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PURDY CITY COUNCIL

What: Met on Sept. 9

Reviewed: Roof repairs as a result of hailstorm; plan to map city's sewer main locations

More: Pig escaped enclosure in city on Aug. 28

Purdy reviews facility needs

Equipment from sewer to phones and roofs assessed

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat

The Purdy City Council concentrated on infrastructure issues during its Sept. 9 meeting.

Following up on the April 28 hailstorm, Public Works Foreman Kevin Cook reported assessing roofs on all the city buildings. The new one on city hall had not been finished at the time. The city received around \$120,000 from insurance for the damage, city Clerk Sasha Gomez said.

Cook figured roofs on the two wellhouses, the old city hall, and the park pavilion could be repaired for around \$60,000.

Mayor Brian Bowers asked to have quotes from roof repair firms to review at the Oct. 14 monthly meeting.

Council members approved hiring Diamond Maps to upgrade the city's sewer main locations. Cook reported a main line from the wastewater lagoon carrying effluent to Monett for treatment had not been recorded in the maps he accesses from his phone. The last mapping had been done before the connection with Monett was made. Cost was estimated around \$600.

With the mapping, Cook reported the Missouri Rural Water Association could locate manholes that had since been covered over.

Cook noted the lagoon has operated with one aerator, but the backup had failed. He planned to get quotes for repairs. With water levels presently low, discharges to Monett had caught up, enabling Cook to access deep valves that have needed maintenance.

Other recent work included replacing and painting a garage door on well No. 1. Water efficiency for the month was holding steady at 72%.

Gomez presented council members with the option of renewing the police car loan through First State Bank of the Ozarks for another year at 5.5% or paying off the debt of \$6,472. Council members opted to renew the loan then close the debt three months into the following fiscal year.

Gomez reported the city has been paying \$800 a month for phone service at city hall and the public works barn, plus internet, through Mediacom. With the current contract expiring, Gomez felt that was excessive and presented quotes from other vendors.

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CAN YOU SEE THE SIGNS?



Jeremy Wilson, with Tulsa-based Crown Neon Signs, installs the new signage at Stumpff's Barbershop, meant to mimic historic neon signage on the Cassville square. Funding for the project was provided by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Cassville Downtown Restoration Fund. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Stumpff's Barbershop, Sater Pharmacy receive facelifts, new signage

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Facade renovations on two downtown Cassville buildings are nearing completion.

Facelifts to Stumpff's Barbershop and Sater Pharmacy, including new signage,

were funded through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Cassville Downtown Restoration Fund.

Rachael Freeman, who works with the Fund, said the projects are taking a little longer than expected because

both buildings were tackled at the same time.

The Fund's next project is expected to be the building occupied by The Law Offices of J. Michael Riehn, with work potentially beginning next month. Freeman said

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LIBERTY UTILITIES

What: Has submitted large-load plan to Missouri Public Service Commission

Company: Provides electricity to residents in northern Barry County, including Purdy and Monett

More: MCE said data center developers can work around the PSC's large-load descriptions by building multiple faller facilities

Liberty Utilities submits large-load plan

MCE: Developers can work around the PSC's large-load descriptions

BY SHEILA HARRIS

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The Empire District Electric Company, doing business as Liberty Utilities and headquartered in Joplin, is requesting approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for a large load customer rate plan and associated tariffs, the PSC announced in a Sept. 17 press release.

Locally, Liberty Utilities provides electricity to residents in northern Barry County, including Purdy and Monett.

According to the PSC, Senate Bill 4 (passed by the Missouri General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Kehoe in 2025) requires the PSC to adopt special rate structures (tariffs) for large load customers. Those customers include data center developers, the PSC said. The required tariff proposals are designed to ensure that large load customers pay their share of the costs associated with serving them, while preventing smaller customers from facing "unjust or unreasonable costs arising from service to large load customers," the PSC states.

According to SB 4, a large load customer is a business "reasonably projected to have above an annual peak demand of one hundred megawatts or more," in a market where electricity is served to over 250,000 customers.

In an area where 250,000 or fewer customers are served, a large load customer is defined as one projected to have an annual peak demand of "50 megawatts or more."

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Cassville Democrat reels in 21 statewide awards

Harris takes 1st for best serious columnist; Troutman gets trio of 1sts

DOWNTOWN RESTORATION FUND

What: Two buildings nearing completion

Where: Stumpff's Barbershop and Sater Pharmacy

Work: Facade renovations on brick, windows, signage

ing "Major Water Users" and treatment of minorities in the U.S.

The judge of the category said of Harris' articles, "The author has done an excellent job tackling complex social and political issues in a way that only local newspapers feel. These columns read like a paraphrased version of what's talked about at the local coffee shop, and the newspaper makes it possible for the entire community to get in on the conversation."

As a staff, the Cassville Democrat's Through the Years magazine took top honors in the

Best Special Section, Magazine or Alternative Publication category.

The judge said of Through the Years, "WOW. Well done with exceptional graphics."

Kyle Troutman garnered first-place honors in the Best Editorial and Opinion Pages category.

"The judging criteria says the opinion sections are to be placed considering 'Power of original editorial matter; layout and design of pages; quality and diversity of content; informational value; and community involvement,' the judge said. "These pages hit on all accounts. What a remarkable opinion page for the size of the paper. From so many 'guest views' to the more newsy 'publisher views' — and letters yet! — this op-ed page gives reader their money's worth, and then some. Very nice."

Troutman also took first place in the Best Breaking News Story

category for coverage of the Barry County Swiftwater Rescue team's efforts in April to save four adults, one juvenile and one dog in two incidents.

"Great coverage of this flooding event — detailed story and impacting photos," the judge said.

Lastly, Troutman received a first-place award for a Trout Tales editorial cartoon in January, satirizing a local individual's photo of their hot tub following a snowstorm.

The judge described the entry as, "Different style, most original."

The Democrat received six second-place awards, including: Jordan Troutman, Best

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LOCAL

NEWS BRIEFS

Fun Run to support children with cancer

Barrett’s Fun Run for Friends will be held on Saturday at the Cassville Greenway, with registration at 8 a.m. and the race beginning at 9 a.m. and a raffle drawing following the run. All proceeds benefit Friends of Kids with Cancer. Registration cost is \$30, and a T-shirt is an additional \$10. People may register at <https://tinyurl.com/5ykb-5d7r>. For more information, people may contact Alex Sparkman at 417-669-9714.

Southwest NHS Hosts Pumpkin Carving

The Southwest High School National Honor Society is hosting its annual pumpkin decorating/carving contest for Pre- K through 8th grade students. Pumpkins entered into the contest must be labeled with the student’s name and grade level. Two winners will be picked from each grade, and all participants will get a small goody bag of candy. The elementary categories are: animals, sports, Pokemon, food, Disney, and holidays. The middle school categories are: scary, sports, teachers, USA, care/logos and Founding Fathers. Pumpkins must be turned in from Monday, Oct. 26 to Thursday, Oct. 29 (no pumpkins will be judged on Friday, Oct. 30, which is trunk-or-treat day). If you have any questions or concerns, contact either NHS President Olivia Hnem (ohnem@swr5.net) or Adviser Steve Voyak (svoyak@swr5.net) or call the high school at 417-826-5413.

Wheaton Road District to meet

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

Southwest High School to purge records

Southwest High School has submitted a notice of intent to destroy school records of the Class of 2019. anyone who would like to have their school file should come by the high school office from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick it up. All records will be destroyed on Oct. 30th.

Pancake breakfast on Saturday

First Christian Church in Cassville, located at 905 Old Exeter Road, will host a pancake breakfast on Oct. 3 from 9-11 a.m. All are invited.

2 softball tournaments benefit locals in need

Two softball tournaments will be held in Wheaton on October, with proceeds benefiting local individuals in need. The first benefit is a co-ed softball tournament on Oct. 17 at the Wheaton ball fields. Teams are for ages 15-and-up, with at least six males and four females, and the entry fee is \$275 per team. Proceeds benefit a 7-year-old Wheaton girl with Ewing Sarcoma cancer receiving treatments in Memphis, Tenn. The second tournament will be held the following weekend, on Oct. 24, also at the Wheaton ballfields and with the same age requirement, team requirement and team cost. That tournament will benefit Pastor Bob Howard, of the Wheaton United Methodist Church, who was diagnosed with glioblastoma in July, recently underwent surgery and is waiting for treatment options. The team cost to play in both tournaments is \$500. For more information or to sign up, people may call Clint Danforth at 417-693-3145, or Lacey Wassman at 417-236-6914.

Barry County Museum changes hours

Effective immediately, the hours at the Barry County Museum have changed. The Museum is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Absentee voting ongoing for Nov. 3 General Election

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 General Election is Oct. 7. People may register to vote at the County Clerk’s Office or the Monett Chamber of Commerce. Please notify the Clerk’s Office if there has been an address or name change for a currently registered voter. Photo ID is required to vote in the November General Election. Absentee voting is ongoing at the Barry County Clerk’s Office in Cassville, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two-week in-person, no excuse absentee voting begins Oct. 20. If unable to vote in person, a voter may send a written request to the office of: Joyce Ennis, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to: 417-847-5311. The office will need: name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four digits of Social Security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee, and signature. Those who live in the Monett area can go by the Monett Chamber Office and fill out the absentee application. Chamber staff will fax it to the Clerk’s Office. Absentee applications are also available at sos.mo.gov. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Oct. 21. For more information, people may call the Barry County Clerk’s Office at 417-847-2561 or email jennis@barrycountyclerk.com or ajohnson@barrycountyclerk.com.

Old Church Gallery Farmers Market open

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

Barry County Community Garden meetings set

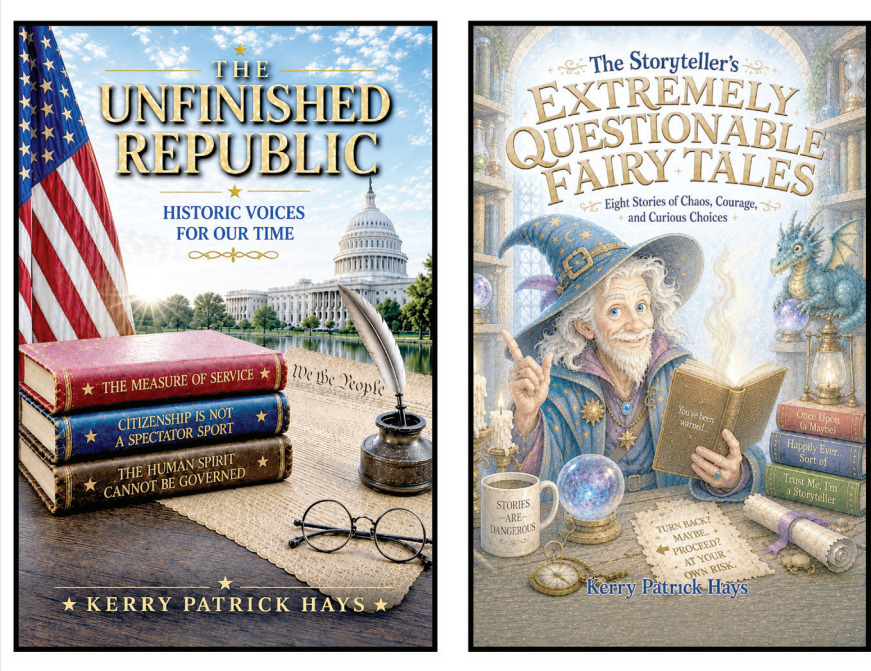
The Barry County Community Garden has scheduled its monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month, at Harvick Farms, located at 16062 Hwy. 76 in Cassville. The work in the garden days are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garden, located at on 10160 Farm Road 2160. Tentative working days depend on the weather and will be updated on the organization’s Facebook page, “Barry County Community Garden,” and people may contact the page for more information. Produce from the garden goes to the Cassville Pantry. New members and/or volunteers may come and reserve a plot.

Lessons offered before Seligman’s Saturday dances

The Seligman Chamber of Commerce country dances at the Seligman Chamber Event Center are every Saturday from 7-10 p.m. No alcohol is allowed. Admission is \$10 per person, and 18-and-under are free. There is a potluck, 50-50 drawing and door prizes. Free dance lessons will also be given from 5-6 p.m. For more information, people may call 479-903-3640.

OATS rides available in Barry County

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. People may call the local OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in the Barry County area. People may also visit the OATS website at oatstransit.org to view local schedules under “Bus Schedules,” then click on the county of service. OATS Transit is hiring drivers statewide to continue serving riders. Openings are listed on the OATS website.



Local author Kerry Hays, of Monett, has released two very different books: one revisits the unfinished promises of American history, while the other follows eight young adventurers through modern fairy tales. Contributed photo

Local author releases two books — one historical, one extremely questionable

Hays reunites with Horner for the next Bouvier novel

Local author Kerry Hays, of Monett, has released two very different books: one revisits the unfinished promises of American history, while the other follows eight young adventurers through modern fairy tales filled with absurd problems, questionable decisions and talking creatures with strong opinions of their own. “The Unfinished Republic: Historic Voices for Our Time” presents 50 chapters inspired by Americans whose words and actions shaped the nation. Drawing on speeches, letters, testimony and public service, Hays combines historical interpretation with creative reimagining to ask what citizenship, equality, conscience and service require of Americans today.

Extremely Questionable Fairy Tales: Eight Stories of Chaos, Courage and Curious Choices” takes a lighter path. Its characters encounter hidden worlds, runaway rumors, troublesome labels, mechanical mistakes and choices that rarely go according to plan. The eight central characters share their first names with Hays’ eight grandchildren. “I wrote these books for different audiences and for very different reasons,” Hays said. “One asks us to walk beside history, listen to the voices of the past and add our own voice to an unfinished experiment. The other uses fairy tales with modern themes to help children discover that courage can begin with curious choices, even when confusion obscures the way forward.” The releases extend a writing career that may seem familiar to local residents. Hays collaborated with Jon Horner on “The Bouvier Blunder,” the fourth novel set in the fictional southwest

Missouri town of Bouvier. Horner, a novelist, community leader and bank president, has served as mayor of Cassville since 2025. Hays and Horner are now writing the fifth book in the series, “The Bouvier Bloodlines.” The novel returns to Bouvier with intertwined questions of family history, identity and public life, along with the series’ customary assortment of secrets, complications and overall insanity. Hays moved to the area in 2009 to work at Roaring River State Park and later served as its superintendent. He also worked as a stringer and photojournalist for the Cassville Democrat and Connection Magazine. After teaching music, social studies and speech, he now substitutes for the Monett School District and publishes Walking Beside History on Substack. Both new books are available on Amazon in Kindle, paperback and hardcover editions.

Cassville man drowns at Table Rock Lake

Jet ski capsizes southeast of Eagle Rock

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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A Cassville man drowned on Saturday at 5:17 p.m. near Table Rock Lake at

Eagle Rock Marina, one mile southeast of Eagle Rock. According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 58-year-old male, of Cassville, was driving a 1991 Yamaha watercraft southbound when he made a sharp right turn and lost balance on the vessel, causing it to capsize. The man went

under the water and did not resurface, the report states. The man was recovered and identified on Sunday. He was not wearing a safety device, and the watercraft sustained minor damage. Next of kin has been notified. This is the 4th boating fatality of 2026 for Troop D of the Patrol

Wheaton Class of ‘76 celebrates 50th



Wheaton’s Class of 1976 had their class reunion on Sept. 5. Those in attendance included, front row, from left: Lindy Lombard, Jack Schlessman, Sue Francisco-Bailey, Carla Cooper-Towers, and Bob Baker. Back row: Ronnie Coleman, Bill Jandt, Dennis Renkoski, Pete Renkoski, George Abramovitz, and David Cauthron. Contributed photo

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LOCAL

1961 Purdy grads gather for 65th reunion



The Purdy High School class of 1961 recently met for their 65th reunion. Graduates present included, front row, from left: Wanda (Thomas) Roller, Linda Schad, Eloise (Saloga) Haddock, Kathy (Smith) Abramovitz, John Henderson, Lynette Dilbeck, Ellen (Conley) Morlan and Barbara (Lowery) Thomas. Back row: Ronnie Rose (Teacher), Jim Moore, Debbie Moore, Darrel Pennel, Eugene Dilbeck and Dale Morlan. Contributed photo

Liberty: Rate increase has been approved

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When considering large load tariffs, the PSC uses previously adopted provisions which they say are designed to protect residential and small-business customers from costs related to data centers. They include, for large load customers, minimum service contracts of 12 years, with an additional 5-year option; financial security and collateral requirements; exit and early termination fees; a minimum monthly bill at a projected, agreed upon rate; cost stabilization recovery to ensure that the electric utility can recover all costs associated with serving large load customers and that customers are paying their full cost of service; and optional renewable and carbon-free programs at the large-load customer's expense.

The Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE), a non-profit advocate for Missouri's environment since 1969, weighed in on Senate Bill 4 after its passage last year (<https://tinyurl.com/bddmpnba>).

"Despite the large load section of the law, SB4 does not guarantee that data center costs will not be pushed onto residential consumers," the MCE states.

Too many loopholes exist in the bill, they say.

According to the MCE, data center electricity usage

can range from a few megawatts to hundreds. Data center developers can work around the PSC's large-load descriptions by building multiple faller facilities and thus not be subject to the large-load tariff requirements, the MCE said.

Another section of Senate Bill 4 allows utilities to charge in advance for construction works in progress (CWIPs).

"The accounting mechanisms...make it easier for utilities to finance projects that will attract data centers and incentivizes them to raise residential rates in order to pay for new generation infrastructure," the MCE said.

Although the CWIP rule does not apply to electricity projects, Liberty received approval from the PSC in July for a rate increase which began the first week in August. According to the PSC, increase was approved because Liberty met "customer service and billing metrics with over 99% compliance."

However, approval for the increase came one month after Liberty announced a \$750 million project to upgrade the capacity of 90 miles of their transmission lines from 161 kV to 345 kV, from Branson to Joplin, as part of a larger project that includes parts of

southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma and southwest Missouri.

Liberty's rate increase is scheduled to be implemented in intervals over a three-year period. Their transmission-line upgrades are projected to be completed in 2030.

According to its website, Liberty Utilities serves "electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater treatment utility systems and electricity generation, transmission and distribution utility services to over 1.2 million customer connections, mostly in the United States."

The Missouri Public Service Commission regulates investor-owned public utilities in Missouri, including electric providers Ameren Missouri, Evergy and the Empire District Electric Company (doing business as Liberty Utilities). Large load tariff plans for Ameren and Evergy have already been approved by the commission.

Liberty is requesting that the PSC issues an order approving its application by January 31, 2027.

The PSC has set a deadline of October 12, 2026, to intervene and participate in Liberty's large load customer rate plan and associated tariffs.

Applications to intervene and participate in this

case must be filed with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) at www.psc.mo.gov.

Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230, telephone 1-866-922-2959, email opcservice@opc.mo.gov) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov). The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency that represents the general public in matters before the Commission.

Written comments may also be submitted by using the Commission's online comment form at <https://tinyurl.com/4pv39f6e>. When submitting comments, please refer to Case No. ET-2026-0184.

To read the press release, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2dw24wxh>.

For more information about large load utility tariffs in Missouri, visit <https://tinyurl.com/227ys5am>.

Barry County Health Corner



Show Me Healthy Women offers free screenings

Show Me Healthy Women (SMHW) offers free breast and cervical cancer screenings for Missouri women who meet age, income and insurance guidelines.

SMHW began in 1992, and is Missouri's implementation of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP). SMHW is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and several national, regional and local partner organizations. There are provider locations throughout the state, including local public health agencies, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, private physician offices and not for profit health centers.

Screening Services Provided: Clinical breast exams (CBE), Screening mammograms for women age 50-64, Screening mammograms for women 40-49 using donated funds (if available), Pap tests, and Pelvic exams.

Diagnostic Services Provided: Specialist consultation (breast and cervical), Diagnostic mammograms, Ultrasound, Fine needle aspiration, Cold knife conization (diagnostic purposes), Breast biopsies, Loop electrode biopsy (LEEP), and Colposcopy (with or without biopsy).

Cervical Cancer Screenings for Women who have had a Hysterectomy: Due to cervical cancer or dysplasia are eligible for CBE, pelvic examination and Pap test, or due to any reason other than cervical cancer or dysplasia are eligible for one Pap test and pelvic examination to determine the absence or presence of the cervix, or due to conditions other than cervical cancer or dysplasia and the cervix is absent are eligible for a CBE.

Age Guidelines: Women Age 21-64 are eligible for cervical cancer screening services, clinical breast exam (CBE) and diagnostic follow-up for abnormal results. Women Age 40-64 are eligible for breast and cervical cancer screening services, clinical breast exam (CBE) and diagnostic follow-up for abnormal results. Women Over Age 64 who do not have Medicare Part B may also receive services through the program.

Income Guidelines: Clients must have a household income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines. Adjusted gross income on tax return or net amount on pay stub determines income eligibility.

Women with MO HealthNet, Medicare Part B or HMO health coverage are not eligible for SMHW.

Anyone with questions or wanting to schedule an appointment may call the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114. The Department is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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PUBLISHER’S VIEW



KYLE TROUTMAN

Can’t win ‘em all

One of my favorite parts of the newspaper each week is at the tippy top of page 1A — the Gold Cup and number of years surrounding our claim to be Missouri’s Best Small-Town Weekly Newspaper.

I’m the competitive type, sometimes too much so, but the amount of pride I take in that half-inch of text is immeasurable.

On Saturday, I attended the annual Missouri Press Association’s Better Newspaper Contest Awards brunch in Columbia, where I was elated our small outfit had again exceeded many expectations by winning 21 total awards.

Our versatility showed, as we took honors in a wide variety of categories, from news and sports coverage to design, photography, digital content and more.

Of our five first place awards, I am most proud of the one going to our sales rep and reporter, Sheila Harris, who took top honors in Best Serious Columnist. Sheila has been stretching her editorial legs in the last couple years, and the recognition is extremely well-deserved.

Often, she wades through trepidation to find the courage to say things she believes with great conviction, knowing full well many in our coverage area will not agree. When it comes to column writing, the ability to challenge the status quo in a productive way and stir conversation — which she does — is paramount to the craft.

My amazing wife, Jordan Troutman, also broke through the opinion writing scene, taking second place in the same category. In her entries (the contest requires two from consecutive months and one of choice), it’s clear how big of a heart she has, and that just so happens to be one of her qualities I love the most. Another key to column writing is allowing for some of that vulnerability, helping the reader to know you as well as understand your point.

I’ve won numerous columnist awards over the years, and though I didn’t even place this go around, I am beyond proud of Sheila and Jordan for their recognitions. I always say their columns are great — now I have a bona fide leg to stand on!

We did take first place for Best Editorial and Opinion Pages, with the judge noting the variety of our staff columns and guest columns. Opinion writing is not as prolific in the journalism industry as it once was, and I have built our pages to offer a mix of views and community participation over the years, so taking first in that category is especially meaningful to me.

I also got first place for one of the Trout Tales cartoons last year, a weekly feature of mine that has gone by the wayside in recent months due to time constraints and how hard it is to actually have something funny to say every week. That award might be the kick in the pants I need to get Trout Brown back on assignment again.

As a staff, we took second place in Community Service for our Barry County Bake Off event last year. That was an adventure to put together and make happen, so that’s yet another recognition we can hang our hats on.

Our other awards each have their own stories, but there’s not enough space, nor a need, to detail each of them. Again, the variety in categories I think speaks most to our versatility as a newspaper in today’s day and age.

As proud as I am of the 21 awards, my competitive nature keeps bringing my head back to the Gold Cup. You’d think eight cups in a dozen years would be enough.

Not for me. I always want to compete against the best — and I want to win.

The Maryville Forum won the top honor this year, beating us out by the equivalent of one award in any placement. I’ve been on the winning side of the yearly competition between our papers for the last couple years, and as they say, you can’t win ‘em all.

The takeaway from this year, though, is bigger than any win. It’s pride in our accomplishments and our abilities, respect for whom we are doing our jobs, and motivation to do it even better.

Congratulations again to Sheila and Jordan. I already can’t wait to see what we can all accomplish next year..

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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



COMMUNITY VOICES

The outlaw Alva Taylor

On Oct. 12, 1916, outlaw Alva Taylor was shot to death by Creek County Sheriff Lew Wilder while attempting to escape the jail at Sapulpa, Okla.

Sheriff Wilder was seriously wounded during the incident but miraculously survived. Taylor was serving a sentence along with his accomplice Herbert Farmer for the robbery of a drug store three months previous, the last in a long string of robberies across the county, with an origin story rooted in Barry County.

Alva Taylor was born in Barry County in April 1894 to Will Taylor and Goldie Coles Smith, most likely around the Mineral Springs area. In 1895, Alva’s father was found insane by the county court and ordered sent to the asylum at Nevada, Mo., accompanied there by his brother J. Riley Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Babb. According to newspaper accounts, one reason of his condition was due to “excitement over religion” with his nights “frequently made miserable by visions of hell which causes him to lose sleep.”

Another reason was due to a head injury from a falling limb. Will Taylor died a few weeks after arriving at the Nevada asylum, with his body being returned to Barry County for burial.

So, in the nature versus nurture debate, one can assume that Alva was dealt a crummy hand by life before he could even walk.

Later, in the spring of 1895 an item in the newspaper states that “some miscreant who is meaner than the Devil stole the meat of Mrs. Golden Taylor of Mineral Springs. It will be remembered that last winter Mrs. Taylor’s husband became insane and died in the asylum, leaving her with four small children to the cold charities of the



JEREMIAH BUNTIN

world.”

In 1908, when he was 14, Alva was arrested for stealing at the Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion that used to be held annually at Cassville starting about 1880. While serving his sentence in jail, he and cellmate Harrison Ware found time to steal hats from the L.G. Brown and Sons clothing store next to the jail.

This was a temporary jail located across from the old jail on 8th Street, half a block from the square, that was being constructed at that time. Previously, the jail on the third story of the old courthouse had been condemned as unfit.

Apparently, due his good behavior, Alva and Ware were allowed to use an area known as “the run-about,” and then proceeded to rob the store next door. The theft wasn’t discovered until the boys had been released and made their way to Joplin, where they were once again arrested and returned to Cassville by Sheriff O’Dwyer.

It does take some gumption to rob a store while already in jail.

In March of 1914, we find Alva Taylor being held in Texarkana under the alias Wells, with his home listed as Joplin, for the assault of Frisco detectives at Tulsa. According to a news article,

Alva “has escaped more jails in Oklahoma than any other prisoner so far known.”

By October of 1914, having once again escaped jail in Tulsa, Alva Taylor was arrested in Portland, Oregon on suspicion of robbing a Seattle Hotel while going by the name A.B. Allen.

In December of 1914, Alva and another man named Frank Wheeler held up 80 men in a pool hall at Muskogee, Okla. They were arrested the next month at Fort Worth, Texas, and sent back to Oklahoma.

On June 7, 1916, Alva Taylor and Herb Palmer were arrested for robbing the Pioneer Drug Store in Sapulpa, Okla., severely beating a nightwatchman in the process. A jury found them guilty and they were sentenced to 10 years at the Oklahoma state penitentiary.

However, Alva had other plans, as he made his final attempt to escape the law on that October day in 1916. Even though Sheriff Lew Wilder was shot 4 times, he lived until 1942 when a car crash took his life.

Alva’s body was shipped back to Joplin, accompanied by his mother, now Mrs. Henderson, having remarried, and buried at Mount Hope Cemetery at Webb City.

Knowing whether it was life’s hard knocks or something innately born into Alva’s character that drove him to lawlessness can only be left to speculation.

But, this same rough land that created the outlaw also created the good men who stopped him, and we can only pray that justice will always continue to outlive the outlaw.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

The strength to move forward



JON HORNER

Communities gathered to mourn, to pray, to serve and simply to be present for people who were hurting.

The tragedy reminded us that resilience does not mean forgetting.

Resilience means remembering — and continuing.

Moving forward after September 11 did not mean returning to the world exactly as it had been before. The nation changed. Our sense of security changed. Every time take an airplane flight and make the pilgrimage through the TSA lines, I am reminded of 9/11.

Moving forward from 9/11 meant learning how to carry the loss while continuing to live.

That may be one of the most important lessons September 11 left us.

Life will inevitably bring moments that knock us off balance. My dear pastor, Jeff Fugitt, aptly is doing a sermon series, Making Lemons out of Lemonade. His series is so fitting of our 25th anniversary remembrance of 9/11. Sometimes the loss we experience is of a national

nature and historic. Other times it is deeply personal and known only to a few. We cannot always choose what happens to us, but we can choose what we do afterward.

As Jeff reminded us last Sunday:

We can rebuild.

We can reach out.

We can refuse to let tragedy have the final word.

This year was a classic example of this. For me, I started the day at a community event in Monett, in which we started with a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11. It was a wonderful event showcasing our love of community.

That evening I attended the Wildcats-Seneca football game, which also featured a moment of silence for remembrance of that historic day. What followed were two and a half hours of excitement as two communities cheered on their respective teams in one of the most exciting games I have ever witnessed.

In summary, the night featured remembrance, challenge, setbacks, excitement and joy. Things that didn’t seem possible of ever happening again on the evening of September 11, 2001.

The years since 9/11 have brought wars, political divisions, economic uncertainty, a pandemic and countless personal hardships. Yet, through all of it, people have con-

tinued to marry, raise children, build businesses, serve their communities, create art, teach, volunteer and dream about tomorrow.

That is resilience.

On each anniversary of September 11, we should certainly remember those who died. We should remember the firefighters, police officers, emergency workers and ordinary citizens who demonstrated extraordinary courage. We should remember the families who were left behind and the countless people whose lives were permanently altered.

But perhaps we should also remember something else: We are capable of getting back up.

Not unchanged. Not without scars. Not without moments of sadness or fear.

But together, we can move forward.

The story of September 11 is a story of profound loss. Yet it is also a story about our ability to respond to darkness with courage, compassion and hope.

We honor those we lost.

We remember.

And then, together, we take the next step forward.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I love that it’s trying to preserve history as much as possible, while still making things more modern and welcoming to downtown, bringing that life and momentum to that area.”

— RACHAEL FREEMAN, WITH THE CASSVILLE DOWNTOWN RESTORATION FUND, ON ITS EFFORTS TO RENOVATE BUILDING FACADES ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

50 years ago

Oct. 6, 1976
— **WILDCATS SMASHED LAMAR 30-0**
With an abundance of scoring opportunities sent their way, the Cassville Wildcats scored twice on defensive efforts and three times on offense to swamp the Lamar Tigers 30-0 in a home contest Friday night. Cassville actually put the game on ice with a first quarter touchdown, then added four in the final quarter. Coach Gary Flood, sprinkled his team with reserves during the most part of the final periods. The Wildcats went on the scoreboard first when the defensive unit was on the field. Mike Carr, junior tackle, stripped a Tiger ball carrier with Doug Fare, junior back, taking off on a 45 yard touchdown jaunt. The PAT was no good. Closing minutes of the first quarter and all the second period were scoreless. Highlights of play included outstanding defensive efforts for the Wildcats. During the time, Charles Mizer intercepted one of two passes for the evening and covered a fumble. Mizer was also involved in good end play. Defensive backs stopping Lamar runs and pass attempts highlighted during the period were John Cowherd and Randy Casteel. Lamar was also put in the hold during the second quarter with a Steve Vaughan quick-kick that rolled dead on the visitor's 20 yard line. Twice during the first half, Wildcat scoring drives came to an end as a result of fumbles and pitches that went astray. Cowherd's interception of a Lamar aerial sent the teams in at halftime. Lamar started second half action with a kick return to the 50 yard line. In their first running play, Cowherd and Mizer put a big hit on Travis Jones, the Lamar workhorse and sent him to the bench. On the next time Lamar got their hands on the ball, Audy Holman, Lonnie Carlson and Raymond Sanders were leading tacklers. Steve Fare and Mizer again added their names to the tackle lists, the latter credited with a fumble recovery. Coach Flood's Wildcats started the fourth quarter in possession at their own 38 yard line after the Holman brothers, Carlson, Carr and Clyde McCaslin had starred on defense. On a third and 10 situation, Cowherd hit Vaughan with a 22 yard pass play. Interference on the part of Lamar moved the ball to the Tiger 27. Cliff Haver, operating out of the shotgun formation, next caught Greg Simpkins near the endzone and rifled a pass in that direction. Simpkins, sandwiched between two defenders, made an outstanding reception, with a knee touching at the three yard line. From this point, Casteel took only one attempt to blast his way into the endzone. Again the conversion failed. Mizer, playing his best game of the season, put a good tackle on Lamar ball carrier on the visitor's next possession, following efforts by Carr, McCaslin and Doug Fare stopped the Tigers cold and force a punt. Wildcat possession on the next series was their own 45 yard line. Haver missed a pass to Steve Fare. On the next play, again out of the shotgun, he found Vaughan clear in the middle, and threw a perfect strike. Vaughan cut to the sideline, broke clear and traveled a total of 45 yards for the touchdown. Again



40 YEARS AGO: NEW IN THE POULTRY BUSINESS — Getting into the poultry business these days means that on arrival date of your chicks there will be thousands of those little peepers deposited in your houses for their weeks of growing. Such was the case at the Charles Marrs place Friday. Carolyn and Linda Marrs are pictured here in one of four houses that welcomed over 80,000 of the chicks last week as the family becomes another in the growing list of those getting into the poultry business. The Marrs family, residing in the Corinth community, are growing for George's of Springdale, Arkansas. Only three hours old, the chicks found their first home in this world at the Marrs complex of four brand new houses. They are the charter flock for the growers. Democrat file photo

the conversion failed. Touchdown number four came with 7:40 remaining in the final quarter as Holman recovered a fumble at the Lamar 44. Vaughan took a Cowherd handoff, ripped off 30 yards for a first down at the Tiger 14. Casteel picked up eight, before Doug Fare hit the center for another six and touchdown. The extra point failed. Lamar's next to last possession spelled another score for the Wildcats. Starting from their 19 yard line, the Tigers were racked by tackles from Fare, Vaughan and Elmer Conwell. On the third play from scrimmage, a fumble rolling loose at the 19 was grabbed by Vaughan and he started an 81 yard scamper to paydirt. For the fifth time of the contest, the extra point was wide. Cassville had produced the largest number of points on their side of the scoreboard for the year in the 30-0 victory. The win moved Cassville up to fourth place in the AA-division of the Big 13 with a 1-1 record. For the season the Wildcats stand at 2-3. Wildcat offenses ground out 14 first downs in the contest, with 125 yard net passing and 88 on the ground. Penalties were limited to six for a total of 50 yards. First downs were divided, five passing, eight rushing and one by penalty. Lamar offenses could generate only four first downs against the strong defensive Wildcats.

40 years ago
Oct. 8, 1986
— **FLAT CREEK INDIAN ARTIFACTS WILL DELAY CITY PARK PROJECT**
Cassville's city park expansion project will be delayed for an unspecified length of time because the government thinks Indians once used the area along Flat Creek where the program is located. City council learned of the delay during their Tuesday night meeting. Chark Jo Ledgerwood told the council the project would enter a phase two Cultural Resources Survey as a result of artifacts that were found at the scene. City officials are speculating that a deeper dig will result in the near-surface find. The clerk said a Department of Natural Resources \$30,000 grant to be matched by the city was not in jeopardy, but "probably would result in a delay while the finds are reviewed by the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C." Artifacts found by an archeological team from

SMSU in Springfield were not fully known. Cassville has apparently been told there was a "bag of arrow heads and possibly other items found in the area of the park expansion proposal." When further investigation will be conducted and how deep a dig will be required to fully resolve the problem is not known at this time. There is always the possibility that some phases of the project might need to be changed as a result of the find. In cases such as this, restrictions are placed on what can be done in the immediate area where artifacts exist. The project, involving federal and state funds, was approved last year. Pending are acquisition of properties north of the present park facility. Included is a 2.3 acre site being negotiated from Rachelle Rush of Florida. A 5.4 acre site along the creek is being presented to the city as a gift from Hutchens Construction Company. City plans are to use existing Federal Revenue Sharing funds for their \$30,000 match funds. All council members, Sue Brattin, Bob Mizer, Gary Fields and Bill Shiveley, were present in the meeting that opened with a group of Old Exeter Road and Sunset Heights residents complaining about traffic and speed in their respective areas. Included in those speaking were Raymond Timmons, Jim Rickman, Naomi Fanning, Chuck Miner, Harold Reese, Jane Ann Brim and Pauline Hickman. Suggestions to relieve traffic conditions and reduce speed in the two areas included: heavier patrol of law enforcement, enforce with fines, improve driveway locations, reduce visibility problems, prohibit throwing of trash from vehicles in residential areas. Mayor Rolland Meador polled the council on solutions, resulting with instructions going to the police department to concentrate on an obvious problem. Attorney Jim LeCompte appeared before council representing Continental Telephone in change of zoning on their Cassville property. The Sixth and Townsend property was rezoned from Residential Three to Commercial Two, permitting the firm to construct a new switching building. When completed the 1,032 square foot structure will replace the existing 2,000 square foot building which will be demolished. In the building remov-

al, a landscaping project will be accomplished. The change had been previously approved by the Zoning and Planning Commission. Council approval came on three readings of an ordinance. John Hendricks appeared before council in reference to women's fall softball schedules. Scheduled to run two more weeks, council later confirmed with Allen Sparks, head umpire, giving him authority to complete program as per wishes of majority of teams involved. A request from Don Tyson, water customer residing outside of city limits, for relief from excessive bill was denied. Tyson received approximate \$225 billing for June-July resulting from leaks at his property. LeCompte reported to council that project of ordinance codification is progressing toward completion. Council by ordinance approved a mutual fire assistance ordinance with area departments. Included were Washburn, Seligman, Exeter, Monett, Wheaton, Butterfield, Purdy, Eagle Rock-Mano Golden, Central Crossing Association and Jenkins. Bids reviewed for purchases included Emergency Management radio equipment, \$2,019 to Miller, Mo. firm, after additional information is secured. Springfield firm was low bidder on \$2,743 purchase of gravel and salt spreader equipment that will be attached to city vehicle. D&H Carpeting of Cassville, bid for \$1,320 purchase of carpet for installation in four offices. Purchase of computer printer, one bid received from three requests, \$1,293 purchase, placed on hold to November meeting. Council agreed to investigate house numbering system in areas not now so identified. Tabled for review with postal and other authorities. Police Chief Ray Burnette introduced to council Kevin Blaukat, who was employed a new member police force. Blaukat is a Jasper County deputy sheriff and has served as a Joplin officer. He was

one of 26 applicants for a job here. Singlen Blauket plans moving here when accepting the job. George Ulmer reported that 13th Street bridge replacement project was in Jefferson City for review before officials proceed with design. Preliminaries, such as core drilling, not permitted until initial phases completed. Board of aldermen will schedule a review and recapitulation of water and sewer charges during the November meeting. Bills payable were \$18,009.19 excluding payroll, according to clerk Jo Ledgerwood. Ulmer reported the city had received four or five times the requests over availability of funds for curb and guttering projects. Those accepted are being completed.

30 years ago
Oct. 2, 1996
— **GRANT WILL HELP COUNTY ASSESS ITS HEALTHCARE NEEDS**

Health Department officials are counting on a \$10,000 grant to help them diagnose the healthcare needs of Barry County residents. Pat Tichenor, Barry County health administrator, said on Monday that the county had received approval for a Core Functions Community Assessment grant from the state. This grant will be used to hire a professional who will conduct a "hands-on" assessment of what healthcare services Barry Countians need and what programs deserve state funding. Tichenor said this will be the first time a county-specific assessment has ever been completed. "In order to receive funding from the federal and state levels, we need to tell them what our needs are," Tichenor said. "The Department of Health and the state as a whole have decided they need to spend money to find out what the needs are and not just guess at it." Each county had the opportunity to apply for a grant and use the money to perform a needs assessment. "Community assessment is a big thing right now," Tichenor said. "What they (state and federal governments) fund in the next four or five years is where the money is going to go. To receive money, we're going to have to show a need." The healthcare needs of Barry County differ from those of bigger cities. Tichenor said some key areas of need include transportation to healthcare providers, prenatal care and sites for delivery. "Most of our girls have to travel 65 miles to deliver a baby," Tichenor said. The health care administrator also sees the need to serve a growing Hispanic population. Tichenor hopes to have some of the assessment questionnaires printed in Spanish. Flyers will also be posted in businesses and industries frequented by Hispanics who now call Barry County home. The local health department is not working alone. Barry County has joined forces with neighboring counties to explore how cooperative efforts between two or more

counties can benefit area citizens. One such effort is the Community Health Assessment Resource Team (CHART), which meets monthly in Monett. Tichenor said the group combines health workers and volunteers from Barry and Lawrence counties who have been working to discover healthcare resources already in place within area communities. "We are looking at ways communities can help themselves in the area of healthcare," Tichenor explained. Needs assessments must be submitted to the state by April 1, 1997. Barry County's assessment process will be facilitated by an associate planner from the Southwest Missouri Advisory Council of Governments.

— **CASSVILLE TROOP 76 RECEIVED AWARDS AT RECENT COURT OF HONOR**

Boy Scouts in Cassville Troop 76 received awards and merit badges during Court of Honor held Sept. 17. Tenderfoot awards were presented to Dustin Epperley, Purdy, Andrew Ward, Shell Knob, and Hank Isley, Cassville. Ben Craig, Cassville, earned his 2nd Class award, and Jeff Sanders was given his Star. Life awards went to Luke Stouder and Scott Lyall. Merit badges were presented to: Dusty Hodge, woodcarving, swimming and first aid; Mike first aid; Hank Isley, first aid, fingerprinting; Brandon Seyler, environmental science; Eddie Thompson, safety; and Steven Craig, safety. Ben Craig, canoeing, lifesaving and emergency preparedness; Scott Craig, safety, woodcarving, leatherwork and geology; Luke Stouder, hiking and orienteering; David Hess, small boat sailing, rowing and environmental science, wilderness survival and safety; Doug Reyes, backpacking, cooking, orienteering and hiking. Jeff Sanders, leatherwork, swimming, rifle shooting, hiking, orienteering, cooking and backpacking; Scott Lyall, mammal study, soil and water conservation, shotgun shooting, weather, swimming, environmental science; and Matt Nutt, mammal study, soil and water conservation, nature and weather. Fifty Miler Award winners included Luke Stouder, Peter Rogers, Matt Nutt, Jeff Sanders, David Hess, Doug Reyes, Kevin Buchholz, Merle Rogers, Jay Reyes and Larry Quinalty. Historic Trails Awards went to Matt Nutt, Jeff Sanders, Mike Lane, Hank Isley, Dustin Epperley, Scott Lyall, John Focht, Jerry Lyall, Merle Rogers and Rick Isley. The Senior Patrol Leader award went to Matt Nutt, and Eddie Thompson gained the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Peter Rogers was honored with the Scribe Award and Jeff Sanders earned the Quartermaster Award. Scott Lyall received the Librarian Award, and Scott Craig and Luke Stouder earned Troop Guide Awards.

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OBITUARIES



PATSY SUE DOSS

Patsy Sue Doss, 85, passed away on Sunday, September 6th, 2026, at home, with her family.

She was born on December 22, 1940, to Russell E. and Lorene (Tatum) Muir, in El Reno, Okla.

Survivors include two daughters, Rona Bieschke, of Berryville, Ark., and Alicia (Nicki) Richardson, of Green Forest, Ark., and two sons, Chris and Steve Doss of Marietta, Ga.; eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

She was brought home to the family farm in Banner, Okla., where she was greeted by her two older brothers, Thomas "Joe", and Russell "Ed" Muir.

She graduated from Yukon High School, where she met her first husband, Jerry Major, two daughters born to this union, Kelly Major Gravener and Rona Major Bieschke. She worked in the family's motorcycle businesses in Yukon and Oklahoma City.

She later worked in the insurance industry and

several positions in the medical field.

She moved to Ga., and married Bobby Doss, who had two sons, Chris and Steve Doss. They then moved to Missouri, where they welcomed a daughter, Alicia "Nicki" Doss Richardson.

She was the administrative assistant at Stout Construction in Holiday Island, Ark., for over 20 years.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2026.



ROBERT MARK (BOB) ALEXANDER

Robert Mark (Bob) Alexander, 71, of Pierce City Mo., passed from this life into Heaven on September 25, 2026, after a battle with a long illness.

He was born on May 26, 1955, in Evansville Ind., to Richard and Marilyn Sue (Susie), who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was

his infant grandson, Orion Booth.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Alexander, his brothers, Rick Alexander and wife Theresa, David Alexander, and Steven Alexander; his children, Adam Alexander and wife Krista, Amy Gobbini and husband Luca, Anthony Alexander and wife Kiley, and four grandchildren.

He grew up in Evansville. His family moved to Springfield, Mo., in 1970 and graduated from Kickapoo high school in 1973.

He worked in the excavating and heavy equipment field for several years, then became an employee of St Vincent's hospital, Monett, working his way up to the Respiratory Therapy Department.

He soon completed his certification through California College and was employed by Oak Hill Hospital in Joplin. During this time, he served as an advisor to Franklin Technical School Respiratory Therapy Program. He served as department head for several hospitals over the years. Later in life, he transitioned to landscaping and outdoor work, and he played guitar in local bands, performing with Josh Jennings Band from 2012 to 2017. He was a non-denominational Christian.

Also, the family would like to say a special thanks to Hospice Compassus, Amazing Grace Home Care, as well as, dear friends and neighbors, Jim Aga and Kathy Nutt for their care and support.

A gathering of friends and family with fellowship and food to follow, after the graveside at a location to be announced.

Graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at the Pierce City Cemetery, Pierce City, Mo. Chaplain Richard Yasinski will officiate. Visitation will be held from 6-8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorial contributions be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett, Mo.

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RANDELL ALLEN THOMPSON, JR.

Randell Allen Thompson, Jr., 65, of Seligman, Mo., formerly of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away on Friday, September 25, 2026 at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, Ark.

He was born January 4, 1961 in Fort Worth, Texas, the son of Randell Allen Thompson, Sr. and Bettye (Harris) Pack.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Bettye Pack and an infant brother.

Survivors include his father, Randell Allen Thompson, Sr. of Boyd, Texas; his son, Jeremiah Thompson and wife

Page of Seligman, Mo.; his daughter, Taylor Thompson of Paris, Texas; the mother of his children, Taunya Eagles and husband John of Paris, Texas; adopted son, Jimmy Seat; his sisters, Nikki Durham of Longview, Texas, Charla Thompson of Fort Worth, Texas and Cynthia Thompson of Fort Worth, Texas; six grandchildren, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

He grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, where he spent his entire career working in construction as a brick and block mason.

He was a man of Christian faith.

Graveside services were held Monday, September 28, 2026 at Cargile Cemetery in Washburn, Mo., under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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NEAL JAMES STANLEY

Neal James Stanley, 78, of Seligman, Mo., passed away Sunday, September 20, 2026 at Circle of Life Hospice House in Bentonville, Ark.

He was born March 17, 1948 in Gateway, Ark. the son of Ruby and Ersie

(David) Stanley, who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death was his sister, Wanda; brothers, Lynn and Alvin and stepmother, Ona.

Survivors include Cleta Risley; his sons, Leslie Stanley and wife Nickie of Seligman, Mo., and Ronnie Stanley and wife Dusty of Seligman, Mo.; sister, Eldora Pratt and husband J.R. of Seligman, Mo.; brother, Raymond Stanley and wife Pat of Grove, Okla.; four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren with one on the way.

He spent his entire life in the Seligman area. He attended school in Washburn, Mo., graduating from Southwest High School in 1966. He worked at Emerson Electric in Rogers, Ark., while also farming. He later worked for ten years at Pea Ridge Military Park before opening Seligman Auto Parts. He proudly owned and operated the business for 30 years. After closing the parts store, he spent the last seven years working alongside his sons and grandsons in construction.

He was raised in the Assembly of God Church.

Graveside services were held Thursday, September 24, 2026 at Seligman Cemetery in Seligman, Mo., under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Carroll Williamson conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to Seligman Chamber of Commerce and entrusted to Fohn Funeral Home in memory of Neal.

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Awards: 9 third-place finishes

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Serous Columnist; Sheila Harris, Best Investigative Reporting and Best Story About Marginalized or Underrepresented Communities; Kyle Troutman, Best Story About Education, Best Story About the Outdoors and Best Online Newspaper or Website; and Staff, Community Service project.

Finally, the Democrat secured nine third-place awards, including: Staff, General Excellence and Best Special Section, Magazine or Alternative Publication (Trout Times); Kyle Troutman, Best Sports Pages, Best News Story, Best Humorous Columnist, Best Photo Illustration, Best Photo Package, Best Multi-Media Reporting and Best Headline Writing.

"Over the last dozen years, we have become accustomed to winning awards at the state level for our reporting, photography, opinion writing, design and community service efforts — and this year

was no different," Publisher Kyle Troutman said. "My favorite thing about this year's results was the Best Serious Columnist category. I have won that one multiple times myself, but this year, it worked out where Sheila and Jordan met entry qualifications. I could not be more proud that they took first and second place, and I did not place at all.

"I also could not be more proud of the wide range of categories in which we were awarded. From hard news to sports, page design to magazines, and photography to video, we held our own among the small weekly newspapers in the state of Missouri. The variety in categories we placed in is a testament to how hard we work to bring every angle and medium possible to our readers and followers — and we have every intention to keep it coming."

The Gold Cup this year went to the Maryville Forum, ending the Cassville Democrat's two-year streak

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"Having won eight Gold Cups since 2015, it has almost become an expectation for us to bring it home annually," Troutman said. "We were neck and neck with Maryville in the awards, but their first place in General Excellence to our third place provided the points they needed to win it this year. Congratulations to Maryville on their victory, as it shows the amount of stellar journalism you can find all across the state of Missouri. It also serves as motivation to get the grand prize back in 2027, and the only way to do that is to give you, the readers, our absolute best, day in and day out. I look forward to making that goal a reality."

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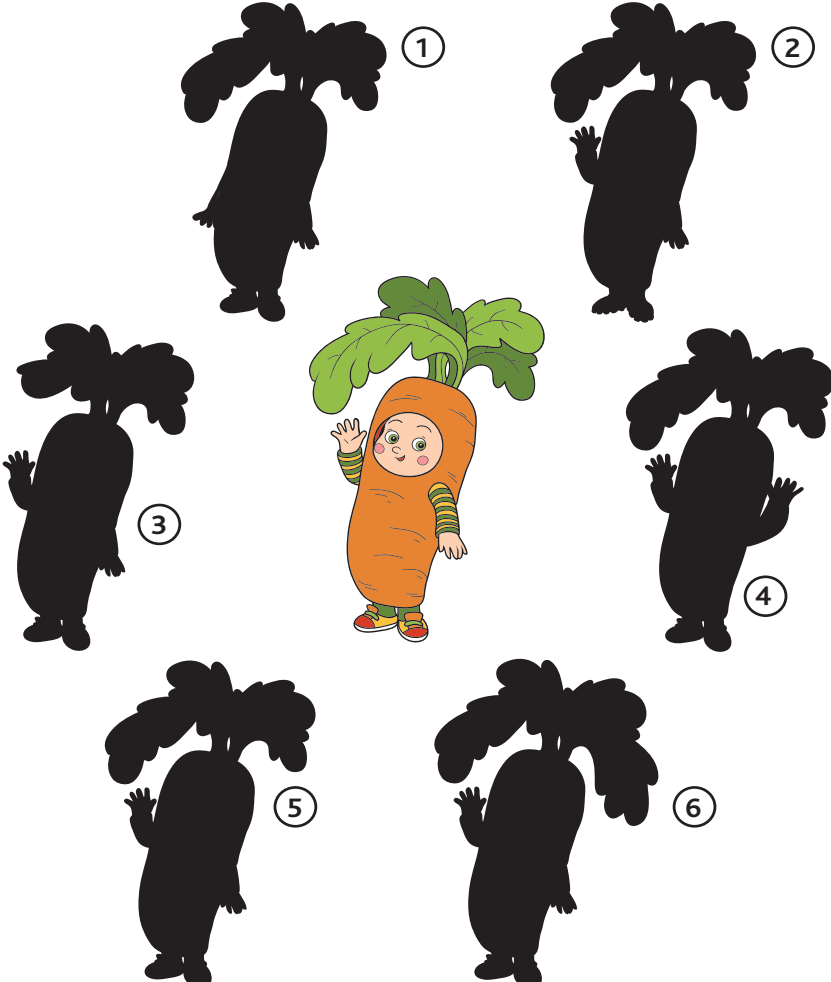
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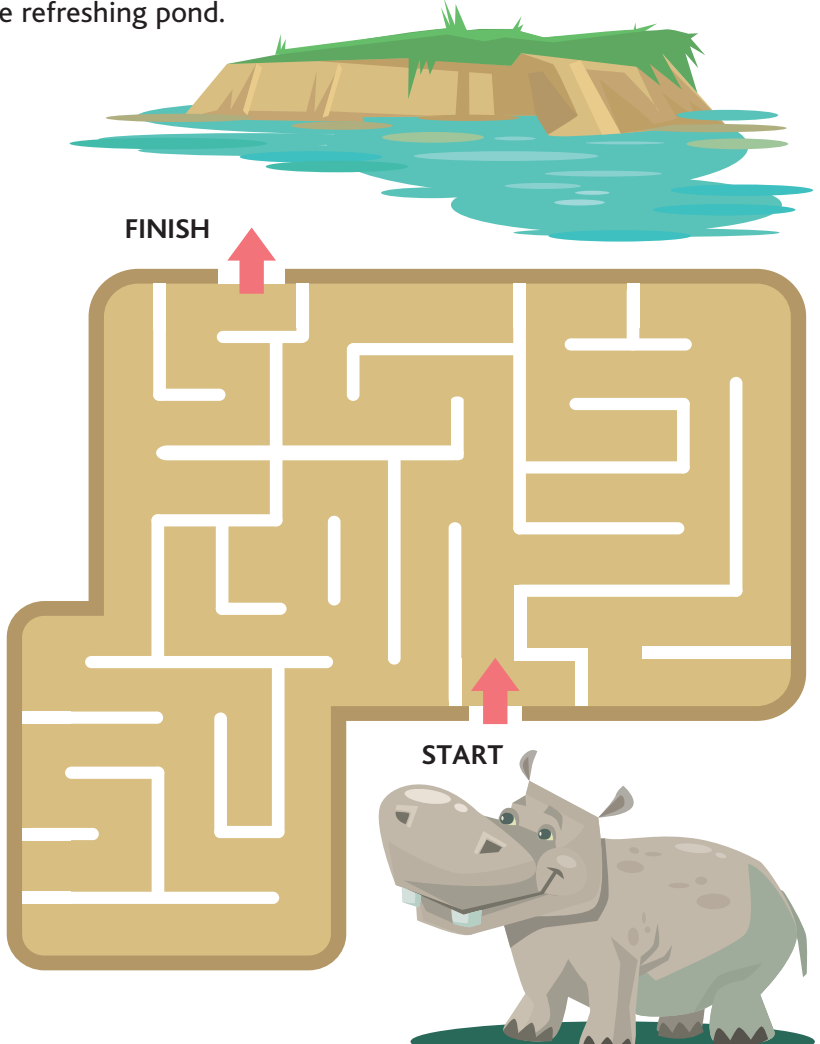
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After celebrating his 100th birthday with a party, Chuck Whitcomb, of Cassville, held onto his youth for a few more turns as he drove a go kart at the Twister Alley Raceway in Butterfield on Sept. 12. Twister Alley was honoring Whitcomb for his century celebration, as well as his military service during WWII from 1943-1946 and the Air Force Civil Service from 1947-1979. Whitcomb drove the track while presenting the U.S. Flag to start the race. Contributed photos

Purdy:

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dors. Cook injected that he did not need a phone at his shop. Council members asked her to request unbundled quotes.

Apparently only Mediacom or Windstream offer internet service in Purdy. Gomez added that while she had no issues with the present service other than the price, she was transferred eight times when she called Mediacom and was on the phone 3-1/2 hours before talking to an actual person.

In his written report, Police Chief Jackie Lowe noted he and members of the Barry County Sheriff's office conducted an active shooter presentation at the school on Aug. 19. Lowe reported nine car burglaries on Aug. 24, with numerous items taken. Two suspects appear to have made similar thefts in at least four counties, hitting Monett, Mt. Vernon, Aurora, and Cassville.

Lowe also responded to a loose pig that had escaped its enclosure on Aug. 28. He informed the owner of the city's livestock ban, and the owner responded that the pig would be the "guest of honor" at a pig roast the following day. Lowe said the owner would receive a ticket if the pig was still there after the weekend.



Jeremy Wilson, with Tulsa-based Crown Neon Signs, installs the new signage at Sater Pharmacy, meant to mimic historic neon signage on the Cassville square. Funding for the project was provided by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Cassville Downtown Restoration Fund. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Pictured is the Peterson Drug facade in 1964, now occupied by Sater Pharmacy. New signage at the building aimed to reflect the historic nature of the building. Barry County Museum/ special to the Cassville Democrat



Pictured is the facade of the Haddock & Meador Hardware Store during a Christmas parade in the 1960s. Barely visible under the awning at left is the "Hardware" sign made of single-pane windows that was recently uncovered as part of a Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Cassville Downtown Restoration Fund project. Barry County Museum/ special to the Cassville Democrat

Restoration: Building owners responsible for interior improvements

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that project likely will not be completed this year.

At Sater Pharmacy, restoration work has focused on returning elements of the building's historic appearance and improving its overall condition.

The cornice that had previously been removed was replaced with a reproduction designed to match what had been there. Brickwork was renovated and painted, and two original windows are being restored.

The building also received a reproduction of an older Sater Pharmacy sign dating to the 1960s.

Stumpff's Barbershop has seen its storefront restored, with an

emphasis also on maintaining its historic character.

Exterior windows were unsealed and redone, and the facade was renovated to reveal signage from the former Haddock & Meador Hardware Store, which operated through the 1965, when owner Fred Meador sold it to his employee, John Haddock. The store was named Haddock Hardware from 1965-1968, when it was sold to Johnny O. Reid, who operated it until 1973. At that time, the store featured guns and ammunition, typical hardware items, a paint and wallpaper center, new Franklin wood stoves, dynamite, farm implements, crock ware, and housed

a plumbing company and a well drilling company in the rear of the building.

The hardware store encompassed the footprint that is now J&L Hair Fashion salon and Stumpff Barbershop. From 1974-1977, the space was Stella's, a burger restaurant with foosball and pool tables, along with a jukebox. In 1977-1978, it was divided and built out for J&L and Stumpff's.

As part of the Fund's work, a new barbershop sign has now been installed.

Work also is being done to improve access to the building's second floor by renovating the stairwell. That portion of the project

is expected to be completed within the next month.

Per the Fund's requirements, building owners are responsible for interior improvements, while the restoration fund is focused on eligible exterior improvements.

Freeman said the goal is not simply to make the buildings look newer.

"I love that it's trying to preserve history as much as possible, while still making things more modern and welcoming to downtown, bringing that life and momentum to that area," she said.

The restoration work also is beginning to influence how other downtown property owners view

their buildings, Freeman said.

She said several people have contacted the fund seeking information about the program, and applications have been sent to prospective applicants. The fund has not yet selected another project beyond the two currently in the process and third expected to begin soon.

"It's making other businesses think of possibilities on things that they can do with their building," Freeman said. "And, they are starting to think, 'Oh, if I do this on the inside, maybe I can get some help on the outside.' So, it's making them kind of think of how they can revive their buildings as well and partner with the fund."

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Phil and Lori Bailey brought their grandchildren, Roman, left, and Ezekiel, down to Main Street in Cassville to watch the Memories Cruise. Sheila Harris/sheilaharrisads@gmail.com



From left, Abby Carr, Martin Krallman, Aundrea Krallman and Cindy Carr watch cars cruise around the square during the annual Memories Cruise in Cassville on Saturday. The event raised \$2,319 for scholarships for students in Barry County schools attending a trade school. Sheila Harris/sheilaharrisads@gmail.com



Vehicles of all kinds packed Main Street on Saturday for the Annual Memories Cruise, which raised \$2,319 for scholarships for students in Barry County schools attending a trade school. Sheila Harris/sheilaharrisads@gmail.com



Retired Cassville school teachers, from left, Sue Craig, Anne Angle, Lana Couch and Colleen Slinkard, say the younger generations don't know how to cruise, but they came to the square to watch them anyway. "I came down to see all the hoodlums I used to teach," Slinkard said. "I'm really impressed with some of them." Sheila Harris/sheilaharrisads@gmail.com



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Cassville's Spencer Drollinger (No. 24) gets some coaching from defensive coordinator Justin Pflug during the Wildcats' Week 2 win on the road over Aurora. Kyle Troutman/
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Undefeateds clash Friday in home game against Lamar

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Cassville reached the halfway point of its football season with another strong road performance Friday, rolling past East Newton, 49-14, to improve to 5-0.

With three consecutive road wins, Wildcats Coach Clay Weldy said the Wildcats have embraced the challenge of playing away from home.

"We talk all the time to our kids about how good teams will win on the road, so I'm very proud of our kids that we've really traveled four times, including the jamboree, and I feel like all four times, we've played well."

Cassville opened the scoring midway through the first quarter when Jaren Stearns connected with Chase Ruark on a 25-yard touchdown pass. Ruark found the end zone again later in the quarter, hauling in a 17-yard touchdown pass from Stearns to give the Wildcats a 14-0 lead.

Cassville continued to pull away in the second quarter. Stearns found Mace Bredeson for a 65-yard touchdown strike with 10:20 remaining in the half, and Masin Bryan added a defensive touchdown less than 5 minutes later when he intercepted an East Newton pass and returned it for a score.

Stearns then found Carlos Barrientos for another touchdown late in the half, giving Cassville a 35-0 advantage with 1:28 remaining.

East Newton scored just before halftime, but Spencer Drollinger broke up the two-point conversion attempt to keep the score at 35-6.

The Patriots' offense struggled to sustain drives throughout the first half as Cassville repeatedly forced punts and turnovers.

Cassville continued to control the game after halftime, putting together a 16-play, 76-yard drive that consumed more than 7 minutes to open the second half.

Stearns capped the drive by finding Baxton Cornell



Cassville's Easton Hughes goes to stiff arm a defender in the Wildcats' Week 1 win over Monett. Kyle Troutman/
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for a 12-yard score, pushing the lead to 42-6 with 4:45 left in the third quarter.

With the 35-point margin, the turbo clock was activated.

Cassville's second unit took over in the fourth quarter, with Drollinger scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run to extend the lead to 49-6.

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At their best at home

Trio of Lady Wildcats shoot best scores at Cassville Tournament

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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The Cassville girls golf team loves playing on its home course.

On Thursday, three of the five Lady Wildcats on the squad put up their best 18-hole scores of their careers, led by senior Taylor Yarnall's 21st-place finish out of the 62 total golfers at the Cassville Tournament.

"She loves playing in our own tournament, so she was happy with that," Bagby said.

Sophomore Paislee Bolinger and junior Molly Pickett also posted career bests. Both golfers began playing last year, giving Bagby a clear perspective on how much they have developed in a relatively short time.

"From just having picked up a club then to where they are now, they've shown a tremendous improvement this year," Bagby said.

Bolinger came to golf after previously playing softball. While the swing came somewhat naturally to her, Bagby said she initially became frustrated as she learned the game.

This season, however, things began to click.

"One day on the range, she had the driver out and it just kind of started clicking for her that day," Bagby said. "Especially on days where she can't drive her well, she hits it far enough that she'll be able to, I think, see her scores keep improving."

Pickett also has made significant strides. Bagby said she has become particularly consistent with her ball striking, putting herself in good position off the



Cassville's Molly Pickett tees off on a par 3 hole during play in the Cassville Tournament on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/
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tee and down the fairway.

For both golfers, the next step will be improving their short games.

"Once you get up there on the green and being able to shape, you save shots around there," Bagby said.

Yarnall entered the fall with postseason expectations after earning All-Conference honors last year.

Bagby said she has continued to improve, particularly around the greens. On Thursday, he saw her beginning to save strokes in the short game.

"If they can average two putts a hole for the round, they'll be doing pretty good and they'll be gaining shots on the rest of the field," Bagby said.

Yarnall will have an opportunity to make a postseason push as Cassville moves toward the conference and district tournaments.

Her sister, Abigail Yarnall also has been a key part of the team, although her volleyball schedule has limited her golf

participation. She competed at Carthage recently and showed improvement, particularly with her ball striking off the tee. Bagby said she finished with Cassville's second-best score that day.

She was also an All-Conference golfer last year, and Bagby expects her to compete at the conference tournament. Her availability for the district tournament remains uncertain because it falls on the same day as a volleyball game.

Gracelyn Sanders, a new student at Cassville this year, is another developing golfer. She picked up the clubs for the first time this season and is still working on making consistent contact.

Bagby said the hope is to see the same type of progression next season that Cassville has seen from Bolinger and Pickett this year.

The Lady Wildcats have had to navigate another challenge throughout the season in the form of extreme heat.

Missouri State High School Activities Association heat guidelines have limited when and how the team can practice, forcing Cassville to spend multiple days indoors or limit practices to the range.

"It definitely has limited our ability to go out and play holes for a few weeks," Bagby said.

While Bagby said the indoor practices allowed the team to accomplish a decent amount of work, he wants to get the squad back on the course regularly over the next couple of weeks.

Cassville has spent plenty of time on the driving range, but playing a full round presents a different challenge than hitting repeated shots in a practice setting.

"You can sit on the range and get in a groove," Bagby said. "But, when you actually have to take that out onto the golf course and hit a shot and then wait five minutes before you hit another one,

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10/13	Hollister	Away	4:00 pm
10/20	Big 8 Championships (in Seneca)	Away	
10/24	Reeds Spring	Away	4:00 pm

Softball

10/1	Seneca	Home	V, JV	5:00 pm
10/2-3	Hillcrest Softball Tournament	Away	V	
10/5	Aurora	Home	V, JV	5:00 pm
10/6	Monett	Away	V, JV	5:00 pm
10/8	Central	Away	V	5:00 pm
10/10	Bolivar	Away	V	10:00 AM
10/10	Joplin (in Bolivar)	Neutral	V	12:00 PM
10/12	Neosho	Home	V, JV	5:00 pm

Boys Soccer

10/1	New Heights Christian	Away	5:00 pm
10/5	Central	Home	5:00 pm
10/6	Aurora	Away	5:00 pm
10/8	Logan-Rogersville	Away	5:00 pm
10/13	Monett	Away	5:00 pm
10/15	Carl Junction	Away	5:00 pm
10/20	McDonald County	Home	5:00 pm
10/22	Greenwood	Home	5:00 pm
10/26	Clinton (in Springfield)	Neutral	5:00 pm

Volleyball

10/1	Monett	Away	V, JV, Fr	4:30 pm
10/3	Mt. Vernon October Aces Tournament	Neutral	V	
10/3	Mt. Vernon October Aces JV Tournament	Neutral	JV	
10/6	East Newton	Home	V, JV, Fr	4:30 pm
10/8	McDonald County	Away	V, JV, Fr	4:30 pm
10/13	Mt. Vernon	Away	V, JV, Fr	4:30 pm
10/15	Pleasant Hope	Away	V, JV, Fr	5:00 pm

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: LANAE LEAVITT and CORBIN GONZALO PHILLIPS LANAE LEAVITT, Petitioner, vs. CORBIN GONZALO PHILLIPS, Respondent. CASE NO. 26BR-DR00120

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE

The State of Missouri to; CORBIN GONZALO PHILLIPS. 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 a PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE. The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for petitioner's is: DARWIN E. GROOMER, GROOMER LAW FIRM, L.L.C. 206 E. BROADWAY, MONETT, MISSOURI, 65708; TELEPHONE: (417) 235-7834. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 30 days after the 16th day of SEPTEMBER , 2026,

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A true copy from the record. Witness my hand and the seal of the circuit court this 8th day of SEPTEMBER 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

BULMARO ORTIZ and CLAUDIA ORTIZ- MEDRANO, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, VS. MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., JEREMY W. RUPP and NOEMI M. URBINA-RUPP, husband and wife, LEONARDO SALAS and ROSA E. SALAS, husband and wife, DALE WILSON, DONNA DAVIS HOTCHKISS, BERTRAM E. WILSON, and ADOLFO SALAS PEREZ and EMERALDA SALAS SERRANO, husband and wife, and their heirs, grantees, devisees successors, consorts, and assigns, Defendants. 26BR-CC00137

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO: JEREMY W. RUPP and NOEMIM. URBINA-RUPP, husband and wife LEONARDO SALAS and ROSA E. SALAS, husband and wife, DALE WILSON, DONNA DAVIS HOTCHKISS, BERTRAM E. WILSON, ADOLFO SALAS PEREZ and ESMERALDA SALAS SERRANO, husband and wife, and their heirs, grantees, devisees, consorts, successors, and assigns; but if they shall be deceased, then their unknown heirs, grantees, consorts, spouses or successors of those of them who shall be deceased. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to quiet title to the following described property in Barry

County, Missouri: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 23, Range 27, thence East 740 feet; thence South 221.76 feet; thence West 115 feet; thence South 135 feet; thence West 150 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 135 feet to North Boundary line of roadway; thence East 100 feet; thence North 135 feet; thence West 100 feet to the point of beginning being a part of the Northwest Quarter, Section 20, Township 23, Range 21, Barry County, Missouri (also known as part of Block 3 in Sherwood Forest Subdivision, as per the recorded Plat thereof). AND Lot 7(7) Block Nine (9) in Monett Town Company's Townsite of Monnett, Barry County, Missouri. Subject to any easements, rights of way or restrictions of record or in fact. AND Lot Thirteen (13) in Block One (1) in Clutters Addition to Monett, Missouri. The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiffs is Cordelia F. Herrin, P.O. Box 276, 702 West Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 16th day of September 2026, judgment by de fault 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 9th day of September 2026. CRAIG WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk By KamiStanton Deputy Clerk 1st Publication: September 16, 2026 2nd Publication: September 23, 2026 3rd Publication: September 30, 2026 4th Publication: October 1, 2026 36-39

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CASSVILLE

IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF JOSHUA PHILLIP WOOD, Petitioner, Case No. 26BR-DR00117

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of September 2026, by an Order of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, Case No. 26BR-DR00117, the name of JOSHUA PHILLIP WOOD was changed to JOSHUA LEE PENA. Filed September 1, 2026 Craig Williams Circuit Clerk 1st insertion 09/16/26 36-38

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

JEREMIAH BEYER and PADYN BEYER, Plaintiffs, VS. JAMES N. AKERS and PATRICIA S. TIBBS If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives. spouses and all Other persons, corporations or successors claiming by, through and under them. Defendants. Case number: 26BR-CC00143

NOTICE OF ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Rule 54.12. upon motion of plaintiff for service by publication, it is hereby ordered that Defendant James N. Akers

AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION

Monday, October 5, 2026 — 10 AM

Location: Eagle Rock, MO. From the Jct's of Hwy 86 & Hwy E take E Hwy 1.5 miles. Turn right on FR 1190, (E 19) and go 9/10 mile to auction.

BOATS – JOHN DEERE ZERO TURN MOWER – AUTOMOBILE – JET SKI – TRAILER – TOOLS – APPLIANCES (SOME NEW IN BOX) – WICKER FURNITURE – MISC



Boats: 1997 Chaparral Sunesta 210, boat with bimini top, Mercruiser inboard motor with only 360 hours & Heritage trailer, kept inside, very nice. – 1975 King Fisher bass boat with Mercury 70 hp motor & trailer (started project) – Approx 6' or 7' polyethylene sportsman fishing boat – Johnson 9.9 hp four stroke motor (no title). **Jet Ski:** 1992 Kawasaki 750 SS jet ski with trailer (stand inside). **Auto:** 1999 Mercury Mountaineer, 4x4, V8, 222xxx miles. **Trailer:** 5'x10' single axle, drop gate utility trailer. **Mowers:** John Deere Z425, 48", 23 hp, zero turn mower – John Deere 6.5 self propelled push mower – John Deere plastic yard wagon. **Tools:** Centurion 12,500 watt, elect start generator – John Deere 3000 psi pressure washer – Ryobi 40v snow blower with (4) batteries (like new, nice) – Ridgid 10" table saw – (2) roll around tool chest – (2) sections of scaffold – 6', 8' & 10' step ladders – roller stands – saw horses – creeper – 6 ton roll around shop dolly's – cut off saw – gas cans – oil drain pans – Husqvarna chain saw – ext cords – engine hoist – elec Flux 125 welder w/cart – sm air compressor – 12 gal shop vac – pancake air compressor – Craftsman table top drill press – chop saw – B & D workmate table – misc long handle tools – Dewalt chop saw – grinder – 3 ton floor jack – yard seeder – back pack sprayer – Schumacker battery charger/starter – lawn mower jack – elect pressure washer – sm. Shop vac – mech stool – mech creeper – dolly – central pneumatic upright air compressor – wheel barrow – sm hand tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, pry bars, alien wrenches, alum pipe wrench & misc pipe wrenches – files, punches – hole saws, drill bits, pliers, sockets, ratchets, clamps, ¾" drive sockets – measuring tapes – assorted sm elect tools such as drills, saws, sanders, hammer drill – locks – tap & die – bottle jacks – pole saw items – chain hoist – lots of bolts, screws, nails, etc – lots of PVC fittings & misc electrical & plumbing – oils & cleaners – tarps – spray paint – weed eaters. **Appliances:** Electrolux washer & dryer (new in the boxes) – Samsung side by side refrigerator with freezer on the bottom, water and ice in the door. **Wicker Furniture & More:** Wicker sofa, loveseat & coffee table & end table – table & 4 chairs – (2) air beds – lounge lawn chairs – wrought iron patio table & 4 chairs. **Misc:** 6" x12" wood floor tile, several boxes (new) – floor tile mortar – 3D printer – Body by Jake Ab & Back exerciser – Marcy Diamond Elite Performance workout center – Shallow well pump (new)- exercise bike – mop bucket – air purifier – water skis – interior door (new)- porch or deck box (new in box) – dog gates – luggage – metal detector – light bulbs – large vertical shed (new in box) – several plastic shop shelves – Rubbermaid shop locker cabinet – vac pump (new) – electric heaters – lots of shop items not listed – many more items of all kinds not listed. Several new items still in boxes. **Note:** With the passing of Mrs. Kondorf, Mr. Kondorf has sold his lake home and is moving to be closer to his kids. Mr. Kondorf is very meticulous. This will be a very nice auction, many items are like new or new. Also, a very nice boat. See you Monday Oct 5th on Table Rock Lake !! **Terms:** Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current driver's license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. IF paying with a check on large items, those items will be held until your check clears the auction company bank or a bank letter of credit is cleared with the auction company before auction day. If paying with a credit card a 5% convenience fee will apply. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

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and Patricia S. Tibbs be served by publication of notice according to law. It/s ordered that such notice be published in Cassville Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri IT IS SO ORDERED September 18, 2026

Craig Williams
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By Kami Stanton
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION

JEREMIAH BEYER and PADYN BEYER, Plaintiffs, Vs.

WAJIH KANJO and JOYCE M. KANJO If they be living or their unborn or unknown Heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, aliences, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, consorts and legal representatives, spouses and all Other persons, corporations or succorsors claiming by, through and under them. Defendants. Case No: 26BR-CC00144

NOTICE OF ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendant, James N. Akers and Patricia S. Tibbs YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Quiet Title Suit, and which affects the following described Property: P R O P E R T Y DESCRIPTION TRACT "3": ALL THAT PARTOF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 25 WEST, BARRY

COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A FOUND ALUMINUMDNR MONUMENT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER THENCE N89°50'26"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 120.02 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S01°13'37"W, 150.01 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN; THENCE S48°15'10"W, 277.01 FEET TO A SET COPPER MONUMENT IN BEDROCK ON THE GOVERNMENT FEE TAKE LINE; THENCE N44°31'12"W ALONG SAID GOVERNMENT FEE TAKE LINE, 72.03 FEET TO A FOUND CORPS OF ENGINEERS MONUMENT; THENCE N18°34'32"E, 299.11 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST Q U A R T E R ; T H E N C E S89°50'26"E ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 165.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Blake B. Fields, 605 Main Street, Cassville, Missouri, 65625. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 23rd day of September 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. 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 by hand and the seal of the circuit court this 18th, day of September 2026. Craig Williams By Kami Stanton Barry County Circuit Clerk 1st Publication: September 23, 2026 2nd Publication: September 30, 2026 3rd Publication: October 7, 2026 4th Publication: October 14, 2026 1st insertion 09/23/26 37-40

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CASSVILLE

IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF LAURA LEA BURTON, Petitioner, Case No. 26BR-DR00123

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September 2026, by an Order of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, Case No. 26BR-DR00123, the name of LAURA LEA BURTON was changed to LAURA LEA STEPHENS. Filed September 22, 2026 Craig Williams Circuit Clerk 1st insertion 09/30/26 38-40

N THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

THOMAS CORN, PLAINTFF, VS. BILLY RAY WILLIAMS, JR., their heirs, grantees, devisees, successors, consorts, and assigns, DEFENDANT, 26BR-CC00142

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

Defendant, Billy Ray Williams, Jr. if they shall be deceased, then their unknown heirs, grantees, consorts, spouses or successors of those of them who shall be deceased YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has

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been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to quiet title to the following described property in Barry County, Missouri:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the East half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 22 North, Range 26 West, thence South 37 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West 563.58 feet to the North right of way line of State Highway M, thence North 54 degrees 39 minutes 25 seconds West along the said North right of way line 304.64 feet, thence North 35 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds East 774.67 feet, thence South 83 degrees 18 minutes 47 seconds East 120.00 feet to the West line of said East half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, thence South 4 degrees 23 minutes 22 seconds East 350 feet to the point of beginning, all in Barry County, Missouri.

The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Harry D. Schwartz, P.O. Box 276, 702 West Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 30th day of September, 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 22nd day of September, 2026.

CRAIG WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk

By: Kami Stanton Deputy Clerk

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PROBATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

AT CASSVILLE

In the Estate of: EMMETT LENDELL COCKRUM, Deceased

Case No. 26BR-PR00023

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF EMMETT LENDELL COCKRUM, deceased:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal/real estate of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property, on October 30, 2026, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or

Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

HARRY D. SCHWARTZ, Attorney

SAM MADSEN, PUBLICADMINISTRATOR

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Dates of Publication – 9/9/26, 9/16/26, 9/23/26, 9/30/26

THE ABOVE REFERENCED DATE IS NOT A COURT APPEARANCE DATE.

It is an estimated date as

to when the Final Settlement will be filed with the court.

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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of ROXANNE L MCINTIRE, Deceased.

Case Number: 26BR-PR00112

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROXANNE L MCINTIRE, Decedent:

On August 26, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

ROXANNE L MCINTIRE, decedent,

by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's name and business address is:

TEDDY L MCINTIRE, 7315 FARM RD 1095 , PURDY, MO 65734.

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:

August 31, 2025

Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk

by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

Date of first publication: September 9, 2026

Date of second publication: September 16, 2026

Date of third publication: September 23, 2026

Date of fourth publication: September 30, 2026

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

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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE

In the Estate of GARY JAMES AKES, Deceased.

Case Number: 26BR-PR00111

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of GARY JAMES AKES, Decedent:

On AUGUST 25, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

GARY JAMES AKES, decedent,

by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative may administer the estate

independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's name and business address is:

JAMES AAKES, 5264 W 1600 RD, PARKER, KS 66072

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

CODY ALAN FENTON, 500 W. MAIN ST. STE. 401, BRANSON, MO 65616, (417) 335-3550

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

CODY ALAN FENTON, 500 W. MAIN ST. STE. 401, BRANSON, MO 65616, (417) 335-3550

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:

August 5, 2026

Date of first publication: September 9, 2026

Date of second publication: September 16, 2026

Date of third publication: September 23, 2026

Date of fourth publication: September 30, 2026

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

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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of ALVAH E CASSITY, Deceased.

Case Number: 26BR-PR00109

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ALVAH E CASSITY, Decedent:

On August 21, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

ALVAH E CASSITY, decedent,

by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The name and business address of the personal representative is:

AARON CASSITY, 15784 STATE HWY K, AURORA, MO 65605

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

JAMES J RANDALL, PO BOX 151, 405 BROADWAY, MONETT, MO 65708, (417) 235-8688.

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

Date of the decedent's death:

July 25, 2026

Date of first publication: September 16, 2026

Date of second publication: September 23, 2026

Date of third publication: September 30, 2026

Date of fourth publication: October 7, 2026

Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk

by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

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

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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of FORREST ARTHUR GARLAND, Deceased.

Case Number: 26BR-PR00123

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of FORREST ARTHUR GARLAND, Decedent:

On September 15, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

FORREST ARTHUR GARLAND, decedent,

by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's name and business address is:

JOSEPH GARLAND, 19546 STATE HWY 86, CASSVILLE, MO 65625.

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

SAMUEL COWHERD, PO BOX 268, MOUNT VERNON, MO 65712, (417)466-0068.

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: August 17, 2026

Craig Williams Circuit Clerk

by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

Date of first publication: September 23, 2026

Date of second publication: September 30, 2026

Date of third publication: October 7, 2026

Date of fourth publication: October 14, 2026

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

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IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of R.G. EDMONDSON, Deceased.

Case Number: 26BR-PR00121

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL ESTATE)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of R.G. EDMONDSON, Decedent.

On September 11, 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 14-MAR-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 September 30, 2026.

Date of second publication is October 7, 2026.

Craig Williams, Circuit Clerk

by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

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TRUSTEE'S SALES

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

In re: Michael J. King, unmarried man

Default having been made in the payment of certain monthly installments on a Note described in and secured by Deed of Trust executed by Michael J. King, unmarried man, dated September 8, 2020, and recorded September 15, 2020, in Book 20, Page 5417, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Barry, State of Missouri; the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note, who has elected to declare the entire indebtedness due and payable, will on October 1, 2026, at 1:00 P.M., at the at the East front door of the Barry County Courthouse, in the city of Cassville, 700 Main St, Cassville, MO 65625 sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate described in said Deed of Trust and situated in the County of Barry, State of Missouri, to wit;

ATTRACT OF LAND LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE EXISTING COUNTRY ROAD LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 27 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. IN BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 27 WEST, THEN RUNNING NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER 935 FEET, THENCE EAST 935 FEET THENCE SOUTH 935 FEET

TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 27 WEST, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 27 WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with all improvements thereon known and numbered as 17640 Farm Road 1150, Cassville, Missouri 65625 for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the costs of executing this trust, and the present taxes, if any, due and paid by the holder.

singers corp, Successor Trustee

By: Michael P. Gaughan

12701 W. 87th Street Parkway, Suite 200

Lenexa, KS 66215

Email: saleinfo@lewisricekc.com

SINGERS CORP, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY I N F O R M A T I O N OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(King, Michael J., 14537-66308, Publication Start: 09/09/2026, Newspaper: Cassville Democrat)

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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,

AMY MARIE WASHINGTON

dated 9/9/2022 and recorded on 9/12/2022 in BOOK 22 PAGE 5827, in the Recorder's office for Barry County, Missouri. The successor trustee will on October 6, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at 11:30 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:

LOT 104, EMERALD BEACH ESTATES #5 AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDERS OFFICE, OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI.

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

CSM Foreclosure Trustee Corp.

Successor Trustee (800) 652-4080

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09/09/2026, 09/16/2026, 09/23/2026, 09/30/2026

CSM File 26-25-01397

NOTE: This office is a debt collector.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by

Jeffrey A. Buchanan,

dated August 5, 2024, and recorded on August 12, 2024, Document No. 202404124, in Book No. 24, at Page 4015 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on October 19, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at the East Door of the Barry County Courthouse, Cassville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 23, RANGE 25, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, EXCEPT ANY PART TAKEN OR USED FOR ROADS, commonly known as 16384 Farm Road 1227, Aurora, MO, 65605-5226

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: September 23, 2026.

For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act,

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri and Statutory Proposition

To be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (First Regular Session) HCS HJR 73]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

- Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
- Repeal the 2024 voter-approved Amendment providing reproductive healthcare rights, including abortion through fetal viability;
 - Allow abortions for rape and incest (under twelve-weeks' gestation), emergencies, and fetal anomalies;
 - Allow legislation regulating abortion;
 - Ensure parental consent for minors' abortions;
 - Prohibit gender transition procedures for minors?

State governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Greene County estimates it may experience an unknown increase in tax revenue. Other local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

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

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

Section A. Section 36, Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 36(a), to read as follows:

Section 36(a). 1. The state's duty to protect public health and welfare includes protecting the integrity and ethics of the medical profession. The state's interest in regulating the practice of medicine is even greater in areas of medical and scientific uncertainty or in areas that raise grave moral and ethical concerns, including abortion and gender transition procedures.

2. An abortion may be performed or induced upon a woman in cases of medical emergency, fetal anomaly, rape, or incest. In the case of abortions performed or induced in cases of rape or incest, the abortion may be performed or induced no later than twelve weeks gestational age of the unborn child.

3. The general assembly may enact laws that regulate the provision of abortions, abortion facilities, and abortion providers to ensure the health and safety of the pregnant mother. These laws shall include, but not be limited to, laws requiring physicians providing abortion care to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital; laws requiring facilities where abortions are performed or induced to be licensed and inspected for clean and safe conditions and adequate instruments to treat any emergencies arising from an abortion procedure; laws requiring physicians to perform a sufficient examination of the woman to determine the unborn child's gestational age and any preexisting medical conditions that may influence the procedure; and laws requiring ultrasounds to be performed only by physicians or licensed medical technicians.

4. No abortion shall be performed or induced upon a woman based on a prenatal diagnosis, test, or screening indicating a disability in an unborn child, except in cases of a fetal anomaly.

5. No public funds shall be expended for the purpose of performing, inducing, or otherwise assisting any abortion, except in cases of medical emergency, rape, or incest, as otherwise authorized by law.

6. Except in cases of a medical emergency in which consent cannot be obtained, no abortion shall be performed or induced upon a woman without her voluntary and informed consent, given freely and without coercion. In the case of a minor under the age of eighteen years who is not emancipated, no person shall knowingly perform or induce an abortion, except in cases of a medical emergency in which consent cannot be obtained, unless the attending physician has obtained: (1) the written consent of the minor and a parent or legal guardian; and (2) documentation of the consent is retained in the minor's medical record. Licensed medical physicians shall be required to provide women with medically accurate information. The general assembly may enact laws to provide for the right of a minor to consent to an abortion as granted by a court order.

7. Fetal organ harvesting after an abortion is not permitted under any circumstances.

8. A woman's ability to access health care in cases of miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and other medical emergencies shall not be infringed by the state.

9. No gender transition surgeries shall be knowingly performed on children under eighteen years of age, and no cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs shall be knowingly prescribed or administered for the purpose of gender transition to children under eighteen years of age. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the use of such surgeries, drugs, or hormones to treat children born with a medically verifiable disorder of sex development or to treat any infection, injury, disease, or disorder unrelated to the purpose of a gender transition.

10. Any action challenging the validity of any state law relating to reproductive health care shall be brought in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri. If a pleading, written motion, or other paper drawing into question the constitutionality of a state statute does not include the state, one of its agencies, or one of its officers or employees in an official capacity, the party bringing the action shall file a notice of constitutional question and serve it on the attorney general and the attorney general shall have the right to intervene in the litigation.

11. The general assembly shall have the authority to enact laws to carry out the provisions of this section.

12. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Cross-sex hormones", testosterone, estrogen, or other androgens given to an individual in amounts that are greater or more potent than would normally occur naturally in a healthy individual of the same age and sex;

(2) "Fetal anomaly", a structural or functional abnormality in the unborn child's gestational development that would make life outside the womb impossible;

(3) "Fetal organ harvesting", collection of fetal tissue, organs, or fluids, including any biological material, for the purpose of selling or collecting for scientific purposes, but shall not include the utilization of fetal tissue, organs, or fluids to determine the cause or causes of any anomaly, illness, death, or genetic condition of the unborn child, the paternity of the unborn child, or for law enforcement purposes;

(4) "Gender transition surgery", a surgical procedure performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with identifying with and living as a gender different from his or her biological sex;

(5) "Medical emergency", a condition that, based on reasonable medical judgment, so complicates the medical condition of a pregnant woman as to necessitate the immediate termination of her pregnancy to avert the death of the pregnant woman or for which a delay will create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman. A medical emergency shall include, but not be limited to, an ectopic pregnancy at any point following the diagnosis of such and treatment for a miscarriage;

(6) "Puberty-blocking drugs", gonadotropin-releasing hormone analogues or other synthetic drugs used to stop luteinizing hormone secretion and follicle stimulating hormone secretion, synthetic antiandrogen drugs to block the androgen receptor, or any other drug used to and/or suppress pubertal development in children for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition;

(7) "Reasonable medical judgment", a medical judgment that would be made by a reasonably prudent physician, knowledgeable about the case and the treatment possibilities with respect to the medical conditions involved.

13. All provisions of this section are severable. If any provision of this section is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted, the remaining provisions of this section shall be and remain valid.

[Section 36.1 This Section shall be known as "The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative":

— 2. The Government shall not deny or infringe upon a person's fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which is the right to make and carry out decisions about all matters relating to reproductive health care, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion care, miscarriage care, and respectful birthing conditions:

— 3. The right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, interfered with, delayed, or otherwise restricted unless the Government demonstrates that such action is justified by a compelling governmental interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Any denial, interference, delay, or restriction of the right to reproductive freedom shall be presumed invalid. For purposes of this Section, a governmental interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose and has the limited effect of improving or maintaining the health of a person seeking care, is consistent with widely accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that person's autonomous decision-making:

— 4. Notwithstanding subsection 3 of this Section, the general assembly may enact laws that regulate the provision of abortion after Fetal Viability provided that under no circumstance shall the Government deny, interfere with, delay, or otherwise restrict an abortion that in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional is needed to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person:

— 5. No person shall be penalized, prosecuted, or otherwise subjected to adverse action based on their actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including but not limited to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. Nor shall any person assisting a person in exercising their right to reproductive freedom with that person's consent be penalized, prosecuted, or otherwise subjected to adverse action for doing so:

— 6. The Government shall not discriminate against persons providing or obtaining reproductive health care or assisting another person in doing so:

— 7. If any provision of this Section or the application thereof to anyone or to any circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of those provisions and the application of such provisions to others or other circumstances shall not be affected thereby:

— 8. For purposes of this Section, the following terms mean:

— (1) "Fetal Viability", the point in pregnancy when, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures:

— (2) "Government",

— a. the state of Missouri; or

— b. any municipality, city, town, village, township, district, authority, public subdivision or public corporation having the power to tax or regulate, or any portion of two or more such entities within the state of Missouri.}

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

• Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Guarantee access to care for medical emergencies, ectopic pregnancies, and miscarriages;

- Ensure women's safety during abortions;
- Ensure parental consent for minors;
- Allow abortions for medical emergencies, fetal anomalies, rape, and incest;
- Require physicians to provide medically accurate information; and
- Protect children from gender transition?."

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

STATE OF MISSOURI

Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 3, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the third day of November, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 25th day of August, 2026.



Denny Hoskins
DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 6

[Proposed by Initiative Petition]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

- Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
- expand the initiative and referendum petition process by making it a fundamental right;
 - allow courts to revise ballot summaries through lawsuits;
 - prohibit the legislature from weakening initiative or referendum powers;
 - prohibit the legislature from changing or repealing laws enacted through the initiative process, or passing laws similar to those rejected by referendum, without approval from at least 80% of both chambers; and
 - preserve existing majority vote and signature requirements for initiative and referendum petitions?

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Article III of the Constitution is revised by adding six new sections to be known as Article III, Sections 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 59 to read as follows:

Section 54. Ballot summaries, including summary statements and fiscal note summaries, shall be clear, unbiased, fair, accurate, and easy to understand. Ballot summaries shall not seek to mislead voters. No current or future law passed by the legislature shall prevent the circuit court or appellate courts, including the supreme court, from immediately adjudicating and rewriting ballot summaries in whole or in part.

Section 55.

1. The legislature shall be prohibited from weakening citizens' initiative or referendum powers: no law passed by the legislature and no legislatively-referred law or constitutional amendment shall weaken citizens' initiative or referendum powers, not withstanding Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution. Section 1 of Article III of this Constitution, and any other provision or law or of this Constitution to the contrary. The phrase "weaken citizens initiative or referendum powers" shall be construed broadly, examples thereof including, but not being limited to, raising signature thresholds: shortening the time allowed for signature collection: narrowing allowable subject matter: imposing additional requirements on petitioners: preventing or delaying judicial revision of misleading ballot titles: prohibiting or nullifying severability clauses in initiated measures: rendering a simple statewide majority of votes cast on the measure insufficient to enact a law or constitutional amendment proposed by citizen initiative, or otherwise impeding or restricting citizens' powers of initiative or referendum. Any law or constitutional amendment that weakens citizens' direct lawmaking power, which is or has been proposed by the legislature after January 1, 2025, is hereby prohibited.

2. The rights of initiative and referendum as set forth in this Constitution are fundamental rights. Any registered voter or the state of Missouri has a right to propose laws and constitutional amendments by initiative petition and to propose the rejection or acts by the legislature by referendum petition, to sign such petitions, to circulate such petitions, and to vote on such petitions. However, no person shall qualify as a petition circulator who has been convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty to an offense involving forgery under the laws or this state or an offense under the law or any other jurisdiction if that offense would be considered forgery under the laws or this state.

3. Except as specifically set forth in this Constitution, any law affecting governmental regulation of, or governmental action taken pertaining to, the fundamental rights of initiative and referendum as set forth in this Constitution is subject to strict scrutiny and must be narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling governmental interest.

Section 56.

1. As of the effective date of this section, the legislature shall be prohibited from changing any citizen-initiated law, changing any citizen-initiated amendment, or passing, proposing, or referring any law or constitutional amendment similar in effect to a law rejected by referendum petition, unless eighty percent of the House and Senate refer the change to a vote of the people, notwithstanding any provision of law or of this Constitution to the contrary.

2. For the purposes of this section, a "citizen-initiated law" is defined to be a law that the people have proposed and enacted by the initiative. For the purposes of this section, a "citizen-initiated amendment" is defined to be any section or article of this Constitution, or any portion thereof, that the people have proposed and enacted by the initiative as a constitutional amendment. For the purposes of this section, "changing" a citizen-initiated law or citizen-initiated amendment means passing, proposing, or referring a law or constitutional amendment which, if enacted, would modify, repeal, supersede, or undermine any part or a citizen-initiated law or citizen-initiated amendment, whether explicitly or by implication. For the purposes of this section, a law "rejected by referendum petition" is a law which has been passed by the legislature then subsequently rejected by the people by way of a referendum ordered by petition. For the purposes of this section, "unless eighty percent of the House and Senate refer the change to a vote of the people" shall mean at least eighty percent of the members of the House and at least eighty percent or the members of the Senate each separately vote to refer the proposed law or constitutional amendment to voters.

3. The prohibitions of this section shall be construed to protect laws and constitutional provisions enacted by citizen initiative after January 1, 2010, including both those enacted before and after the effective date of this section, and to protect referendum petition vetoes after January 1, 2010, including both those before and after the effective date of this section, from action by the legislature on or after the effective date of this section. "Referendum petition vetoes" shall mean when laws passed by the legislature are rejected by the citizens by referendum petition.

4. This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the legislature of the right to introduce any bill or measure, but passage, proposal, or rererral thereof by this legislature is subject to the prohibitions and requirements of this section.

Section 57. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this Constitution to the contrary, pre-existing signature and vote requirements shall be maintained, as follows: a simple statewide majority of votes cast on the measure by individual legal voters shall be sufficient to enact any law or constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition; a simple statewide majority of votes cast on the measure by individual legal voters shall be sufficient to reject any law upon which a referendum is ordered by referendum petition; signatures from five percent of the individual legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to propose a law; signatures from eight percent or the individual legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to propose a constitutional amendment; signatures from five percent of the individual legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to order a referendum; and the number of signatures required shall be calculated based on the total vote for governor at the general election last preceding the filing of any petition. Notwithstanding any other provision or law or of this Constitution to the contrary, any law or constitutional amendment referred to voters by petition shall be decided when approved or rejected by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise.

Section 58. Sections 54, 55, 56, and 57 are self-executing and shall be construed to strongly protect the citizens' powers of initiative and referendum, all political power being vested in the people and rounded upon their will only.

Section 59. If any provision or Sections 54, 55, 56, 57, or 58, or the application thereof to anyone or to any circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of those provisions and the application or such provisions to others or other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

STATE OF MISSOURI

Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 6, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the third day of November, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 3rd day of September, 2026.



Denny Hoskins
DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 7

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS SCS SJR 95]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to establish a permanent public endowment fund to support state government instead of taxing Missouri residents, prohibit the General Assembly from appropriating or diverting the fund, and eliminate state-imposed taxes once the fund generates sufficient revenue to replace them?

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

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

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

Section A. Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 15(a), to read as follows:

Section 15(a). 1. There is hereby established within the state treasury a fund to be known as the "Show-Me Prosperity Fund", which shall be established as a permanent public endowment to provide long-term fiscal stability with the goal of eliminating state-imposed taxes without impairing the real value of the fund's principal. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the general assembly, and may also receive gifts, donations, grants, and bequests from any source.

2. (1) The state treasurer shall invest the fund in exchange-traded funds tracking the stock performance of the Standard and Poor's 500, or a comparable successor index to be determined by law, in a manner consistent with fiduciary standards applicable to public trust funds.

(2) No moneys shall be appropriated from the fund prior to notification given by the state treasurer to the general assembly that the net investment earnings for the fund during the previous fiscal year is sufficient to replace the revenue generated by all taxes enumerated in subdivision (3) of this subsection, provided that any such notification shall be approved by the general assembly through a concurrent resolution within the first sixty calendar days of the regular session immediately following the notification given by the state treasurer.

(3) Moneys appropriated from the fund shall be used solely to eliminate the following state-imposed taxes:

- (a) The individual income tax;
- (b) The state sales and use tax;
- (c) The state corporate income tax; and
- (d) All other state-imposed tax in an order of priority to be determined by law.

(4) The amount of moneys that may be appropriated from the fund in any fiscal year shall not exceed three percent of the average market value of the fund over the preceding five fiscal years. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit the general assembly from appropriating less than three percent of the average market value of the fund in any fiscal year.

(5) Upon the elimination of the taxes enumerated in subdivision (3) of this subsection, no such tax shall thereafter be enacted, provided, however, that in the event the fund is unable to meet its obligations due to insolvency, revenue shortfall, or program failure, the general assembly shall retain full authority to appropriate funds from any lawful source and to enact legislation establishing or increasing taxes or other revenues as necessary to ensure continuity of state programs and fulfillment of state expenditures that were anticipated to be supported by the fund.

(6) Upon the elimination of all taxes enumerated in subdivision (3) of this subsection, the general assembly may appropriate net investment earnings from the fund for the purpose of replacing federal moneys received by the state, for issuing dividend payments to residents of the state, or both.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the principal of the fund shall not be appropriated, pledged, or borrowed against. The state auditor shall conduct an audit of the fund to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section at such times that the auditor deems necessary, but no less than once every three fiscal years.

4. The balance and investment performance of the fund shall be made available and updated at least quarterly on an existing free, internet-based database created by law or executive order for the purpose of tracking state and local financial information.

5. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Individual income tax", the tax imposed on individuals, estates, and trusts, and the fiduciaries thereof;
- (2) "Net investment earnings", all income, gains, and appreciation realized by the fund, net of investment management fees and expenses.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to establish a permanent public endowment fund to support state government instead of taxing Missouri residents, prohibit the General Assembly from appropriating or diverting the fund, and eliminate state-imposed taxes once the fund generates sufficient revenue to replace them?"

STATE OF MISSOURI

Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 7, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the third day of November, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 25th day of August, 2026.



Denny Hoskins
DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 8

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Regular Session) CCS HCS SS SJR 87]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to support law enforcement by preserving the right of citizens to elect a county sheriff, prohibiting the removal of a county sheriff except by a writ of quo warranto, and recognizing the office of sheriff as part of the administration of justice?

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

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

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

Section A. Article VII, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 15, to read as follows:

Section 15. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, each county shall elect a sheriff for a term of four years by a majority of the qualified voters of the county voting thereon at the time of voting designated for such office provided by law as of the effective date of this section and every four years thereafter.

2. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- (1) Any city not within a county;
- (2) Any county with a charter form of government adjacent to a city not within a county; or
- (3) Any county with a charter form of government that has a population greater than four hundred thousand inhabitants and that is adjacent to a county with a population greater than nine hundred thousand inhabitants.

3. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, the elected sheriff shall be the chief law enforcement officer in his or her county. Notwithstanding Article VI, Section 18(a) or any other article of the Missouri Constitution to the contrary, every sheriff, except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, in addition to duties as set in law, shall quell and suppress assaults, batteries, riots, routs, affrays, and insurrections and shall:

- (1) Apprehend and commit to jail all felons and traitors;
- (2) Attend each division of the circuit court presided over by a circuit or associate circuit court judge held in his or her county, when so directed by the court; and

(3) Execute process, including writs of replevin, attachments, and final process issued by circuit and associate circuit court judges, unless the sheriff of the county does not perform such duties as of August 28, 2026.

4. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, every sheriff is a conservator of the peace within his or her county and shall cause all offenders against law to appear at the next term of the circuit or associate court of the county, and to be committed to jail in case of failure to give the recognizance.

5. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, the sheriff shall hire and appoint such deputies, assistants, and other employees as the sheriff deems necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of his or her office, who shall hold office at the will and pleasure of the sheriff and may set their compensation within the limits of the allocations made for that purpose.

6. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, an elected county sheriff shall not be removed from office except by writ of quo warranto initiated by the attorney general.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to support law enforcement by preserving the right of citizens to elect a county sheriff, prohibiting the removal of a county sheriff except by a writ of quo warranto, and recognizing the office of sheriff as part of the administration of justice?"

STATE OF MISSOURI }
Secretary of State SS

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 8, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the third day of November, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 25th day of August, 2026.



PROPOSITION A
[Proposed by Referendum Petition]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:
Do the people of the state of Missouri approve the act of the General Assembly entitled “House Bill No. 1 (2025 Second Extraordinary Session),” which repeals Missouri’s existing congressional plan, and replaces it with new congressional boundaries that keep more counties intact?

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri as follows:

Section A. Sections 128.345, 128.346, and 128.348, RSMo, are repealed and twelve new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 128.345, 128.346, 128.348, 128.471, 128.472, 128.473, 128.474, 128.475, 128.476, 128.477, 128.478, and 128.479, to read as follows:

128.345. 1. All references in sections 128.451 to 128.458 to counties, voting districts (VTD), and tract-blocks (Block) mean those counties, voting districts (VTD), and tract-blocks (Block) as reported to the state by the United States Bureau of the Census for the 2010 census.

2. All references in sections 128.461 to [128.468] 128.478 to counties, voting districts (VTD), and tract-blocks (Block) mean those counties, voting districts (VTD), and tract-blocks (Block) as reported to the state by the United States Bureau of the Census for the 2020 census.

128.346. 1. The districts established by the provisions of sections 128.400 to 128.440 for the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States shall be effective beginning with election to the 108th Congress and through the election of the 112th Congress.

2. The districts established by sections 128.451 to 128.458 for the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States shall be effective beginning with the election to the 113th Congress and through the election of the 117th Congress.

3. The districts established by sections 128.461 to 128.468 for the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States shall be effective beginning with the election to the 118th Congress and through the election of the 119th Congress.

4. The districts established by sections 128.471 to 128.478 for the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States shall be effective beginning with the election of the 120th Congress.

128.348. 1. Effective with the election for the 113th Congress and through the election of the 117th Congress, the state of Missouri shall consist of eight congressional districts.

2. Effective with the election of the 118th Congress, the state of Missouri shall consist of eight congressional districts.

3. Effective with the election of the 120th Congress, the state of Missouri shall consist of eight congressional districts.

4. The legal voters of each district shall elect one member of Congress of the United States.

128.471. The first congressional district shall be composed of the following:
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County: St. Louis MO

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- Subtotal
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County: Crawford MO
County: Franklin MO
County: Gasconade MO
County: Jefferson MO
- VTD: Brennan
- Block: 290997002111020
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- Block: 290997003032017
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- Block: 290997003052004
- Block: 290997003052005
- Block: 290997003052025
- VTD Brennan Subtotal
- VTD: Byrnes Mill W-1
- VTD: Byrnes Mill W-2
- VTD: Byrnes Mill W-3
- VTD: Dulin Creek
- VTD: Goldman
- VTD: Grubville
- VTD: Grubville 2
- VTD: High Ridge
- VTD: Hillsboro W-1
- VTD: Hillsboro W-2

- VTD: Hillsboro W-3
- VTD: Hillsboro W-4
- VTD: Hoene Springs
- VTD: House Springs
- VTD: Lake Tekawitha
- VTD: Lake Tishomingo
- VTD: Meramec Valley
- VTD: North Jefferson
- Block: 290997002062004
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VTD: BON036	VTD: CLA036	VTD: LAF002	VTD: MHT037	VTD: OAK022	Block: 290190014024010	Block: 290190015061008	MO
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Christopher Green And Chelsey Green, Husband And Wife, dated 7/6/2023, recorded on 7/10/2023, in Instrument Number 202303387 and/or Deed Book 23, Page(s) 3320, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on 10/22/2026, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, starting at 2:00 PM at the Barry County Courthouse - East Door - 700 Main Street, Cassville, MO 65625, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the below described real estate

to satisfy said debt and costs. Certified funds must be delivered to the auctioneer at the conclusion of the auction. Purchasers take property as is, without warranty.

A Tract Of Land, Consisting Of One (1) Acre, More Or Less, In The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4), Of Section 36, Township 25, Range 26, Barry County, Missouri, And More Particularly Described As Follows: Commencing At A Point 15 Feet North Of The Southeast Corner Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4), Thence North 276 Feet, To A Point On The East Line Of Said Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) Of The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4), Thence West 158 Feet To A Point, Thence South 276 Feet To A Point, Thence East 158 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Subject To Easements And Rights-Of-Way Of Record. More commonly known as: 6949 Farm Road 1182 Verona, MO 65769 Notice To Bidders:

Please be advised that the highest bidder ("purchaser") at this trustee's sale may be required to provide information, documentation and/or certification as mandated by applicable federal law, and entity and trust purchaser should be prepared to provide beneficial ownership information as required by federal reporting requirements effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. If applicable, the required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d_5.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by DORIS M VAUGHAN AND KENNETH E VAUGHAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND, dated 11/15/2018, recorded on 11/26/2018 in Book 18, Page 7917 Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri. The undersigned Successor Trustee, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, will on 10/28/2026, 11:00 AM at 102 West Street, Cassville, MO 65625, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the following real estate:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY (THE PROPERTY) SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MISSOURI, TO WIT:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH OF THE BASE LINE, RANGE 25 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN EXISTING FENCE CORNER POST AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, 1104.53 FEET, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 TO A SET REBAR ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AN EXISTING COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 430.88 FEET, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 988.62 FEET, LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO A SET 1/2" REBAR ON THE EAST LINE OF SAIS NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 15 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 416.30 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (A/K/A TRACTS 1, 2 & 3, AS SET FORTH ON CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY FILED AUGUST 2, 1999 IN SURVEY BOOK 10 AT PAGE 93.)

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BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DORIS M. VAUGHAN AND KENNY VAUGHAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE BY DEED FROM MAX A. KOERNER AND WANDA KOERNER, HUSBAND AND WIFE RECORDED 05/04/2016 IN DEED BOOK 16 PAGE 2191, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

to satisfy said debt and costs.

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 upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d_5

Western Progressive Missouri, Inc., Successor Trustee, (866)-960-8299, may be deemed to be a debt collector and, if so, is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 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 prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction.

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Golf: Team has chance to put multiple golfers into Big 8 medal contention

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Cassville's Paislee Bolinger sends an approach shot toward the green during play in the Cassville Tournament on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktkout-

that's a different level, especially on the mental side.”

Bagby wants the Lady Wildcats to become more comfortable with that aspect of the game before district competition.

The conference tournament will be at Carthage, while the district tournament is scheduled for Oct. 8 at Deer Lake in Springfield.

With the progress Cassville has made, Bagby believes the team has an opportunity to put multiple golfers in medal contention at the conference tournament and send several to the district tournament with a chance to qualify for state.

“If they can go out and give it their best shot, I’ll be happy with them,” Bagby said. “You would like to see at this point now where we’re getting improvement. If they can continue to knock a couple strokes off there and have a good day, I think we have an opportunity to get some medalists or multiple medalists at conference and have a few make a run at qualifying for state.”

Though the roster is small, Bagby said the group has developed strong chemistry. The team attempted to recruit younger players during the summer by inviting girls to hit balls and participate in activities without requiring them to immediately commit to joining the team. That effort produced limited results, however, and Bagby said there currently are not many younger girls in Cassville playing golf.

He hopes that changes in the future, giving more players an opportunity to gain experience before reaching high school.

For the current group, however, Bagby said the small roster has not hurt the program.

“They’ve been very fun to work with,” he said. “I say they get along very well, and the van rides have been very loud.”



Cassville's Taylor Yarnall sends a putt toward the hole during play in the Cassville Tournament on Thursday. Kyle Troutman/ktkoutman@cassville-democrat.com

Football: Cassville prepping for Lamar’s misdirection style of offense

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East Newton scored in the final seconds to produce the final margin.

While the Wildcats have relied on several of their established offensive weapons throughout the season, Weldy said Friday also provided opportunities for some of the team’s veteran receivers who have done much of the less visible work earlier in the year.

“We got a bunch of old receivers in Baxton Cornell and Chase Ruark, Carlos Barrientos, Mace Bredeson,” he said. “Mace has had some big plays this year. Those other three have kind of had plays here and there, and I was really proud of those guys having some big catches for us and scoring touchdowns last week.”

Weldy said the receivers have contributed in other ways throughout the season, including blocking on the edge, before getting their opportunities to make plays in the passing game.

“They’ve done a lot of dirty work for us this year, blocking the edge and doing their things, and they had opportunities and took advantage of them, catching the ball and get some yards for us,” he said.

Cassville has also continued to work several sophomores into the lineup on both sides of the ball and special teams. Weldy said the young group has handled the increased responsibility well and has become an important part of the Wildcats’ future.

“We got quite a few young guys, sophomores that are playing for us and have been playing well for us all year, and it’s a good class for us,” Weldy said. “They’ve been contributing both sides of the ball and special team.”

The Wildcats now turn their attention to Lamar, which will visit Wildcat Stadium on Friday for a key Big 8 Conference matchup.

Weldy said Cassville handled its responsibilities during the first half of the season, but the focus now shifts to the undefeated Tigers.

“We took care of business in the first five games, so we’ve done what we need to do,” Weldy said. “Lamar is undefeated and they’re playing really well and big and physical. So that’s our focus right now is with Lamar and trying to figure out what we can do to beat them.”

Having the game at home is something Weldy said will be valuable after Cassville’s busy stretch of road games.

“Lamar is very well coached,” Weldy said. “They’ve got a lot of old-



Cassville's Jaren Stearns breaks loose from a tackler during the Wildcats’ Week 4 win over McDonald County. Kyle Troutman/ktkoutman@cassville-democrat.com

er guys playing for them; a lot of multi-year starters on their team.”

Weldy said Lamar presents a physical challenge on both sides of the line and has multiple players capable of making plays with the ball.

The Tigers also use misdirection extensively, something Cassville will spend the week preparing to defend. The key, Weldy said, will be discipline and trusting assignments rather than chasing the various fakes and motions.

“You’ve got to rep it in practice, and obviously it’s not going to be as good as how they do it, but we’re going to try to get as best we can for our kids,” Weldy said. “We’re going to have keys that we’re going to watch and try to make sure our guys’ eyes are in the

right place.”

Cassville will need that discipline across all three levels of its defense.

“It’s going to be important that our guys trust their keys this week, and on all three levels of our defense to make sure we don’t get caught up in all the misdirection stuff and get going the wrong way,” Weldy said.

Against East Newton, Stearns went 8-for-9 passing for 247 yards and 5 touchdowns. Easton Hughes led the Wildcats on the ground with 12 carries for 62 yards. Drollinger had 27 yards on 5 carries and a score, and Kamden Beebe rushed for 31 yards on 5 carries. Eight total Wildcats logged rushing stats in the contest.

Bredeson led Cassville through the air with 116 yards and a score on 2 catches. Ruark has 2 catches for 42 yards and 2 scores, Cornell had 2 catches for 53 yards and a score, and Barrientos had 36 yards on 2 catches and a score.

Defensively, Hughes led

with 5 tackles, 4 assists, 2 tackles for loss and a combined sack with M’Quade Farris. Van Thang had 4 tackles, 2 assists, 2 tackles for loss and 2 sacks; Logan parsons added 3 tackles, 3 assists, 2 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks; Tyler Hodge had 3 tackles, 4 assists and 1 sack; and Braydyn Sizemore tallied 3 tackles 4 assists and

1.5 sacks.

Bodie Hodge broke up 3 passes alongside 3 tackles and 3 assists. Bryan and Bredeson each came up with interceptions. A dozen Wildcats logged 2 tackles or more throughout the contest.

Cassville hosts Lamar on Friday, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.



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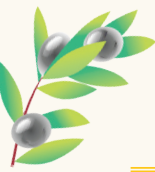
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WILDCAT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Hugh Thao	Scoti Blankenship
	
Abbigail Yarnall	Chase Ruark
	



CASSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Weekly Menu

WEEK OF OCT. 5 - OCT. 9, 2026

MONDAY OCTOBER 5	TUESDAY OCTOBER 6	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7	THURSDAY OCTOBER 8	FRIDAY OCTOBER 9
Smothered Steak Potato Wedges Edamame Succotash Whole Grain Roll Brownies	Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Oriental Veggies Broccoli Pineapple Cake	Herbed Pork Roast w/ Gravy* Au Gratin Potatoes Zucchini & Squash Whole Grain Roll German Chocolate Cake	Baked Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Caesar Salad Fruit Salad Garlic Bread Neapolitan Cake	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Oriental Coleslaw Garlic Stick Chocolate Cream Pie



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