, consistent rules regarding screen time. You might set a curfew on the use of electronic devices one hour before bedtime. Another option is to limit screen time for leisure activities to one hour a day during the week. Remember, to avoid conflict, don't make these changes too abruptly. Instead, do it gradually to give your child time to adjust to the new rules.

To make the adjustment easier, offer your child plenty of other entertainment options as alternatives to their devices. Sports, board games, reading, crafts, hiking or playing a musical instrument — the possibilities are endless!

Finally, remember that most children take their cues from their parents. The restrictions you set for your children will have much less impact if you're always glued to your screens. Healthy screen habits start with the example you set.





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Alcohol and drugs

How do you talk to your teens about substance use without lecturing?

School can sometimes be a place of intense peer pressure. Given the risks associated with alcohol, cannabis and other drugs, you need to be able to discuss substance use with your teenagers openly and constructively. With the new school year fast approaching, here are a few tips to help you get the conversation started.

PREPARE IN ADVANCE
Remember, you were young once, too! Just as you may have been hesitant to talk to your parents back then, your children may feel the same way. Discussing a sensitive topic like drugs can cause stress or a fear of being judged. Remember that, as a trusted figure for your teenagers, you may trigger emotional reactions when you broach the subject.

Your own preconceptions about these substances may also influence the conversation. For example, if your teenager tells you they've tried cannabis, you may feel disappointed or angry. Brace yourself for the possibility of confronting uncomfortable realities. You'll need to stay calm and keep an open mind as you hear your teenager out.

TAKING THE LEAD
If the situation allows, you can ask your child directly if they've ever used drugs and potentially follow up with questions like how it made them feel. The aim is to understand their experience, so encourage them to help you understand the reasons behind their choices. Did they do it because they were with friends? Was it a choice made simply out of curiosity? Were they looking for an aid to cope with stress?

During the discussion, avoid using negative terms that might upset your children. Referring to people with descriptors like "drunk," "drug addict" or "pothead" may alienate rather than promote connection. Watch their reactions so you can adjust your approach. Appeal to their critical thinking by letting them express their own understanding of the distinction between responsible and risky use.

Are you concerned about your teenager's alcohol or drug use? Contact a local community health office or seek telephone or web resources for advice and information.





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LADY EAGLES
VOLLEYBALL

What: Season begins on Aug. 28 at Bronaugh, home opener Sept. 3 against New Heights Christian
Returning: 8 letterwinners, led by strong group of juniors
Unique: No seniors on this year's team

Senior-less
Purdy sets
sights on
improvement

Purdy volleyball returns 8 letterwinners from last year's 8-win squad

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

The Purdy volleyball team is returning from an 8-20-1 season with an experienced core, a talented freshman class and a focus on raising the standard of play.

Barry Wheeler, Lady Eagles coach, said the squad has set its sights on improving in every facet of the game.

"Our goal is to increase our level of play by controlling the ball at a higher level and increasing the championship level of our program," he said.

Purdy returns eight letterwinners, led by a strong junior class.

"Shelbie Patterson has a much improved level of blocking and attacking and a strong serving," Wheeler said. "Kenzie Postlewait brings leadership, is a constant strong server and has a much improved level of defense. Chloe Prock is a tough server and solid defender, and Casey Henderson is a much improved defender."

The sophomore class also returns with significant varsity experience.

"Lauren Lamp runs the offense and is a solid server," Wheeler said. "Laney Lamp is a much improved attacker and defender and a solid server. Abigail Schroeder brings leadership

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LADY TROJANS DIAL IN ON SKILLS



Southwest's Abi Hnem sets a ball for a teammate during a contest at Volleyfest last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Lone senior leads large group
of juniors, 5 incoming freshmen

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

This year's Lady Trojans will look different from the group that finished 12-19-3 a season ago.

Steve Voyak, Southwest volleyball coach, said graduation took away significant production, and the roster now features five freshmen expected to contribute immediately. While the inexperience creates challenges, Voyak believes the combination of veteran leadership and emerging talent gives Southwest an opportunity to be competitive by the time district play arrives.

"Our goals are to be competitive in the conference, win as many games as possible, get better with every touch of the ball

LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL

What: Season begins at home on Sept. 1 against Bronaugh

Returning: Multiple starters, including three-year varsity starter and senior Olivia Hnem

More: Five incoming freshmen competing for playing time

and be ready to compete at a high level when district playoffs begin," he said. "Our main points of emphasis are serve, serve reception, attacking the ball and communication. We need to be good at all of those things to be successful."

The Lady Trojans will lean heavily on senior libero Olivia Hnem, who enters her third season as the varsity starter and

is closing in on a milestone few players reach.

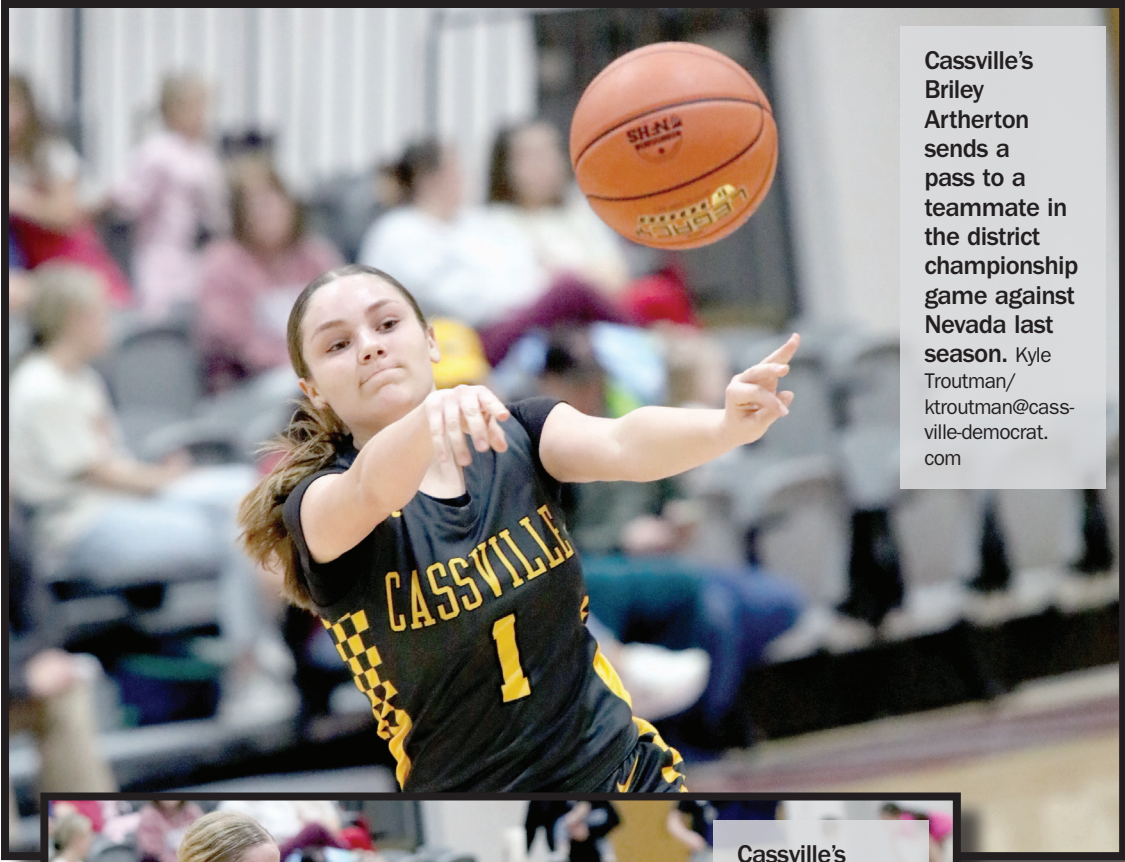
After recording 593 receptions and 549 digs last season, Hnem is expected to collect her 1,000th career dig during Southwest's opening match of the season. Her production is only part of what makes her valuable.

"Her positivity, leadership and energy help hold our team together, especially when we go through a rough patch," Voyak said. "She has a season of club volleyball under her belt and now wants to play at the next level. She is a good leader, but I want to see her become a great leader."

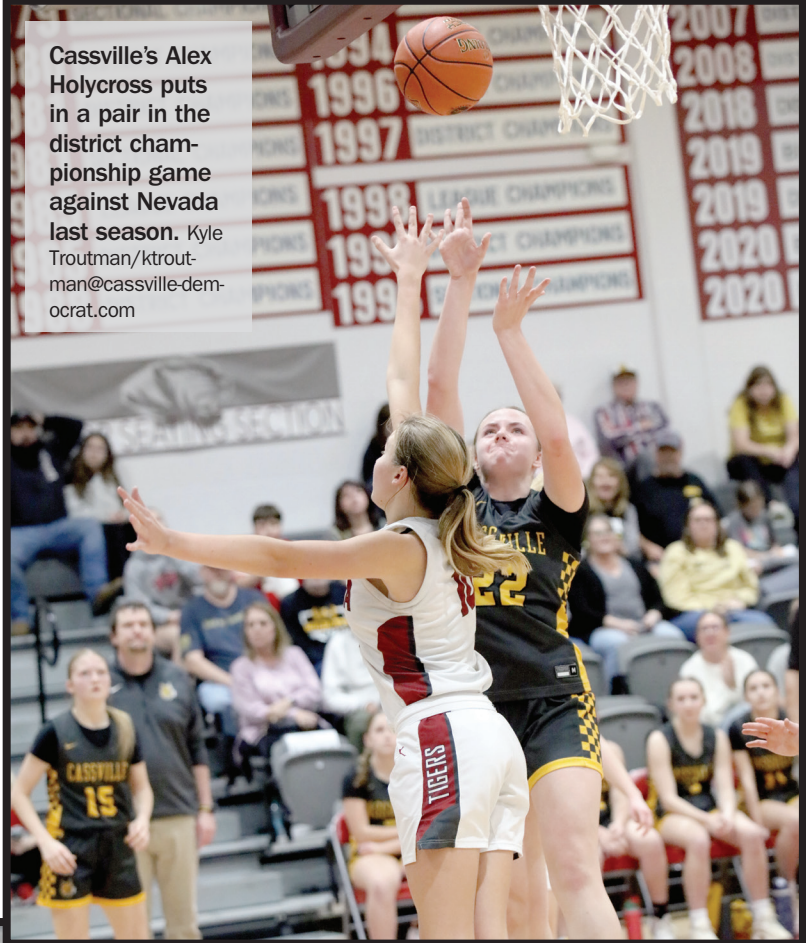
With a lineup expected to include several underclassmen, Voyak believes Hnem's

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Year in Photos — Cassville girls basketball



Cassville's Briley Artherton sends a pass to a teammate in the district championship game against Nevada last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Alex Holycross puts in a pair in the district championship game against Nevada last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Aubrey Stoufer looks for room to get around her opponent in the district championship game against Nevada last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Taylor Kennedy chases a steal in the district championship game against Nevada last season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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MISCELLANEOUS
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 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 17th day of August 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:

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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

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real property described as:

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Dated: July 8, 2026
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DANNY BOYD,
Barry County Sheriff
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an execution issued by the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Stone County, Missouri, arising out of a judgment entered by the Circuit Court of Stone County, Missouri, in Case No. 25SN-CC00164, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, in favor of the plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC and against the defendants Amber Atkisson, et al., I have levied upon and seized all of the right, title, interest, and estate of the defendant Amber Atkisson, in and to the following described real estate, situate in Stone County, Missouri, to wit:

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which I shall expose at public sale to the highest bidder for certified funds on the 17th day of August, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the North Front Door of the Stone County Courthouse located in Galena, Missouri to satisfy said judgment and costs.

Date: June 26, 2026
Doug Rader, Sheriff of Stone County, Missouri
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE CITY OF CASSVILLE,

Plaintiff,
Vs.
WILLIAM J. HENBEST, and his Unknown Heirs, Grantees, Devises, Successors, Consorts, and Assigns,

CHARLES H. LANEY, and his Unknown Heirs, Grantees, Devises, Successors, Consorts, and Assigns, and

CHARLA MURPHY, Defendants.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO.

Defendants,
26BR-CC00116
William J. Henbest and Charles H., Lancy, their unknown heirs, grantees, devisees successors, consorts and assigns.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is for pursuance and condemnation for the following described property in Barry County, Missouri:

All of Lots Four (4), Five (5) Six (6). Seven (7). Eight (8) and Nine (9)

Block Four (4) Smith and Hayes Addition to the City of Cassville, Missouri.

The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the same and address of the attorney for Plaintiffs is Cordelia F. Herrin. P.O. Box 276, 702 West Street, Cassville MO 65625.

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Friday, August 14, 2026 — 1 PM

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Applications may be submitted in person to **Washburn City Hall, 321 Main Street, Washburn, MO 65772**, or emailed to cityofwashburn39@gmail.com.

For questions, please contact **Washburn City Hall at (417) 826-5242**.

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 5th day of August, 2026, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Cassville Democrat a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri.

A true copy from the record.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 29th day of July, 2026.

CRAIG WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk,
By Kami Stanton Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

In the Matter of:
L. J. M.

A female minor child.
Estate No.
25BR-DR00142

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Chloe Miles natural mother and the natural father Joseph Hall:

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 5th day of AUGUST, 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 28th day of July, 2026.

Craig Williams
Circuit clerk
By KATIE CORREIA D/C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

In re THE MARRIAGE OF: VUE VANCHAL, Petitioner, and PA HOUA VUE, Respondent.
Case No. 26BR-DR00105

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO:

The Respondent PA HOUA VUE

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Barry

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County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a Dissolution of Marriage.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is Blake B. Fields of the Law Office of Blake B. Fields, LLC, 605 Main Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

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A true copy from the record. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 28th day of JULY 2026

Dated: JULY 28, 2026
Craig Williams
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

South Barry County Hospital District of Barry County will hold a public hearing to adopt their 2026 tax rate. The meeting will be held at Mercy Hospital Cassville at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

The 2026 Current Year Assessed Valuations are:
Real Estate - \$319,761,140
Personal Property - \$115,726,609
Total Valuation - \$435,487,749
The 2025 Prior Year Assess Valuations were:
Real Estate - \$312,035,086
Personal Property - \$111,215,742
Total Valuation - \$423,250,828
The 2025 Tax Rate Ceiling was .0879.
The 2026 Tax Rate Ceiling is .0879.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ROAD & BRIDGE TAX LEVY

Flat Creek Special Road District of Barry County will hold a special public hearing to adopt their 2026 tax rate. The meeting will be held at Flat Creek Road Barn, Hwy 37 & Rodeo Road at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

The 2025 Assessed Valuations were:
\$ 71,674,837 Real Estate;
\$27,522,032 Personal Property;
\$99,196,869 Total Valuation.
The 2026 Assessed Valuations are:
\$ 72,943,843 Real Estate;
\$27,810,559 Personal Property;
\$100,754,402 Total Valuation.
The 2025 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.1535.
The 2026 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.1535.
The Special Road & Bridge 2025 Assessed Valuations were:
\$ 71,674,837 Real Estate;
\$27,522,032 Personal Property;
\$99,196,869 Total Valuation.
The 2026 Assessed Valuations are:
\$ 72,943,843 Real Estate;
\$27,810,559 Personal Property;
\$100,754,402 Total Valuation.
The 2025 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.1360.
The 2026 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.1360.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ROAD & BRIDGE TAX LEVY

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McDonald Road District of Barry County will hold a special public hearing to adopt their 2026 tax rate. The meeting will be held at McDowell Community Church at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 24, 2026.

The 2025 Assessed Valuations were:
\$ 4,596,836 Real Estate;
\$1,559,291 Personal Property;
\$6,156,127 Total Valuation.
The 2026 Assessed Valuations are:
\$ 4,752,941 Real Estate;
\$1,619,630 Personal Property;
\$6,372,571 Total Valuation.
The 2025 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.1646.
The 2026 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.1650.
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PROBATE

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

In the Estate of COY E CUMMINS, Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00089

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of COY E CUMMINS, Decedent:
On JULY 13, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of COY E CUMMINS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

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

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

Date of the decedent's death: 25-JAN-2026
Date of first publication: JULY 29, 2026
Date of second publication: AUGUST 5, 2026
Date of third publication: AUGUST 12, 2026
Date of fourth publication: AUGUST 19, 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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THE CIRCUIT COURT PROBATE DIVISION BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

In the Estate of: Lilly Petersen Deceased.
Estate No. 26BR-PR00002

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Lilly Petersen, Deceased:

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

James Randall Attorney
1. Jarrell David Rhea Personal Representative
405 E Broadway. Monett, Mo 65708
Address
Service of the within notice is acknowledged at July 15.22, 29 and August 5.2026

Dates of Publication
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE
Monett on July 7, 2026.
PROOF OF MAILING OF COPY OF NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION
Samantha Prescott, on that state(s) that a copy of the above Notice was mailed by the undersigned on July 7, 2026

by ordinary mail, according to law, to:
Heirs
Kelly Rhea 236 South 485 West, Providence, Ut 84332
Karren Stonehouse 5094 FR 1090, Monett, Mo 65708
Kimberly Sprague PO Box 97, Blue Grass Ia, 52726
Kurtis Stonehouse 9602 Cypress Brook Rd, Tampa Fl 33647
Kathryn Swanson 528 1st Ave, Silivis, Il 61282
Kris Haley 2007 W George Washington, Davenport, Ia 52804

The foregoing is made under oath or affirmation and its representations are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.
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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of GARTH REED, Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00098

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL ESTATE)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of GARTH REED, Decedent.
On JULY 28, 2026 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY Missouri.

All creditors of Decedent, who died on February 19, 2026, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration. Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY Missouri.
Date of first publication is AUGUST 12, 2026.
Date of second publication is AUGUST 19, 2026.
Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk
by S. Parker, Probate Clerk
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AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION PARTIAL FARM DISPERSAL & BUSINESS DISPERSAL (DAY 2) Friday, Aug. 21, 2026 — 10 AM

Locations: Aurora, MO. From downtown Aurora take Olive St. 1.7 miles then go Northwest on Hwy 39 for 5.1 miles. Auction on left. (17045 Hwy 39, Aurora MO).

FARM EQUIPMENT – FARM RELATED ITEMS – TRAILERS – BOX TRUCKS – DUMP TRUCK – AUTOMOBILES – OFFICE FURNITURE & FURNITURE – BOAT – CAMPER – TOOLS – AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & TOOLS – ANT PEDDLE TRACTOR – LOTS OF SCRAP – MUCH MUCH MORE



Note: This is day 2 of a 3 day auction. The Gold's have closed out their construction business so this is a partial farm dispersal & a business dispersal. Lots of parking so bring your trucks and trailers, catering & porta potty on site. See you Friday Aug 21st, 10:00 AM then on Saturday Aug 22nd in Marionville MO. We will sell the rental business with real estate on Hwy 60, equipment & tools. Terms: Cash, good check with bank letter of credit or credit card. Credit cards will have a 5% convenience fee. If paying with a check, a bank letter of credit will be needed to remove any large items. Some of the larger items will sell with reserve. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements day of sale supersede any and all printed material.

** See Full Listing at https://www.stumpffauction.com**

Owner: Clay & Kerry Gold



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



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417-847-2507



Auctioneer: Parker Stumpff
AR State Champion Auctioneer
#2352

AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION RENTAL BUSINESS CLOSE OUT AUCTION!!!! Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026 — 10 AM

Locations: Marionville, MO. Across from the Marionville Police Station. (19321 Western, Marionville Mo)

REAL ESTATE – MINI X – SKID STEER – LIFTS – SHOW TRUCK - TRAILERS – TRUCKS – IMPLEMENTS – TOOLS – MUCH MORE



Note: Mr. & Mrs. Gold have shut down the rental business. For the person looking to open a rental business here is a great opportunity, we will sell the real estate 1st thing promptly at 10:00 AM, then the equipment & tools. This Real Estate is located on a very busy Hwy 60 with a state Traffic count of over 12,000 Automobiles per day. This property would be a fantastic location for anything. Marionville is on the move with a new McDonald's soon and just a short drive to Republic, don't miss the chance. Call Stumpff's Realty & Auction to preview The Real Estate before auction day or to pre-register. 417-847-2507. Terms: Cash, good check with bank letter of credit or credit card. Credit cards will have a 5% convenience fee. If paying with a check, a bank letter of credit will be needed to remove any large items. Some of the larger items will sell with reserve. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements day of sale supersede any and all printed material.

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TRUSTEE'S SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by 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 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

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LENGTH RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH.

ALSO A STRIP OF LAND THREE (3) FEET WIDE OFF THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE OF THE

F O L L O W I N G 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, MISSOURI, 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 I N F O R M A T I O N 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.

Vylla Solutions - Missouri, LLC

Successor Trustee

TS No.: 26-40447

Pub Commences: 7/1/2026

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 in-formation regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Kelly M. McKee, dated December 6, 2019, and recorded on December 6, 2019, in Book No. 19, at Page 6818 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on August 19, 2026, at 3:15 PM, at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, Cassville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD, SAID POINT BEING 779.4 FEET SOUTH AND 36 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 21, RANGE 26, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, THENCE NORTH 69 DEGREES 24 MINUTES WEST 307.5 FEET TO AN EXISTING CORNER FENCE POST, THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 280.6 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD,

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 446.3 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID PUBLIC ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION more correctly described as BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD, SAID POINT BEING 779.4 FEET SOUTH AND 36 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 21, RANGE 26, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, THENCE NORTH 69 DEGREES 24 MINUTES WEST 307.5 FEET TO AN EXISTING CORNER FENCE POST, THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 280.6 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 446.3 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID PUBLIC ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 21, RANGE 26, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, commonly known as 16898 Farm Road 2260, Eagle Rock, MO, 65641

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

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee

First Publication: July 22, 2026.

For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 257333-1084254).

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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, JAMES L PETERS dated 2/4/2025 and recorded on 2/18/2025 in BOOK 25 PAGE 745, in the Recorder's office for Barry County, Missouri. The successor trustee will on August 21, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at 10:00 AM, 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:

THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF BARRY AND STATE OF MISSOURI, TO WIT:

ALL OF LOTS SEVEN (7), EIGHT (8), NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12), IN ELKINS ADDITION TO WHEATON, BARRY COUNTY AS PER RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

EXCEPT:

ALL THAT PART OF LOTS 12, 11, 10, 9, 8 AND 7 ELKINS ADDITION TO WHEATON DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT THAT IS 60 FEET WEST AND 62 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12 IN ELKINS ADDITION TO WHEATON, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI THENCE NORTH 62 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 12; THENCE WEST 63 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 12, 11, 10, 9, 8 AND 7 A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 7; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE

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LEGALS

PUBLIC RELEASE

August 2026

Wheaton R-III School District announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,748	\$1,729	\$399	\$29,526	\$2,461	\$568
2	28,132	2,345	541	40,034	3,337	770
3	35,516	2,960	683	50,542	4,212	972
4	42,900	3,575	825	61,050	5,088	1,175
5	50,284	4,191	967	71,558	5,964	1,377
6	57,668	4,806	1,109	82,066	6,839	1,579
7	65,052	5,421	1,251	92,574	7,715	1,781
8	72,436	6,037	1,393	103,082	8,591	1,983
Each add'l member	+7,384	+616	+142	+10,508	+876	+203

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Households with children who are eligible under the foster, Head Start, homeless, migrant, or runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving meal benefits. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, Mrs. Kayla Haynes will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the **Mr. Skyler Rawlins**. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

USDA Non-discrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, **AD-3027**, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Purdy R-II School District Tax Rate Hearing Notice

A hearing will be held at the District Administration Office, **August 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**, Purdy, Missouri, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Purdy R-II School District, a political subdivision.

The tax rates are set to produce the revenues from the property tax required by the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories)		Estimated Current Tax Year 2026		Prior Tax Year 2025	
Real Estate		\$29,202,123		\$28,932,404	
Personal Property		\$13,876,066		\$13,568,638	
Combined Real Estate & Personal Property		\$43,078,189		\$42,501,042	
Adjusted Assessed Valuation on Which Tax Revenue is Received		\$43,078,189		\$42,501,042	
New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)		\$670,076			
The following Tax Rates are Proposed by Fund:		Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted (assumes 100% collection)	Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	Amount of Calculated Property Tax Revenue From Prior Year	Property Tax Rate (per \$100)
		\$1,186,210	2.7536	\$1,168,779	\$2.7500
Incidental		\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.0000
Teacher		\$332,521	0.7719	\$328,066	\$0.7719
Debt Service		\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.0000
Capital Projects		\$1,518,731	\$3.5255	\$1,496,844	\$3.5219
Total					

Total New Revenue:	\$17,431
New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements:	\$18,427
New Revenue from Reassessment:	(\$2,556)
Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment:	-0.2187%

Board of Education
Purdy R-II
School District
Mr. Ken Terry, President
Dr. Travis Graham, Superintendent

**Estimates reflect the most accurate information provided by the County Clerks at the time of this posting. These figures are based on information available as of Friday, July 31, 2026. It is possible the estimate may change by the Tax Rate Hearing or that the Board of Education may make changes until September 1, 2026.*

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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:

PROPERTY OWNER LEGAL DESCRIPTION	CODE NUMBER	PUB.#	PARCEL#	DEL. YEAR	DEL. TAX
1. AGUSTER, BRODIE PT. SENW	01-0000322-0037	SECTION: 23 TOWNSHIP: 21	30-6.0-23-000-000-0005.051	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 2.20	2023 521.06 2024 467.56 2025 398.71 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 1,484.33
2. GILL, EARL W. TRUSTEE NE COR. NWSE N & E ROAD	01-0000434-0000	SECTION: 04 TOWNSHIP: 21	29-2.0-04-004-002-0001.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 1.00	2023 54.81 2024 49.52 2025 44.11 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 252.44
3. CURRY, BOB & KAY TRUST PT. S 1/2 SW	01-0000453-0002	SECTION: 04 TOWNSHIP: 21	29-2.0-04-003-002-0003.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 4.10	2023 201.56 2024 178.14 2025 155.74 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 640.21
4. SEE, HAROLD & ELLISON, ROBERT & PATRICIA & THURMA & KRISTY PT. SE 1/4 FRL. WEST HWY. P (250' X 334' 2")	01-0000844-0000	SECTION: 26 TOWNSHIP: 21	29-7.0-26-000-000-0016.000	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 1.13	2023 4,551.60 2024 4,014.43 2025 3,628.69 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 12,298.72
5. GARRETT, KAREN L. PT. E 1/2 SW	01-0004654-0002	SECTION: 13 TOWNSHIP: 23	16-6.0-13-000-000-0006.002	RANGE: 29 ACRES: 3.50	2023 1,109.06 2024 978.93 2025 915.84 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 3,107.83
6. MUSTAIN, SUSIE PT. SE COR. SESE	01-0004979-0000	SECTION: 32 TOWNSHIP: 24	11-9.0-32-000-000-0013.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.50	2023 18.67 2024 17.35 2025 16.37 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 156.39
7. HARTKOPF, MARVIN E. & WILMA N. PT. S 1/2 SE E. HY.	01-0005078-0000	SECTION: 13 TOWNSHIP: 24	12-6.0-13-000-000-0009.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 5.00	2023 1,050.71 2024 978.14 2025 862.08 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 2,944.93
8. CARNEY, TERRY D. PT. NWSE & PT. SWSE	01-0006510-0000	SECTION: 32 TOWNSHIP: 25	10-7.0-26-000-000-0009.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 6.20	2023 164.85 2024 146.53 2025 129.49 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 544.87
9. BAUGH, JEFFREY LEE SENE	01-0007160-0000	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHIP: 25	08-4.0-19-000-000-0005.000	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 37.85	2023 1,788.71 2024 189.85 2025 2,923.47 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 8,006.00
10. BAUGH, JEFFREY LEE SWNE	01-0007160-0001	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHIP: 25	08-4.0-19-000-000-0005.001	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 40.00	2023 113.26 2024 101.12 2025 88.58 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 406.96
11. GILLILAND, ALLEN JR CASSVILLE OUT LOT: PT. NO. 52	02-0000653-0000	SECTION: 29 TOWNSHIP: 23	18-9.0-29-001-019-0007.000	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 0.00	2023 260.37 2024 230.77 2025 200.94 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 796.08
12. MCCracken, RICHARD L. SMITH HAYS CASV. 5 FT. S. SIDE 6, ALL 7 & 8, BLK. 10	02-0000882-0000	SECTION: 20 TOWNSHIP: 23	18-4.0-20-004-016-0006.000	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 0.00	2023 442.39 2024 392.26 2025 366.00 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 1,303.65
13. HAYES, BOB & EMILY K. MEADOW VALLEY: LOT 5 & 6	02-0001167-0005	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00	18-9.0-32-000-000-0011.000	RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023 1,101.62 2024 972.55 2025 917.99 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 3,096.16
14. JORDAN, BRITTANY CASSVILLE LAND LOT: PT. NWSW	02-0001168-0006	SECTION: 33 TOWNSHIP: 23	18-8.0-33-000-000-0063.004	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 1.00	2023 1,396.05 2024 1,232.07 2025 1,160.03 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 3,892.25
15. MCCANDLESS, DONALD R. & MCCANDLESS, THOMAS R. MARSHALLS 2ND. MO.: LT. 1 & 2, BLK. 1	02-0002512-0000	SECTION: 32 TOWNSHIP: 26	03-9.0-32-003-013-0002.000	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 0.00	2023 332.70 2024 294.73 2025 256.73 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 988.16
16. MILLER, CHRIS SCOTCH TO PURDY LT. 12, BLK. 1	02-0003630-0000	SECTION: 02 TOWNSHIP: 24	14-1.0-02-003-010-0004.000	RANGE: 28 ACRES: 0.00	2023 604.51 2024 537.06 2025 495.19 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 1,740.76
17. VICK, CHRIS WHE. ORIG.: LT. 1, BLK. 18	02-0004257-0000	SECTION: 27 TOWNSHIP: 24	15-8.0-27-003-020-0007.000	RANGE: 29 ACRES: 0.00	2023 204.71 2024 181.96 2025 158.50 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 649.17
18. VICK, CHRIS WHE. ORIG.: LOT 2, BLK. 18	02-0004259-0001	SECTION: 27 TOWNSHIP: 24	15-8.0-27-003-020-0006.000	RANGE: 29 ACRES: 0.00	2023 72.99 2024 65.63 2025 58.03 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 300.65
19. JOHNS, JESSE M. & GRACE L. ARROW PT. EST. LT. 225	03-0000122-0000	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00	30-2.0-10-001-009-0004.000	RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023 64.00 2024 57.62 2025 51.11 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 276.73
20. HASTINGS, JAMES A. ARROWPOINT ESTATES 2ND: LOT 75	03-0000182-0000	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 21	30-2.0-10-001-007-0014.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 30.02 2024 27.66 2025 25.29 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 186.97
21. MOENCH, MEL BIG BASS BEND; LOTS 4A - 10A, BLK. 1-A	03-0000325-0003	SECTION: 02 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-02-004-009-0001.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 19.21 2024 18.96 2025 16.96 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 158.25
22. LANDO, GEORGE II BIG BASS BEND: LOT 2, BLK. 17	03-0000417-0000	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-002-0010.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 39.22 2024 35.60 2025 31.97 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 210.79
23. RICHARDSON, JOHN A. BIG BASS BEND 5X12 FT. PT 3 & ALL 4	03-0000418-0000	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-002-0008.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 33.04 2024 31.98 2025 27.30 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 238.53
24. RICHARDSON, JOHN A. BIG BASS BEND LT. 8, BLK. 17	03-0000422-0000	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-002-0004.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 117.67 2024 104.27 2025 96.73 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 422.67

25. WILSON, ANTOINE BIG CREEK 4TH: LOT 203	03-0000592-0004	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-018-0003.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 56.14 2024 50.42 2025 44.70 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 255.25
26. SAUER, STEVEN L. & VIRGINIA L. BIG CREEK 4TH: LOT 21	03-0000604-0001	SECTION: 12 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-12-002-032-0022.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 65.32 2024 58.47 2025 51.63 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 275.42
27. YOUNG, JOHN E. BIG CREEK 4TH. LT. 101 & 102	03-0000657-0000	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-023-0002.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 99.19 2024 88.10 2025 77.06 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 368.35
28. WHITTINGTON, MATTHEW & CHRISTINA BIG CREEK 4TH: LT. 178	03-0000708-0000	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-020-0022.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 26.91 2024 24.82 2025 22.74 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 178.47
29. WHITTINGTON, MATTHEW & CHRISTINA BIG CREEK 4TH: LT. 179	03-0000709-0000	SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-020-0021.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 26.91 2024 24.82 2025 22.74 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 178.47
30. MEDLEY, R. LYLE & ANNA BELLE BIG CREEK 4TH: LOT 224	03-0000733-0001	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-1.0-11-001-010-0008.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 56.14 2024 50.41 2025 44.70 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 255.25
31. OTTO, ELI D. & SADIE E. BIG CREEK 2ND: LOT 40, BLOCK B	03-0000827-0000	SECTION: 14 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-6.0-14-001-006-0022.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 68.43 2024 61.17 2025 53.94 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 287.54
32. WEST, FRANK E. & JAMES E. BIG CREEK NO. 2, LT. 61, BLK. B	03-0000842-0000	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00	21-6.0-14-001-006-0004.000	RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023 68.43 2024 61.17 2025 53.94 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 287.54
33. COOK, RONNIE J. BIG CREEK 2ND: LOT 65, BLOCK C	03-0000878-0000	SECTION: 14 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-6.0-14-001-005-0001.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 85.38 2024 75.99 2025 66.66 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 332.03
34. JACKSON, RICHARD L. & JENISE L. BIG CREEK 2ND: LOT 10, BLOCK E	03-0000939-0001	SECTION: 14 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-6.0-14-001-003-0036.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 68.43 2024 61.17 2025 53.94 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 287.54
35. OTTO, JUSTIN & JARED KING BIG CREEK 2ND: LOT 35, BLOCK G	03-0000997-0000	SECTION: 14 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-6.0-14-001-001-0005.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 31.50 2024 28.85 2025 26.19 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 190.54
36. COGGIN, CITALYN BREEZE POINT: LOT 2	03-0001058-0104	SECTION: 23 TOWNSHIP: 28	27-6.0-23-000-000-0010.000	RANGE: 28 ACRES: 5.48	2023 386.55 2024 349.19 2025 300.64 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 1,133.38
37. KING, JUSTIN & JARED KING CHAIN-O-LAKES #2: LOTS 15 & 17, BLOCK 5	03-0001254-0000	SECTION: 14 TOWNSHIP: 21	29-6.0-14-002-006-0007.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 0.00	2023 2,143.06 2024 1,890.66 2025 1,767.91 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 5,905.63
38. RIORDAN, JAMES CHAIN O LAKES NO. 2: LT. 3, BLK. 10 (EX. E. 20 FT.)	03-0001328-0000	SECTION: 14 TOWNSHIP: 21	29-6.0-14-002-012-0003.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 0.00	2023 457.44 2024 404.51 2025 348.76 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 1,314.71
39. JENNE, JOHN, HAROLD & MARY L. ELMO'S SUBDIVISION #2: LOT 5	03-0001701-0005	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHIP: 21	30-4.0-19-001-010-0004.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 88.73 2024 79.42 2025 69.90 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 342.05
40. ADAMS, ROBERT BARBARA TRUST EM. BEA. NO. 1: LT. 228	03-0001811-0000	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00	21-9.0-31-000-000-0016.000	RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023 79.45 2024 72.23 2025 62.84 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 317.52
41. COGSDILL, PAUL GUMBO WOODS LT. 39	03-0002501-0000	SECTION: 20 TOWNSHIP: 23	21-4.0-20-003-001-0035.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 23.83 2024 22.03 2025 20.40 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 170.36
42. TEDE, RANDY L. & VON DEYLEN BRUMAGIN, LESIE & TEDE, TURNER KEITH GUMBO WOODS LT. 80 & 83	03-0002533-0000	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-4.0-20-003-001-0012.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 42.25 2024 38.26 2025 34.28 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 218.79
43. EASLEY, J. L. & BILLA M. GUMBO WOODS: LOT 107	03-0002549-0000	SECTION: 20 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-4.0-20-003-001-0004.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 26.91 2024 24.82 2025 22.74 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 178.47
44. EDER, ALBERT H. & ROSEMARY LAKESIDE HGTS. 2ND.: LT. 48	03-0002834-0004	SECTION: 05 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-7.0-25-000-000-0181.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 77.19 2024 69.25 2025 60.89 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 311.33
45. SWETZIG, ROBERT BARBARA, DEANNA LAKEWOOD MANOR: LOTS 72 & 73	03-0002934-0004	SECTION: 26 TOWNSHIP: 22	21-7.0-26-000-000-0064.001	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 0.00	2023 317.09 2024 280.76 2025 242.41 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 944.26
46. BERGER, BURT B. & CLAY M. & LUKE A. PARKCLIFF MANOR TRACT NO. 2	03-0003172-0000	SECTION: 34 TOWNSHIP: 22	23-8.0-34-000-000-0009.000	RANGE: 27 ACRES: 5.28	2023 255.63 2024 225.59 2025 196.89 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 783.11
47. KIRKPATRICK, NORMA RED BUD BLUFFS: LOTS 10 INC. 12	03-0003279-0000	SECTION: 09 TOWNSHIP: 21	29-2.0-09-002-002-0015.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 0.00	2023 331.36 2024 293.36 2025 260.39 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 989.11
48. SOTO, MARIEL ROARING RIVER VILLAGE: LOT 81 & 70	03-0003427-0000	SECTION: 04 TOWNSHIP: 21	29-2.0-04-004-018-0006.000	RANGE: 26 ACRES: 0.00	2023 113.48 2024 101.25 2025 88.75 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 407.48
49. RING, CORNIE & JOHN ANDERSON JR. SHAWNEE WOODS: LOT 27	03-0003716-0004	SECTION: 05 TOWNSHIP: 21	30-3.0-05-000-000-0024.000	RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023 1,367.21 2024 1,206.50 2025 1,133.88 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 3,811.59
50. STRINGER, MICHAEL J. & GIANNA MICHELLE & MICHAEL JAMES JR. & DANIEL LEE STRINGERS RIVERIA: LT. 117	03-0003967-0000	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00	21-9.0-31-000-000-0284.000	RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023 72.06 2024 64.34 2025 56.90 PUB.FEE 50.00 REC.FEE 54.00 TOTAL 297.30

51.	03-0004253-0001	21-9.0-29-000-000-0709.000							
	EVANS, KANDI S.	SECTION: 29 TOWNSHIP: 22 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023	65.32					
	TURKEY MOUNTAIN ESTATES EAST: LOT 320		2024	58.47					
			2025	51.63					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	279.42					
52.	03-0004287-0000	21-9.0-29-000-000-0395.000							
	DAWSON, DAVID E. & DOLORES A.	SECTION: 29 TOWNSHIP: 22 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023	65.32					
	TURKEY MOUNTAIN ESTATES EAST: LOT 363		2024	58.47					
			2025	51.63					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	279.42					
53.	03-0004387-0000	21-9.0-29-000-000-0477.000							
	RADCLIFFE, MALCOLM O. JR. & ROBERT J.	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00 RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023	89.97					
	TURKEY MOUNTAIN ESTATES EAST: LOTS 461 & 462		2024	80.03					
			2025	70.13					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	344.13					
54.	03-0004454-0000	21-9.0-29-000-000-0246.000							
	SELLS, DON L. & EDNA B.	SECTION: 29 TOWNSHIP: 22 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023	119.22					
	TURKEY MOUNTAIN ESTATES EAST 2ND: LOTS 130 & 131		2024	105.64					
			2025	92.12					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	420.98					
55.	03-0004601-0000	21-4.0-20-003-007-0004.000							
	HOLT, SILAS	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00 RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023	63.81					
	TURKEY MTN. W. LT. 95		2024	57.13					
			2025	50.50					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	275.44					

56.	03-0004696-0000	21-4.0-20-003-010-0011.000							
	VANOSDOL, THE TRUST	SECTION: 00 TOWNSHIP: 00 RANGE: 00 ACRES: 0.00	2023	65.32					
	TURKEY MTN. W. LT. 204		2024	58.47					
			2025	51.63					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	279.42					
57.	03-0004713-0000	21-4.0-20-003-009-0007.000							
	ZARYCKI, ALAN T. & SUZANNE C.	SECTION: 20 TOWNSHIP: 22 RANGE: 25 ACRES: 0.00	2023	3,478.19					
	TURKEY MTN. WEST: LOTS 223 INC. 227		2024	3,325.19					
			2025	3,083.01					
			PUB. FEE	50.00					
			REC. FEE	54.00					
			TOTAL	9,990.39					
58.	03-0004798-0000	21-7.0-36-000-000-0015.000							
	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 2026
SKYLER BOWMAN
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE
BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5B
OF SAID LOT 7 A DISTANCE
OF 104 FEET; THENCE
LEAVING SAID LOT LINE
NORTH 52 FEE; THENCE
IN A NORTHWESTERLY
DIRECTION 54.5 MORE OR
LESS TO THE POINT OF
BEGINNING.

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

CSM Foreclosure Trustee
Corp.

Successor Trustee
(800) 652-4080

4x
07/29/2026,
08/05/2026,
08/12/2026,
08/19/2026

CSM File 26-26-01206

NOTE: This office is a debt
collector.

1st insertion 7/29/26
29-32

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE

A default has accrued
on a certain note secured
by a deed of trust
executed by, GEORGIA
L. CHRISTENSEN dated
6/29/2010 and recorded on
7/6/2010 in BOOK 10 PAGE
3216, in the Recorder's office
for Barry County, Missouri.
The successor trustee will on
September 8, 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:
LOT SEVENTEEN (17)
IN BLOCK EIGHT (8) IN
ORIGINAL TOWN OF
MONETT, BARRY COUNTY,
MISSOURI, SALZER'S
SUBDIVISION.

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

CSM Foreclosure Trustee
Corp.

Successor Trustee
(800) 652-4080

4x
08/12/2026,
08/19/2026,
08/26/2026,
09/02/2026

CSM File 26-26-01124

NOTE: This office is a debt
collector.

1st insertion 08/12/26
31-34

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE

A default has accrued on
a certain note secured by a
deed of trust executed by,
ROBERT R. SKINNER
dated 1/12/2022 and
recorded on 1/19/2022 in
INSTRUMENT NUMBER
202200000965,
in the Recorder's office
for Stone County, Missouri.
The successor trustee will on
September 4, 2026 between
the hours of 9:00 am and
5:00 pm, more particularly at
12:00 PM, at the North Front
Door of the Stone County
Courthouse, 108 E. 4th
Street, Galena, Missouri sell
at public venue to the highest
bidder for cash (certified
funds only), the following real
estate:

ALL OF LOT FIFTY-
FIVE (55), SWISS VILLA,
ACCORDING TO THE
RECORDED PLAT
THEREOF, IN PLAT
BOOK 6 PAGE 3, STONE

COUNTY RECORDER'S
OFFICE, STONE 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
08/12/2026,
08/19/2026,

08/26/2026,
09/02/2026

CSM File 26-26-00971

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collector.

1st insertion 08/12/26
31-34



The Exeter trap team this season included: Lily Stevenson, Jacob Stevenson, Destiny Reed, Jeremiah Reed, Briar Lewis, Weston Eakin, Cooper Caddell, Jaxon Crumpler and Tristan Voyles. Kyle Troutman/kttroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Exeter Trap Coach Lee Tripp, right, poses for a photo with Tristan Voyles, who finished in first at state. Kyle Troutman/kttroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Exeter Trap takes First in Division 1

Voyles named top shooter in state, attends nationals

The Exeter High School Trap Team recently completed the 2026 Spring Season and attended the Missouri State High School Clay Target League state shoot in Linn Creek.

Spring season team members were: Lily Stevenson, Jacob Stevenson, Destiny Reed, Jeremiah Reed, Briar Lewis, Weston Eakin, Cooper Caddell, Jaxon Crumpler and Tristan Voyles.

The season ends with a state event in June and all the teams are eligible to attend and compete at that level. The Spring season awards are also given



Exeter Trap Coach Lee Tripp, left, poses for a photo with Jeremiah Reed, who finished in third at state. Kyle Troutman/kttroutman@cassville-democrat.com

This year, Exeter was in Division 1 and competed against 10 schools in the state. Several shooters performed very well and brought home several medals and trophies. In the

male division, Voyles was awarded First Place and Jeremiah Reed was awarded 3rd Place.

In the female division, Lily Stevenson was awarded First Place.

At the State event in

June, Voyles received a medal and trophy for top male shooter in the entire state for the season. Tristan also attended the Nationals event and performed quite well. Although he did not receive a medal, he shot very well against competitors that were hitting perfect scores repeatedly.

"We're very proud of the team and their great performances resulted in the team receiving First Place team in Division 1," said Coach Lee Tripp. "We are a small school and we don't have an unlimited budget, so the kids do fundraisers to offset our expenses, and we also have a number of sponsors including The NRA, L & L Convenience Store, Barry County Co-op, and others."

Team staff include: Lee Tripp, coach; Donnie Gautney, coach; Mary

Fellows, scorekeeper; and a number of the parents help, including Ty and Amanda Voyles, Amy and Jessie Stevenson, Jerry Reed and others.

"We are already gearing

up for the fall season which will begin in September," Tripp aid. "We hope to add more team members so if you're interested talk to us to see if you are eligible to shoot."

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