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ROARING RIVER

What: Issues with people driving vehicles or ATVs through the creek bed
Conservation: Agent writes 4-5 tickets per year, but knows more are in violation
More: Ruts can disrupt creek flow, driving over bed can damage food chain

Driving in river can cause damage

Conservation agent: Fine for driving in river bed is \$149.50

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

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Roaring River is a popular lace for fishing and swimming, but one activity is known to cause damage to the bed and the environment — off-roading.

Daniel Shores, Barry County conservation agent, said driving vehicles or ATVs through the creek bed is illegal, and the damage it does may go unseen to those who commit the act.

“People drive through the creek bed and get stuck, and that can cause damage,” he said. “When they get stuck, they usually sink up to the axel, then it takes another vehicle to get in there and pull the first one out. That churns up the gravel and leaves ruts in the bed, which changes the flow in certain areas.”

Beyond how it affects the water flow, Shores said driving through the river bed can also cause environmental damage.

“It’s like the food chain we learn about in school,” he said. “Animals feed on microorganisms in the creek bed, so when someone drives over it, that disrupts the environment and takes a step out of the food chain. Often times you can see where they drive through because that part of the creek bed is a different color.”

Shores said he writes about 4-5 tickets per year for driving in the river, which most often happens during summer months where drought leaves the water level low.

“It happens often, and it’s hard to be there all the time to catch them,” Shores said. “I cover all of Barry County for fishing, hunting and outdoor activities, so that encompasses the lake, rivers, trout park and hunting land.”

A ticket for driving in the river bed brings a fine of \$149.50, plus court costs, and multiple violations can lead to greater consequences.

“People driving all the way down Roaring River, there’s no excuse for that,” he said. “Farmers are allowed to cross for agricultural purposes, but people with souped up ATVs can cause serious damage. If

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New record for Power of Pink

McCracken: ‘If you find something, go get it checked’

BY JORDAN TROUTMAN

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For 16 years, Power of Pink has reached out with love, care and financial support to women in the Four State Area who are living with breast cancer.

Janice McCracken, Power of Pink founder and organizer, said with the addition of the nine ladies from this year, the organization has helped 67 total women

POWER OF PINK

Who: Janice McCracken

What: Power of Pink

More: 16 years, 67 women given financial assistance for battling breast cancer

and raised \$554,846.86.

“We had nine ladies in 2026,” McCracken said. “That is the most women we have ever had in a single year.”

McCracken continues to give her thanks to God, as she does every year.

“I stood up in church back in January and said, ‘Watch for a



miracle from God, we have never seen this many women before,” she said. “But, people stepped up and fundraised for all of this to

happen.”

The Power of Pink raised \$90,003.45 for the 2026 ladies, with each receiving \$10,000.38.

“We had raised a little less than \$87,000,” McCracken said. “On the Sunday before we wrote the checks, a friend called and said she had raised the difference to get the total over \$90,000.”

“That is another miracle from God.”

McCracken said the 2026 Power of Pink banquet was absolutely amazing.

“We had some people step up and cook for us this year,”

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Like they did in the olden days



Madison Griffith 7, of Jenkins, grinds corn frontier-style at the annual Frontier Days festival on the Schreiner farm east of Cassville. Kyle Troutman/kttroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Sales tax income strong in September

Only two cities fall short of last year’s tallies

BY MURRAY BISHOFF

Special to the Cassville Democrat

Sales tax revenues soared to finish the third quarter of 2026 in Barry County.

Six of the seven cities collecting sales tax recorded gains for the year, and the seventh fell short by only a few thousand dollars.

The seven cities received \$927,662.48 in September, up 9% from a year ago. Combining receipts within each city, only two fell short of last September’s payouts. It was the best

September since 2021, setting a new record for the month.

All the sales tax recipients received interest payments from the Missouri Department of Revenue from the first half of 2026 at the end of August. Those sums have been added into the September totals. Interest to all the cities and county recipients totaled \$10,977.20.

Cassville easily erased the nearly \$6,000 drop in August receipts. The city’s 1% sales tax paying general bills generated \$138,986.29 with interest, up \$12,174.90 or almost 10% from last September. It was the seventh gain in nine months for Cassville. With use tax revenues up by more than \$12,000, Cassville’s

total tax revenues combined from its four sales taxes and its use tax are up for the year by more than \$147,000 or 5%.

Seligman’s 1% general fund tax generated \$16,886.49 in September, up \$4,766.51 or 39% from a year ago. It’s the fourth increase in six months. Seligman’s general fund is up 6% for the year, and the use tax is up \$21,000 from last year’s pace. Not counting the 17-month-old police sales tax, Seligman’s tax income for the year is up by more than \$22,000 or 7%. On top of that, the police tax has added more than \$70,000 to city coffers not available in 2025.

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Fall fun at Roaring River State Park

W.O.W. School upcoming, trunk-or-treat later in October

BY SHEILA HARRIS

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Roaring River State Park will be the site of fun family activities and events in October.

This weekend, the park will host the annual Wonders of Wildlife W.O.W. School, a great opportunity for families to learn a variety of outdoor skills together, and it’s not too late to register.

“We still have classes open,”

ROARING RIVER STATE PARK

What: Events in October

When: W.O.W. School this weekend, multiple events Oct. 24 and 25

More: Trunk-or-treat coming to Emory Melton Inn and Conference Center

said Misty Mitchell, director of Conservation Education for the Johnny Morris Conservation Foundation.

The price is \$75, per person, plus \$65 for Kids’ Camp, and includes three days of classes (Oct. 9-11), a T-shirt, and a group fish-fry dinner.

A list of classes and a schedule can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/m4jwz2nw>.

Classes include the likes of kayaking, beginning flyfishing, geocaching, an owl prowl, a stream walk, beginning archery, Dutch oven cooking, Native American drum-making, and many more.

“Kids ages nine and older can attend classes with their parents,” Mitchell said.

Younger children, ages 5-8, may attend a Kids Camp on Saturday and Sunday, which will include age-appropriate outdoor activities.

“We like to give parents of younger children the opportunity to learn skills on their own,

while their children are in Kids Camp,” Mitchell said. “Then, when kids age out of Kids Camp, their parents can help instruct them in the adult classes.”

More information about the school can be found at <https://wondersofwildlife.org/education/wow-school/>.

Mitchell asks families to register by email at edu@wondersofwildlife.org.

Later in October, plans are

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LOCAL

NEWS BRIEFS

Extension Council nominations sought

Nominations are being accepted for the January 2027 election of the University of Missouri Extension Council in Barry County. Council members are elected or appointed to two-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Nominees must be at least 18 and must reside in the district from which they are selected. Nominations must be made prior to Dec. 7. “We want nominees who are interested in improving our community and the education of our youth,” said Carolyn Kilts. “The resources of the University of Missouri System are available to us through this statewide partnership. We need active council members who recognize the needs in the community and can help plan, locate funds and promote educational programs with University of Missouri Extension specialists.” MU Extension offers educational programs in agriculture and natural resources, families, business and workforce development, community development, youth development, community health and various continuing education courses, seminars and workshops. Nominations may be made through the Council Chair Carolyn Kilts or the county extension center at 417-847-3161 or Barryco@missouri.edu . Nominees will be contacted to secure their permission to place their names on the January 2027 ballot.

Wheaton FFA hosting Labor Auction

The Wheaton FFA will host a Labor Sale and Auction on Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. in the ag room at Wheaton High School. A free dinner will be followed by silent and live auctions.

Democratic Central Committee to meet

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

Courthouse, Judicial Center closed on Monday

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Monday in observance of Columbus and Indigenous People’s Day.

Road districts to meet next week

The Corsicana Special Road District will meet in regular session on Tuesday at 7 p.m., and the Capps Creek Special Road District will meet in regular session on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be at the home of Garry and Pam Bartkoski, located at 5086 Farm Road 2057 in Monett. The public is welcome to attend.

Purdy Special Road District meeting

The Purdy Special Road District will meet at 4 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the District Road Barn, located at 200 South 9th St. (Farm Road 1085).

Seligman Planning and Zoning to meet

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Seligman will conduct a public hearing on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, located at 29144 Main Street in Seligman to discuss the following changes to the City Code: Chapter 405 update the zoning code for marijuana facilities; add language for adult use marijuana; for the purpose of updating the code to better reflect the revised statutes of Missouri; and for a more orderly and organized code.

Southwest NHS hosting 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.

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.

2 softball tournaments benefit locals in need

Two softball tournaments will be held in Wheaton in 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.

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 fort 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.



Authors Jon Horner, right, and Kerry Hays will sign copies of “The Bouvier Blunder” and present a preview of their forthcoming book, “The Bouvier Bloodlines,” on Oct. 10, at Morgan’s Hollow in Monett. The signing begins at 10 a.m., followed by a reading from the new book at 11 a.m. Contributed photo

Horner, Hays to sign 'The Bouvier Blunder'

Local authors to preview next novel at Morgan's Hollow

Local authors Jon Horner and Kerry Hays will sign and sell copies of "The Bouvier Blunder" beginning at 10 a.m. on Oct. 10, at Morgan's Hollow in Monett.

At 11 a.m., the authors will introduce "The Bouvier Bloodlines" and read selected excerpts from their forthcoming book.

"The Bouvier Blunder" is the fourth novel in the Bouvier series and the first credited jointly to Horner and Hays. Set primarily in the fictional southwest Missouri town of Bouvier — located in the real-life setting of Barry County — the novel follows Chad McMasters, a young congressional press secretary who becomes entangled in a political conspiracy. As the stakes rise, Chad must choose between loyalty and conscience while navigating political intrigue, ethical dilemmas and the consequences of decisions made far beyond the public eye.

During the event, Horner and Hays will also offer an advance look at "The Bouvier Bloodlines", the fifth book in the series. The new novel returns readers to Bouvier, where old secrets, unexpected connections and political ambitions are about to disrupt the lives of several familiar characters. What begins innocently soon raises questions about family, identity and loyalty — and, as usual in Bouvier, nothing remains simple for long. At 11 a.m., Horner and Hays will reveal more when they read selected excerpts from their forthcoming book.

Horner created Bouvier and its memorable collection of residents in the first three books of the series. Those novels introduced readers to the fictional Barry County community and established the series' distinctive blend of small-town life, local politics, humor, mystery and larger-than-life personalities. Hays assisted with the editing of the second and third books before becoming Horner's co-author with the publication of "The Bouvier Blunder".

Horner is a novelist, community leader and long-time Barry County resident. He serves as president of a community bank and has been mayor of Cassville since 2025. His knowledge of small-town government, business and public life helps give the Bouvier novels their recognizable southwest Missouri character.

Hays is an author, historian and educator who spent 23 years working in parks and recreation, including three years as superintendent of Roaring River State Park before retiring in 2017. His background also includes teaching and local journalism. He is the author of "The Unfinished Republic" and "The Storyteller's Extremely Questionable Fairy Tales" and publishes the Substack Walking Beside History.

Copies of "The Bouvier Blunder" will be available for purchase and signing throughout the event. The preview and reading from "The Bouvier Bloodlines" will begin at 11 a.m.

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Health Corner



People should get a flu vaccine every year for optimal protection against flu

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older with rare exception. The reason for this is that a person's immune protection from vaccination declines over time, so an annual vaccination is needed to get the "optimal" or best protection against the flu. Additionally, flu viruses are constantly changing, so the vaccine composition is reviewed each year and updated as needed.

- Flu and People 65 Years and Older
- Flu vaccination is especially important for people 65 years and older because they are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications.
- While flu seasons vary in severity, during most seasons, people 65 years and older bear the greatest burden of severe flu disease.
- CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) preferentially recommend the use of higher dose flu vaccines (including high-dose inactivated and recombinant) or adjuvanted inactivated flu vaccine over standard-dose unadjuvanted flu vaccines for people 65 years and older.
- CDC recommends prompt flu antiviral treatment for people who have flu or suspected flu and who are at higher risk of serious flu complications, such as people 65 years and older.
- Take time to get a flu vaccine.
- Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every season, especially people at higher risk.
- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important action in reducing your risk of flu and its potentially serious outcomes.
- For 2026-2027 flu season, CDC recommends seasonal flu vaccination for children, pregnant women, and adults with only single-dose formulations of flu vaccine that are free of thimerosal as a preservative.
- Flu vaccines help to reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths on the health care system each year.
- Flu vaccination also has been shown to reduce the severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- All flu vaccines are designed to protect against three influenza viruses
- Everyone 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine, ideally by the end of October but people should continue to get vaccinated as long as flu viruses pose a threat to their community.
- Vaccination of people at higher risk of developing serious flu complications is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness.
- People at higher risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with certain chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older.
- Vaccination also is important for health care workers and other people who live with or care for people at higher risk of serious flu illness to keep from spreading flu to them. This is especially true for people who work in long-term care facilities, which are home to many of the people most vulnerable to flu.
- Children younger than 6 months are at higher risk of serious flu illness but are too young to be vaccinated. People who care for infants should be vaccinated instead.
- Health care providers can support patients in making informed decisions about vaccinations.

The Barry County Health Department has the following vaccines available Monday through Thursday from 7:30am to 5:30pm as a walk-in service. Due to high demand, please call 417-847-2114 to verify availability and cost: Flulaval Trivalent, Fluarix Trivalent, Flublok Trivalent and Fluzone High Dose.

Publisher's note: This article is courtesy of Barry County Health Department, located at 90 Barry County Drive in Cassville. The Department may be reached at 417-847-2114.

Leuckenhoff serving as new SPO



John Leuckenhoff is serving as the district's School Protection Officer. Contributed photo

The Cassville school district has added an additional layer of safety with the addition of John Leuckenhoff serving as the district's School Protection Officer (SPO).

A School Protection Officer is a school district employee who is designated by the superintendent to assist with safety and security responsibilities within the district. The designation is reported to the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

Leuckenhoff is responsible for assisting with safety and security throughout the district, including law enforcement responsibilities. He also works alongside district administrators to address student, parent and visitor situations involving safety and security when needed.

"John's extensive military and law enforcement background made him an excellent choice to serve as our School Protection Officer," said Merlyn Johnson, Cassville superintendent. "Just as important, John has lived in the Cassville area for many years and has already built strong relationships with our students and families. His experience, judgment, and exceptional ability to connect with people will serve him well in this role and make him a tremendous asset to the safety and security of our district."

Leuckenhoff served six years in the United States Marine Corps before beginning a 25-and-a-half-year career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. During his time with the Highway Patrol, he spent nine years as a member of the agency's SWAT Team.

He currently holds a Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) license and a commission with the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

While this is his first year serving the district as the SPO, he is already a familiar face throughout campus. This marks his sixth year with Cassville after spending the previous five years serving as a full-time substitute teacher.

Lueckenhoff will work collaboratively with district administrators, staff and local law enforcement partners as Cassville continues its commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students and staff.

Fall: Pumpkin decorating contest for staff

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shaping up for the second annual, two-day Halloween "Boo Bash" at Roaring River State Park.

On Oct. 24, children and adults can make Halloween crafts at the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center from 1-3 p.m.

Also, on Oct. 24, campers are invited to decorate their campsites for Halloween for a chance to win a prize. Judging for the Campground Halloween Decorating Contest will begin at 4 p.m. on Oct. 24, beginning in Campground 1, then progressing to Campground 2, then Campground 3. The best decorated campsite in each campground will receive a prize.

On Oct. 25, Roaring River Adventures, in conjunction with the Cassville Community Collective, will host a Trunk-or-Treat event, from 3-5 p.m., at the Emory Melton Inn.

"Right now, we have about 25 businesses and individuals registered to set up booths for the event," said Caden Swearingen, a spokesperson for the Cassville Community Collective. "We'll have activities; games; photo opps; candy, of course; and, hopefully, some face painting."

Christina Collins, marketing director with Roaring River Adventures, says there's plenty of room for more participants – up to about 50, she said.

"There's no cost to participate; just bring your own candy," she said.

If it rains, the event will be held indoors, Collins said.

To register for booth or trunk space, people may call 417-847-2330, or email CCollins@goexplore.com.

Collins asks would-be participants to register by Oct. 16, so they can plan for space needs.

To add to the fun on Oct. 24, Roaring River Adventures will host a Pumpkin Decorating Contest for their staff members.

"Harvick Farms donated 25 pumpkins, and we're asking our staff to decorate them," Collins said.

The pumpkins will be on display during the Trunk-or-Treat event, so kids can vote for their favorites. We'll give the winning decorator a trophy."

River: Violators may lose hunting, fishing license

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someone crosses multiple times, that can lead to them losing their hunting or fishing privileges in the state of Missouri."

Shores said if anyone witnesses vehicles driving in the creek, the best

course of action is to take a photo and text it to his cell phone at 417-229-4706, including the time

and location of the incident. Shores said he will respond to those reports as time allows.

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STAFF VIEW



SHEILA HARRIS

Red until dead

A young Facebook friend recently posted that he'd vote red until he was dead.

I didn't comment, but I gave that some thought. To confess allegiance to a political party for, say, 50 more years of life, denotes a type of hubris that, sadly, too many people possess.

I'm not trashing the Republican party, here. I could say the same if his commitment was to the Democratic party. My problem lies with his blind pronouncement of loyalty to an unknown future. His words tell me that he's willing to forego thought, and will not entertain questions beyond an arbitrary line he's drawn in the sand. He's telling me that he thinks he already knows all there is to know.

That bothers me.

I've carried that mindset onto more than one battlefield, myself.

In the religious certitude of my teenage years, I argued the fine points of scripture with people from other religions, as though I was defending God himself: a commission I was sure I would keep until I was dead.

My noble intentions sprang from a pure heart, but questions arose, as they have a way of doing. When cornered by a family friend who accused me of spreading "doctrines of devils," I escaped from her attack to wander in the wilderness, learning the hard way that, in spite of my former certainty, I really knew nothing about God's ways at all.

In like manner, I once believed that Republicanism was the be-all and end-all of political doctrine.

That, too, changed, 15 years ago, when I first heard President John F. Kennedy speak.

As a toddler, I was unphased by his assassination. Afterward, I never questioned the circumstances of his death. A lone gunman did it, we were told. I assumed it was true. By hindsight, I find it strange that the adults around me never talked about the Kennedy assassination: the biggest coup of the past century, one that happened during my lifetime. Perhaps it's because they wrote Kennedy off for being a Democrat, a Catholic and a womanizer. What more was there to know?

Plenty, I found out.

The night was dark, and I was home alone, when I stumbled upon — and listened to — President Kennedy's April 1961 speech to the American Newspaper Publishers Association. By the time I finished, I was looking over my shoulder, to make sure I was still alone. The ground had shifted beneath me. After listening to Kennedy's speech, I became aware — by chilling intuition — that there was much I didn't know. The question became not whether there was a conspiracy, rather, who were the perpetrators?

I set about learning more.

Truth, I learned, is elusive, and, with certain topics, like the Kennedy assassination, it may remain forever hidden.

I've since learned that truth may not be as we've always supposed, and it's okay to change our minds with new information or a better perspective.

It's okay to ask questions. Seek and ye shall find.

Mark Twain believed that to learn and to change is to grow, citing the example of young people who are expected to do those very things.

In his essay, Consistency, he asserts that "change is the law of [a person's] being."

A man can't be consistent to that law of growth if he's stuck in a rut, Twain believed.

Asking questions is the first step of change, of growth. To close one's mind to new information can spell a type of living death. I'm not suggesting that we believe everything that comes down the pike, but that there's no harm in considering it, then sifting the wheat from the chaff.

Truth doesn't live within brick and mortar and behind party lines.

Today, I'm reluctant to don a party label and be captured within somebody's ideas of what I should believe.

A party label doesn't make a candidate (or a voter) a sinner or a saint.

"By their fruits, ye shall know them."

Much can be learned about a candidate's character from unbiased news sources. Much can be learned about an incumbent's voting history by checking legislative records. Find out what's knowable.

I'd like to believe that we have a few ethical elected officials and candidates left, of whatever stripe, but I fear they're becoming fewer.

My questions are these: Has an incumbent used (or voted to use) public funds or the power of his position for personal gain? Have they voted to bribe wealthy corporations with large tax credits, at the expense of those who struggle to put food on the table? Are they willing to vote across the partisan divide?

Your questions might be different than mine, and that's okay. The important thing is to open your mind. Ask questions. Learn. Grow. Don't bury yourself in a rut, before it's time for the grave.

I also recommend reading or listening to President Kennedy's April 1961 speech (<https://tinyurl.com/4f5y4rhs>). I daresay that you've never heard anything like it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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COMMUNITY VOICES

State should do its part

I have worked in public education for 30 years, including 17 years as a superintendent, and I cannot remember a time when Missouri's education community has been more concerned about the direction of public school funding.

The latest concern comes from the State Board of Education's FY2028 budget request. The Board chose to keep its request for Missouri's Foundation Formula at approximately \$4.283 billion, the same level as FY2027. According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), approximately \$269.8 million more would be needed to fully fund the formula. While Gov. Mike Kehoe and the General Assembly will ultimately determine how much money is appropriated, the State Board's decision sends a troubling message to Missouri schools.

Calling something "flat funding" can make it sound harmless. For schools, it is anything but. Our costs do not remain flat. Salaries, health insurance, utilities, transportation, food, instructional materials, technology and facility expenses continue to increase.

When state funding stays the same while the cost of operating our schools rises, districts lose purchasing power. In practical terms, flat funding becomes a cut. That matters because the Foundation Formula is not an arbitrary number created by school administrators asking for more money.

It is the mechanism Missouri has established to determine the level of state support for educating its children. If the formula calculates that additional funding is necessary, but the state does not provide it, the responsibility does not disappear.

The financial pressure simply moves somewhere else. Increasingly, that burden falls on local taxpayers.

Recent federal education data cited by Missouri education leaders show that 57.5% of Missouri public-school funding comes from local sources, while only 28.6% comes from the state. Missouri relies more heavily on local funding than each of our eight neighboring states.

That means communities like Cassville are already doing a significant amount of the heavy lifting. Our residents support our schools through property taxes, levies and voter-approved bond issues. Those local investments have allowed Cassville



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R-IV to improve facilities, strengthen school safety, provide opportunities for students and maintain a school system our community can be proud of.

Our local taxpayers have stepped up. It is reasonable to expect the state to do its part as well.

If Missouri continues funding its schools below the level calculated by the Foundation Formula, districts like Cassville will have to absorb increasing costs with fewer resources than anticipated. Eventually, those pressures affect the decisions local school boards make.

They influence our ability to recruit and retain outstanding teachers and support staff. They affect transportation, academic and career programs, extracurricular opportunities, facility maintenance, school safety and our ability to maintain the financial reserves necessary to operate responsibly. These are not extravagant expenses. They are the basic costs of operating a quality public school system.

Behind every dollar in a school budget is something tangible: a teacher in a classroom, a bus traveling a rural road, a paraprofessional helping a student, a textbook or instructional resource, a coach working with students after school, or a building that must be heated, cooled and maintained. For rural schools, many of these costs are unavoidable.

Our buses still have to travel long distances. Our buildings still have to operate. We still compete with other employers for talented people. And our students deserve the same opportunities as students anywhere else in Missouri.

What encourages me is that this conversation is no longer taking place only among superintendents and school finance officials. Teachers are paying attention. School boards are asking questions. Parents and

community members are becoming engaged. Recent commentary across Missouri has also focused attention on the growing responsibility placed on local taxpayers to fund public education.

This is an important conversation for our state to have. Public education is one of the largest investments Missouri makes in its future. Strong schools help produce an educated workforce, support local employers, attract families and strengthen communities. In many rural Missouri communities, the public school district is also one of the community's largest employers and an important part of the local economy.

That makes school funding more than an education issue. It is a community issue.

It is important to emphasize that the FY2028 budget has not been finalized. The State Board's recommendation is part of a longer process. The Governor will develop his budget recommendations, and members of the Missouri General Assembly will ultimately make appropriation decisions.

This should not be a partisan issue. Republicans, Democrats and independents all send their children and grandchildren to Missouri schools. Rural, suburban and urban communities all depend on strong public schools.

The question is straightforward: What level of investment does Missouri believe is necessary to provide its children with a quality education? Local communities across our state continue answering that question by supporting their schools.

I believe Missouri should do the same. Our students only get one opportunity to receive their education. We cannot come back five or ten years from now and give them the teachers, programs and opportunities they should have received today. Missouri's communities have invested heavily in their public schools.

As the FY2028 budget moves forward, I hope our state leaders will recognize that commitment and provide the funding Missouri's own formula says our students need. Our local communities are doing their part.

It is time for the state to do its part, too.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Pass me the chips please

Have you ever wondered why junk food tastes so good compared to healthy food?

Why do pizza, fries, donuts and chips seem to taste like heaven to our taste buds, while broccoli and cauliflower rarely get quite the same standing ovation? There's actually a pretty interesting reason.

Historically, food was not as plentiful or predictable as it is today. Grocery stores, as we know them, are relatively new. The first self-service grocery store is generally credited to be a Piggly Wiggly in Memphis which opened in 1916. By the 1930s, larger supermarkets were beginning to bring meat, produce and packaged foods together under one roof.

Before that convenience, filling your dinner plate could be a much bigger challenge. A family might not know when the next illness, famine, drought or storm could threaten its food supply. My grandmother and her family grew much of their own food on a farm. The goal wasn't simply to grow enough for tonight's supper. They had to grow enough in one season to help feed the family for an entire year.

When food was scarce, our ancestors couldn't afford to be too picky. People physically learned to crave foods that provided lots of calories and energy. Somewhere deep inside us is still that little survival mechanism saying, "If you find food, eat it!" And then along came the modern snack aisle.

It seems logical that I should crave a plate of fresh veggies more than a bag of chips. But modern junk food isn't simply cooked and packaged. Much of it

is carefully engineered to appeal to our taste buds. Food companies test combinations of salt, sugar, fat, texture and flavor to find that sweet spot that makes us want another bite, and then another.

In other words, some foods are practically designed to advertise themselves to your brain. Nature has a tough time competing with that. Sweet and salty flavors are especially appealing because our bodies need sugars and sodium to function. Fat contributes to the satisfying feeling we get from eating. Let's not overlook the crunch.

Think about the foods our ancestors might have found growing in the wild. A crisp, crunchy plant could signal freshness. Today that same attraction to crunch can lead us straight to a bag of chips.

Putting all those things together, the crispy, salty, fatty, highly processed carbohydrates, and it's easy to understand why our taste buds can become very enthusiastic about junk food.

My senior-citizen palate and digestive system have become a little more discerning, sensitive and selective over the years. I've watched with some curiosity as the popularity of fiery, spicy convenience store snacks has exploded.

There on the shelves are offerings of Flamin' Hot Cheetos and Takis in a variety of flavor options including Fuego, Blue Heat, Nitro, and Zombie. Apparently, we have decided that our snacks should not merely taste good. They should also make us wonder whether our tongues and stomachs will survive the experience.

At the food pantry, we offer areas where we display a variety of foods for people to choose from, including fruits, vegetables, proteins, and yes, chips. I have clearly taken note that one particular item seems to disappear almost as quickly as we can put it out, the XXX-hot Fire Breathing Dragon Chips.

That has always fascinated me. When someone is facing food insecurity, why might the snack food be more tempting than the healthier choices sitting right beside it?

Part of the answer may be that our bodies genuinely crave these foods. Eating highly palatable foods can activate reward and pleasure pathways in the brain. And when life is already hard, who wouldn't be tempted by something that promises a little happiness right now?

But there is another piece of the puzzle that I think we sometimes overlook and that is knowing how to prepare food. I have observed that many people simply have never learned how to cook. That isn't necessarily their fault. Cooking skills have traditionally been passed from one generation to another, but those lessons can be lost when families become busy, circumstances change or convenience food becomes the norm.

The truth is, healthy food doesn't have to mean boring food. With the right cooking techniques, seasonings and a little imagination, vegetables can become something you actually look forward to eating. A few simple ingredients and some time spent in the kitchen can turn ordinary food into a really good meal. Perhaps one of the ways we can fight poor nutrition is not simply by telling people what they should eat, but by teaching

them how to make healthy food taste good.

There is something valuable about the old-fashioned art of preparing a wholesome homemade meal from scratch. If your mother or grandmother passed along recipes and cooking skills to you, maybe you can pass them along, too.

Teach your children and grandchildren how to make something besides a sandwich. Teach them how to season vegetables, how to construct a pot of soup, and how to knead dough. Show them how to turn a handful of ordinary ingredients into a meal that feeds both the body and brings out a sense of wellbeing. While you're standing together in the kitchen, something else can happen. You'll talk. You'll laugh. You'll share stories. You'll slow down.

In a world where so much of life happens at full speed, the kitchen can still be a place where we remember that good things sometimes take a little time. Maybe the real goal isn't to convince everyone to give up their chips. After all, I work at a food pantry. I know better than to get between a person and their favorite snack. Maybe the goal is to make the healthy choice every bit as satisfying. If we can teach the next generation the pleasure of cooking, eating together and caring for their health, we may be passing along something far more valuable than a recipe.

We may be passing along a tradition.

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THROUGH THE YEARS

50 years ago

Oct. 13, 1976
— NEW RECORD AT RR PARK FOR TROUT TAGS

For the first time in history, Roaring River State Park has gone over the 80,000 mark in trout fishermen numbers during a March through October season. Charles Curry, superintendent of the park hatchery, said the figure reached 80,625 on Tuesday evening. The Cassville Chamber of Commerce sponsored fisherman's holiday put the figure at a record number with a weekend attraction that drew 2,102 anglers buying tags Saturday through Monday. Curry said the stream was lined with 825 fishermen Saturday, 811 bought tags Sunday and 466 were fishing Monday. With three weekends remaining before the season and park closes Sunday, October 31, Curry estimated an even larger number of anglers will use the three miles of stream during this season. Previous season tag sales at the park include the following: 1971-79,231, 1972-67,226, 1973-74,638, 1974-68,649 and 1975-76,210. Bill Ward, C of C secretary, reported this week lunker trout badges numbering 52 were presented during the weekend sponsored event. Twenty-five catches were over five pounds. In the largest trout division, winning angler was Tom Halley of Raytown with an eight pound, 11 ounce lunker. The next four, with over seven pound catches, were: Anne Adel of Kansas City, Goldie Hershberger of Walnut, Kansas, Joseph Miller of Westphalia, Kans.; Martha Langston, Kansas City and Bob Britton of Raytown added six pounders. Junior division winners included: Jeff Greer and Kent Frazier of Joplin, with 4-12 and 3-9 catches respectively. The heaviest stringer was weighed by Kent Campbell of Rolla, total weight 17-5.

— AMENDMENT WOULD COST DISTRICT \$1.30 MORE LEVY

The Cassville board of education, in regular session Monday night, handled routine matters, plus a discussion on district loss should a constitutional amendment be approved by Missouri voters November 2. Superintendent Ron Evans, noting the board had earlier passed a resolution in opposition to the amendment, said the district stood to lose \$103,000 in tax revenue with approval. The amendment calls for sales tax to be removed from food and drug sales in the state. Evans told the board the loss in funds, based on nearly an \$8 million assessed valuation, would require an additional tax levy of \$1.30 to make up the difference. The present levy is \$3.75 per \$100 valuation. Five members of the board, Carroll Craig, Freddie Evans, Ronald Stewart, Herschel Stehlik, and president Charles Thompson handled board business. Included in agenda items were: Approval of an advisory committee for the Vocational Agriculture Department. Two board members, Craig and Evans were appointed, and will be augmented by two businessmen and two farmers. Expenditure up to \$1,000 approved for educational television installations upon request from English department,



30 YEARS AGO: RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD AT SBCH — South Barry County Hospital held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Wednesday to mark the grand opening of their newly completed expansion project. The 22,775-square-foot addition to the hospital more than doubled the facility's size and provided the hospital with a new Main Street entrance. The addition includes a newly expanded emergency room, a new medical clinic and new areas for radiology, cardiac rehabilitation and physical therapy. Those who participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony are pictured above. They are: hospital board members Jane Prier, Lona Mae Keen, Craig Coberley, Bill Easley, Mike McCracken and Don Cupps; Debbie Stubbs, hospital CEO; Governor Mel Carnahan; Dr. Duane Cox; Dr. James Warn; and Dr. W.G. Barnes. Democrat file photo

submitted by Mrs. Louise Thomas. District will purchase check writer and bond to handle financial transactions. Auditor for district requested to meet with board and go over most recent reports and general practices of the district. Acknowledged school insurance will be due in January, 1977, with notices scheduled for publishing seeking bids. New bus units will be picked-up by district in Mississippi. Board will transport drivers to accept delivery. Request from insurance company to authorize payroll deductions for tax sheltered annuity program, involving three faculty members, denied by board. Board member James Stephens, named to attend State Department of Education meeting in Webb City, October 20. Lay persons, Ruth Ann Barnes, Louise Cannady, Kay Edmondson or Kay Cardin will also be invited. Bid to replace exterior doors on junior high gym turned down to seek additional proposals. Board voted unanimously to leave junior high athletic program as at present. Big 13 conference will consider proposal in December meeting to include this level in conference program. Principals Don Trotter, Eunice Thomas and Paul Watson attended the meeting. Dennis Epperly was Cassville Community Teacher Association representative.

40 years ago

Oct. 15, 1986
— CARR, CHAPPELL MILLER, SMITH NEW DIRECTORS

Cassville has four new members to the Chamber of Commerce board of directors. The four were chosen from a list of eight nominees presented in a mail-ballot that was tabulated Tuesday. Dr. Chip Kammerlohr, president, said the directors who assume three-year terms are Mike Carr, Joy Chappell, John Miller and Mark Smith. Of the four, Smith, of Smith's Clothing, is the lone returnee to the board. He served a previous term separated by a mandatory one-year absence. Carr is owner of Fastrup, Chappell owns Ozark Video and has been retail merchant's chairman. Miller, plant manager for Wells Aluminum here, has been a driving force behind a number of projects, including the Christmas nativity scene. The four will join hold-over directors in choosing new C of C officers in a regular board meeting next Tuesday. In the

continuing term status are directors Dick Moger, John Anglum, Dr. Carolyn Hunter, Kammerlohr, Chip Lawson, Jim LeCompte, Joe Preddy and Debbie Workman. Retiring from the board this year are directors Don Cupps, Gary Fields, Bob Mitchell and Byron Tucker. Mrs. Ella Frost, secretary, said 110 of 151 member ballots were returned in the director selection process. Present officers, in addition to Kammerlohr, are Moger, vice-president, and Lawson, treasurer. Official terms of new directors and officers will commence with the annual membership dinner in January.

— STATE PROJECTS DELAYED AS AGENCIES METHODS DIFFER

A difference of opinion on the handling of state park construction projects in Missouri, as two agencies have a difference of opinion over the handling of \$10-\$12 million dollars of work, could delay important programs throughout the state. Among the park projects in jeopardy of delay are several at Roaring River State Park. A reliable state park employee told the Democrat this week that the Office of Design and Construction in Jefferson City has notified the State Parks Division that they are "out of their league in handling the in-house projects." Thinking oppositely, the parks official said it was his opinion the in-house method of handling projects has saved the taxpayers of Missouri dollars at every turn. Design and Construction has countered with "we're it, the agency to handle these programs" and no further action will be taken until they have been processed by that division. The long-time parks official said this week, "I just can't sit by and watch the park system damaged in a system of political moves. This work needs to be under contract now for next year. Delay, for whatever reason D&C might present, 'just isn't justified.'" Projects involved at Roaring River are some that were removed within the last couple of years and should be under contract soon if they are going to be useable next year. Included are some electrical services in a refurbished campground and the swimming pool. Roaring River officials said at mid-year this season that the swimming pool absence was one of their major hazards. The park and subsequently the

area, has been damaged by the absence of a pool. Other projects slated in \$800,000 of work include group camp, extensive paving, and general renovation continuation at the lodge. The same park official reminded this week that D&C two years ago spent approximately \$50,000 in planning to convert the lodge to a dining establishment. The project, through a Springfield architectural firm, was later dropped as not being practical for a growing restaurant business in the park. Current officials at Roaring River declined comment on the matter. The swimming pool was removed from an area near the lodge last year. Crews were on the site before local interests were aware the antiquated facility was to be removed. Plans for replacement are in the area of Dry Hollow, adjacent to the present park maintenance buildings. In numbers, electrical outlets for camping units in the park were reduced by about 20 percent in projects completed at Roaring River in March of 1985. Complaint on the handling of park projects is apparently an inter-agency action. As stated by the park employee, this division has handled construction projects in the state's parks for "years and years," but suddenly we aren't capable of continuing. Now, park projects that need to be started now, are being held. Someone should answer why?" Most of the projects are being financed by state sales tax of 1/10th of a cent on each dollar purchase that is being divided for use by parks and soil conservation. A small amount of Missouri bond funds are probably involved also, the source said.

30 years ago

Oct. 9, 1996
— OVER 500 GATHER TO CELEBRATE HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT

Lively band music, balloons and a crowd of over 500 people gathered in front of South Barry County Hospital's new

Main Street entrance to hear Governor Mel Carnahan speak and to celebrate the most recent milestone in hospital history. Carnahan's brief speech served to commemorate the grand opening of the newly completed \$1.4 million expansion project, which has doubled the facility's size and provided the hospital with Main Street access. The festivities, which began around 2:30 p.m. last Wednesday, were opened by Debbie Stubbs, the hospital's chief executive officer. After welcoming those who had assembled, Stubbs thanked the community, physicians and employees for supporting the hospital. She also acknowledged the hospital's board of directors as being "progressive in a time when the market is changing." "All of this came together to make today possible," Stubbs said. Stubbs ended her portion of the program by introducing Don Cupps, board chairman. Cupps, who has served on the hospital board since 1985, introduced other members of the board, Bill Easley, Lona Mae Keen, Jane Prier, Mike McCracken and Craig Coberley. He also recognized former board members Eileen Sander, Morris Castleberry, Neil Vinyard and John Sparks who were present at the grand opening. Cupps paid special tribute to former board secretary Joyce Vaughan, who he described as the hospital's "institutional memory," and to past contributions made by those now deceased, including Bill Wiley, T.A. Prier, Worth Keen, Otis Holder, Glen Truhitte and Jack Byrd. "There once was a question of whether this hospital would survive," said Cupps. "Today is a good indication that the hospital will survive." He completed his speech by expressing gratitude to the hospital's medical team and employees. The ceremony concluded with the governor's speech and a ribbon-cutting. Tours of the hospital followed. To gain further insight into the hospital's growth, the Cassville Democrat asked Stubbs to list the main reasons SBCH has managed to thrive. She said in her opinion there were two primary reasons. "I think the combination of the community wanting the local medical facilities to succeed and the local physicians supporting us have worked together. One without the other won't work," Stubbs said. Vaughan said she remembers a time when the existence of the local hospital was threatened. The grand opening served to prove the hospital's viability to the long-time SBCH supporter. "I was humbled to see it grow from in 1936 when we almost lost it to today where we have such a flourishing hospital. It's amazing what the community has done and how they've backed the hospital."

— THE CURTAIN RISES ON FALL FOLIAGE DISPLAYED IN BARRY

COUNTY OZARKS

It's that time of year again, when a patchwork of color blankets the Ozarks. Each October, Mother Nature manages to outdo herself with her colorful displays of fall foliage. Rick Linebarger, of the U.S. Forest Service/Cassville District, believes the prime time for fall leaf viewing has begun and will continue through the end of October. "The next several weekends will be beautiful for viewing," said Linebarger. The Cassville District predicts Oct. 19 and 20 to be the days for peak fall color. Linebarger is impressed with the color in the area and feels it will be at least average. "Based on the dryness we had during the summer months, I am somewhat surprised at the color we have now," he said. Fall colors are starting their "show" in and around Barry County. The dogwood, sumac and sassafras are turning red. There is a slight tinge of yellow and orange in the bigger trees. The USDA Forest Service offers a toll-free fall color hotline with updates on color change and routes where the best colors may be found. The number is 1-800-898-8895. The Flaming Fall Review includes the Cassville area this year and with good reason. A drive through Roaring River State Park or along Table Rock Lake and the Mark Twain National Forest offers spectacular views of vivid fall foliage with a backdrop of the lake and Ozark Mountains.

— HOMER SLOAN BASS TOURNAMENT WINNERS NAMED

The 1996 Homer Sloan Buddy Bass Tournament was held Saturday on Table Rock Lake. Sixty boats launched from docks at Campbell Point and Viola. Weigh-in, conducted in the late afternoon at Campbell Point, produced 10 winners in two different categories. Honors of biggest bass went to five different teams. First place was claimed by Chuck Lawrence and Frances Zongker who reeled in a 4.65 pounder. Ted Johnson and Kevin England came in second with a 4.50 pound catch. A 4.05 pound catch by Ken Robbins and Danny Loveland snagged third place, and fourth place went to Rick Holmden and Ed Thompson with a fish weighing 3.75 pounds. Jeff Kirby and Doug Ettenson took fifth place with a 3.65 pound bass. In the biggest stringer category, Holmden and Thompson caught first place with fish weighing in at 16.65 pounds. A 15.60 stringer, caught by Lefty Evans and Marty Conrad, took second. Third place went to Johnson and England with a stringer weighing 14.05 pounds. Dale and Alan Stebler brought in 13.35 pounds of fish, capturing fourth place, and John Newman and Gerry Miller's stringer, weighing 13.15 pounds, won fifth place honors.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week

Hey, I'm Bishop! I'm a striking 1-year-old German Shepherd mix with a splash of Pit Bull heritage, sporting a handsome tricolor coat at a solid 40 pounds. I'm energetic and affectionate, and I get along great with cats, so I'm ready to join a home where I can be part of the action. My adoption fee is just \$90 — come meet me and let's see if we're a perfect match. Adopters can complete an application at www.havenoftheoarks.org/adopt. No appointment is needed. The Haven is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. All Haven of the Ozarks pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. For more information, people may email havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or call at 417-835-3647. Contributed photo





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OBITUARIES



LARRY DUANE LUCAS, SR.

Larry Duane Lucas, Sr., 58, of Cassville, Mo. passed away Sunday, September 27, 2026.

He was born December 19, 1967 in Grand Rapids, Minn., the son of James and Sandy (Ammerman) Lucas.

Survivors include his wife Sherri Turner; his mother, Sandy Lucas of Remer, Minn.; sons, Larry Lucas, Jr. of Brainerd, Minn., Brandyn Turner of Neosho, Mo., Tyler Lucas of Cassville, Mo., Trey Spreeman of Brainerd, Minn., and Monte Lucas of Cassville, Mo.; daughters, Nicole Lucas of Brainerd, Minn., Braydee Smith of Grand Rapids, Minn., and Trisha Lucas of Grand Rapids, Minn.; brothers, Richard Lucas of Remer, Minn. and Michael Lucas of Hill City, Minn., and ten grandchildren.

Preceding him in death

were his father, James Lucas; son, Devin; daughter, Angel, and brother, Jami Lucas.

He was a self-employed welder. He moved to the Cassville area in 1999 from Brainerd, Minn. He was of the Baptist faith.

A memorial service was held Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Cassville City Park in Cassville, Mo. Cremation arrangements are under direction Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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JACKIE RAY "JACK" WHITE, SR.

Jackie Ray "Jack" White, Sr., 76, passed away

peacefully at his home in Seligman, Mo., on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

He was born on January 28, 1950, in Garfield, Ark., the son of Merrill "Buster" Anderson White and Belva Juanita (Stanphill) White, who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death were ten siblings and a stepdaughter.

Survivors include his son, Jackie Ray White, Jr.; three stepchildren, Mary Rice and her husband Johnny, Robert Kile, and Norman Mullins; sisters, Bonnie Patterson of Ky., and Betty Hency and her husband Doug of Garfield, Ark.; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren; step great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was a hardworking man who spent many years working for Tyson and most of his life as an automobile mechanic. He took great pride in his work and especially in his beloved 1955 and 1957 Chevrolets.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date with time and date to be announced. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus in memory of Jack.

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NHIA CHA YANG

Nhia Cha Yang, who resided in Purdy, Missouri passed away on September 20, 2026.

He was born on April 5, 1964 in Pou Xong, Laos to the beloved Chong Xang Yang and wife Mee Xiong Yang.

In 1974 to 1975, at just 10 years old, he bravely served as a Sergeant and fought alongside the U.S. during the Vietnam War. His specialty was in the Territorial Forces (ADC) in the Special Guerrilla Unit to aid and defend against communist forces. In 1976, after his

efforts in the war, he would later be sponsored to come to the United States as a refugee in part of a relief agency and resettle in Fitchburg, Mass. In 1985, he graduated from Fitchburg High School. He was a very committed person to his culture and his community.

Survivors include his former spouses (Nws tso tseg tus niam loj thiab tus niam yau ua tau nrauj lawm) First former spouse (Niam Loj) Ia Yang & the Second former spouse (Niam Yau) Houa Xiong; His sons and their spouses (Nws tso tseg nws cov tub thiab nyab) - Soua & wife Ariel Yang, Kou & wife Melissa Yang, Kee & wife Bianca Zuno Yang, Yeng Kong and Yeng Houa. His daughters and their spouses (Nws cov ntshais thiab vauv) - See & husband Robert Gaines, Mai Kao & husband Shur Moua, Mona, Lily and Yulia and all of his 17 grandchildren.

Along with his brothers and their spouses (Nws tso tseg nws cov kwv tij thiab lawv cov poj niam): Lee Lue Yang & wife Shong Vue Yang, Va Cheng Yang & wife Soua Vang Yang, Sai Kao Yang & wife Yee Lee Yang, Ntxoo Muas Yang & wife Kab Yeej Muas Yang, Fai Thong Yang & wife Paj Nyiag Vue Yang, Paj Tsu Yang & wife Soua Vang Yang, Neng Chue Yang & wife Ashley Khang Yang, Vaj Thai Yang & wife Npaub Vang Yang. His brother-in-law: (Tus yawm yij) Chong Nab Xiong, widower to the late sister Quam Yang Xiong. His sisters and their spouses (Nws cov muam thiab lawv cov txiv): Paj Yang Thao, Xao Thao & husband Neej Tshiab Thao. His sister-in-law (Tus niam ntxawm): Sia Yang, widow to the late Txam Yang.

He was preceded in death (Cos xiam ua ntej) by his father (nws txiv) Chong Xang Yang & mother (nws niam) Mee Xiong Yang, his younger brother (tus kwv) Txam Yang, his brother-in-law (Yawm yij) Shoua Pao Thao, husband to the surviving sister Paj Yang Thao. His sisters and their spouses (Cov muam thiab yawm yij), Ntxhais Yang Vang & husband Nyiaj Her Vang, Qawm Yang Xiong.

Services will be held from 8:00 A.M. until 11:00 P.M. Saturday, October 10, 2026 and from 8:00 A.M. Sunday, October 11, 2026 until 9:00 A.M. Monday, October 12, 2026 at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Burial with military honors will be at 10:00 A.M. Monday, October 12, 2026 at Gibson Cemetery in

Neosho, Missouri.

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DENNY LEROY OWENS

Denny Leroy Owens, Sr., 73, of Aurora, Mo., passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026.

He was born June 11, 1953 in Orville, Calif., the son of Arles and Ivy (Horn) Owens, who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death was his son, Ethan Owens; siblings, Ray Owens, Carol Smith, and Kay Veach.

Survivors include his wife Joanne Brown; his sons, Denny Owens, Jr. and wife Amy of Greenfield, Mo. and Shilo Owens of Aurora, Mo.; daughter, Mya Owens of Aurora, Mo.; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; siblings, Joyce Lane of Okla., Don Owens and wife Lisa of Ark., Jeanie Peden and husband Billy of Green Forest, Ark., Penny Ackerman and husband John of Republic, Mo., Gary Owens and wife Theda of Aurora, Mo., Donna Bricker and husband Jack of Aurora, Mo., and Margaret Koehler and husband Ernest of Verona, Mo., as well as other extended family that include aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He lived most of his life in Aurora, Mo., where he also attended school. He worked in construction as a backhoe operator, digging many graves throughout Barry and Lawrence Counties. He also worked as a truck driver.

He attended Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Tony Martin will conduct the services. Burial will be at Sparks Cemetery in Butterfield, Mo.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 P.M.

until service time Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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

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CINDY LEE

Cindy Lee, of Cassville, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at her home in Cassville.

Cindy was born on September 15, 1960, in Springfield, Missouri. She graduated from Aurora High School in Aurora, Missouri, in 1979. She later married the love of her life, Don Dean Lee on February 28, 1994, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, with whom she shared a life filled with love and memories.

Cindy enjoyed playing computer games and spending time with her family. Her grandbabies held a very special place in her heart. She loved them more than anything in this world, and they were truly the spark that brought joy to her life. Her family was the center of her world, and the love she had for them will be cherished and remembered always.

Cindy is survived by her husband Don; two sons, Andrew Martens of Phoenix, Arizona and Robert Lee of Monett, Missouri; one daughter, Stacia Grizzel; two grandchildren; one sister, Cathy Bottoms of Cassville, Missouri; one brother, James Thomas of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Midwest Transplant and entrusted to White Funeral Home and Crematory.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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Purdy saw its third consecutive gain as its 1% sales tax paying general bills produced \$6,329.80 with interest, up \$84.53 from last September. Each of those gains has been by \$200 or less. For the calendar year, Purdy's tax receipts have grown by around 6.5%, clawing back

from the 19% drop seen in the first nine months of 2025. That translates into a bit more than \$6,200 in city coffers than a year ago.

Exeter's one% general fund tax brought in \$4,396.65 with interest, up \$1,390.90 or 46% from last September. For the year, Exeter's general fund income is up by 4%. Combined with its use tax, which is up a full third from a year ago, Exeter's tax income is up by more than \$5,500 or 14% for 2026.

Washburn's 1% general fund tax produced \$2,634.42 for the month, down \$914.25 from a year ago. Compared to last September, when the State Auditor's office suspended tax distributions for two months, income to the city is up 18%. Combining all Washburn's sales and use taxes, overall income for 2026 is up by 20% or more than \$14,000. That's roughly the equivalent of two months of lost income if judged by last September's performance.

Wheaton's 1% sales tax for its general fund yielded \$6,134.48 with interest for the month. That was down \$811.31 from last September, the fourth drop in five months. Wheaton's general fund income for 2026 is down by only \$140.22, less than a quarter of a%.

However, Wheaton's half-cent transportation tax, which brought in 48% of the 1% tax, was compared with an inexplicably low payout last September, at 12% of the 1% tax. A full amount this September boosted the transportation tax income by \$1,806.79 over a year ago, leaving an overall gain for the month. Combining Wheaton's two sales taxes and its use tax, income for the year is down by almost \$3,000, the only drop among all the cities.

Monett, the biggest sales tax generator in the county,

took in \$229,490.16 from its two sales taxes totaling 1% for its general fund. That was up \$14,171.24 or nearly 7% over last September. Monett's use tax was up 48% for the month, more than three times Cassville's sum. Combining Monett's use tax with its other five active sales taxes and two inactive taxes that received interest in September, total tax revenues to Monett for the year more than \$493,000 or 10%.

Countywide taxes showed even more growth in their receipts.

Barry County's two older half-cent taxes supporting general bills and road maintenance each received \$280,548 with interest. That put each over last September's totals by more than \$15,987 or 6%. General fund income is up 7% for the year. Use tax for the month was up by more than \$43,000 or 23%. Combining Barry County's four sales taxes and its use tax made tax income for 2026 after three quarters up by more than \$958,000, or 11%, from last year's pace.

Income to the Barry County Emergency Services Board's .375% sales tax generated \$210,410.94 with interest in September, up nearly \$12,000 from a year ago. That put the money supporting central dispatching and 911 service ahead of last year's pace by almost \$88,000 or 5.5%.

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Richard Robbins, of Jenkins, helps strip sorghum as he and others prepare to make syrup at the annual Frontier Days festival on the Schreiner farm east of Cassville. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



A vocalist in a rag tag group of musicians loosely known as Succotash sings at the annual Frontier Days festival on the Schreiner farm east of Cassville. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Edgar Schreiner II puts sorghum stalks through a machine as he prepares to make syrup at the annual Frontier Days festival on the Schreiner farm east of Cassville. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Julian Bauman, 5, of Cassville, could not take his eyes off a dream-catcher at one of the vendor booths at the annual Frontier Days festival on the Schreiner farm east of Cassville. Kyle Troutman/kt Troutman@cassville-democrat.com

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Homecoming Court



The 2026 Cassville Homecoming Court includes, front row, from left: Freshman Natalie Thompson, daughter of Lisa Pettingill and Tim Thompson, of Cassville; Sophomore Lydia Curbow, daughter of Anna Curbow and Courtney Curbow, of Cassville; Senior Molly Moore, daughter of Josh and Amanda Moore, of Cassville; Senior Tomi Blankenship, daughter of Clint and Bobbi Blankenship, of Jenkins; Senior Rose Love, daughter of Clinton and Crystal Love, of Cassville; and Junior Arianna Greathouse, daughter of Ann Ring and Matt Ring, of Cassville.

Senior Boys

Senior boys on the 2026 Cassville Homecoming Court include: Kamden Beebe, son of Travis and Nicole Beebe, of Cassville, and Chase Ruark, son of Justin and Rachel Ruark, of Cassville.



Senior Girls

Senior girls on the 2026 Cassville Homecoming Court include, from left: Tomi Blankenship, daughter of Clint and Bobbi Blankenship, of Jenkins; Rose Love, daughter of Clinton and Crystal Love, of Cassville; and Molly Moore, daughter of Josh and Amanda Moore, of Cassville.



Freshmen



Freshmen on the 2026 Cassville Homecoming Court include: Natalie Thompson, daughter of Lisa Pettingill and Tim Thompson, of Cassville, and Julian Daniels, son of T.J. Daniels and Heather Gusta, of Cassville.

Sophomores



Sophomores on the 2026 Cassville Homecoming Court include: Lydia Curbow, daughter of Anna Curbow and Courtney Curbow, of Cassville, and Gavin Koehler, son of Michael and Sarah Koehler, of Cassville.

Juniors



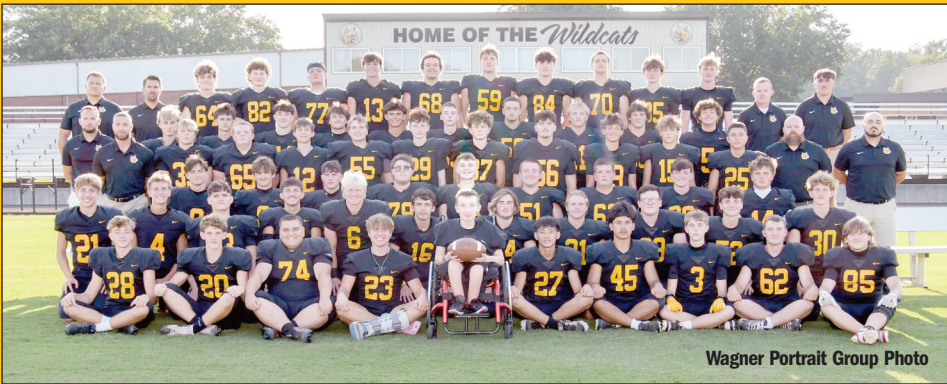
Juniors on the 2026 Cassville Homecoming Court include: Arianna Greathouse, daughter of Ann Ring and Matt Ring, of Cassville, Junior Ellis Hobbs, son of Brittany Crumm and Jason Hobbs, of Cassville and Branson.

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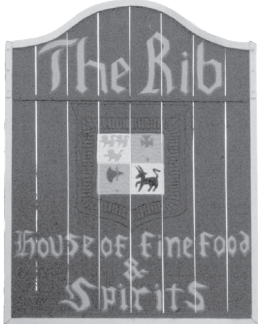
WILDCAT FOOTBALL



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2026 CASSVILLE WILDCAT FOOTBALL

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
1	Kyle Berry	11	-	-	-	37	Kyler Artherton	9	5'7	130	RB/LB
2	Jaren Stearns	12	6'0	165	QB/DB	40	Carter Stringer	9	5'11	140	WR/LB
3	Auden Mizer	10	5'7	135	WR/DB	44	Julian Daniels	9	6'1	150	TE/DE
4	Kaden Stearns	10	5'10	130	WR/DB	45	Van Thang	11	5'9	175	TE/DL
5	Braydyn Sizemore	11	6'0	170	TE/LB	50	Tyler Hodge	10	5'11	170	OL/DL
6	Masin Bryan	12	5'10	180	RB/LB	51	Tyler Annecharico	10	5'11	220	OL/DL
7	Baxton Cornell	12	5'10	160	WR/LB	52	Gavin Smith	10	5'10	180	OL/DL
8	Logan Parsons	11	5'10	155	RB/LB	53	Trystan Moore	9	5'9	195	OL/DL
9	Bodie Hodge	10	5'10	150	QB/DB	54	Mathew Miller	10	5'10	165	OL/DL
10	Easton Hughes	12	5'10	185	RB/LB	55	Diesel Beranek	9	5'7	230	OL/DL
11	Zach Myers	11	6'0	200	TE/DL	56	Miles Connolley	9	5'8	200	OL/DL
12	Kamrey Harris	9	5'6	130	QB/DB	58	Ricky Norris	12	6'2	220	OL/DL
13	Carlos Barrientos	12	6'3	200	WR/DB	59	Harley Madison	12	6'5	250	OL/DL
14	Jayden Ritchie	10	5'10	180	RB/LB	62	Izaak Henbest	12	5'8	190	OL/DL
15	Christian Longley	9	5'6	120	QB/LB	63	Will Finch	11	5'11	245	OL/DL
16	Caleb Pyle	12	5'11	155	WR/DB	64	Brody Howell	12	6'1	230	OL/DL
17	Preston Driskill	11	5'11	160	K	65	Waylen Jennings	9	5'7	230	OL/DL
18	Mace Bredeson	11	5'9	160	WR/DB	68	Jayce Magula	12	6'3	260	OL/DL
19	Jace Burns	9	5'6	130	RB/DB	69	Brody Moller	10	5'8	240	OL/DL
20	Wylan Farris	10	5'8	160	QB/DB	70	Ezekiel Dimello	9	6'2	230	OL/DL
21	Kellen Weldy	10	5'8	160	RB/DB	72	Owyn Surratt	9	6'0	260	OL/DL
23	Dylan Sorensen	10	5'8	160	RB/LB	74	Josiah Meshell	10	5'8	270	OL/DL
24	Spencer Drollinger	10	6'0	175	RB/LB	76	Carson Thomas	11	6'1	200	OL/DL
25	Aaron Lopez	9	5'4	140	RB/LB	77	Roman Earnhart	9	6'3	290	OL/DL
26	Chase Ruark	12	6'0	170	WR/DB	79	Kalel Massey	10	6'0	290	OL/DL
27	Mike Yang	12	5'7	130	WR/DB	80	Will Ray	9	5'5	125	K
28	Cash Smith	10	5'7	140	WR/DB	81	Dade Zajac	10	6'0	145	K
29	Gavin Craft	9	5'7	120	WR/DB	82	Kanaan Madison	10	6'3	185	TE/DL
30	Mquade Farris	10	5'9	160	RB/LB	84	Kelby Lee	9	6'4	205	TE/DB
31	Kamden Beebe	12	5'9	175	RB/DB	85	Gavin Koehler	10	5'6	155	WR/DB
33	Mike Mink	9	5'4	150	RB/LB	87	Carson Driskill	9	5'11	175	K
35	Evan Roney	9	6'1	160	WR/DB	88	Vinny Griffanti	9	6'0	140	WR/DB
						89/86	Brandt Reuter	11	6'0	130	WR/DB



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Members of the 2026 JROTC include, front row, from left: Paige McClure and Chloe Henry. Back row: Allan Canales, Carson Thomas and Rayden Hopson. Not pictured: Devin Johns Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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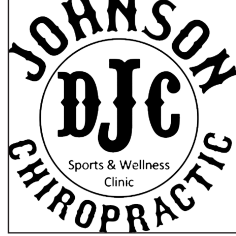




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Fall finds at Washburn Street Festival



Iliza Robbins, 3, of Cassville, laughed as she got a tiger painted on her face by Brooke Hoover, of Rogers, Ark., who was volunteering at the Mission Baptist Church booth at the Washburn Street Festival on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Paige Collins, 5, of Exeter, scooped dried corn into a bowl at one of the booths at the Washburn Street Festival on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Paul Stubbs, left, offers candy from Nena's Pantry, made by his wife, Bonita Stubbs, to Kate Cook, left middle, Millie Hendrix, 2, and Megan Hendrix, all of Washburn, during the Washburn Street Festival on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com



Multiple classic cars were on display at the Washburn Street Festival on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/kt troutman@cassville-democrat.com

Power: Nominations for Power of Pink recipients open all year long

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she said. “She worked for a catering service and was able to take care of the meals through donations. This allowed me to focus on other parts of the event.”

McCracken, along with others involved in the organization, continue to give God the glory for the ability to offer this service to the amazing women who are fighting against Breast Cancer.

“It was a ‘God Year —’ he truly blessed it beyond anything we could have

imagined,” she said. “Every year, it blows my mind what everyone is able to accomplish.”

“My dad always said, ‘You can’t out give God.’ This really shows that.”

McCracken is always just as thankful to her community for the support it takes to make the Power of Pink a force in helping women fight against Breast Cancer.

“We live in small communities,” she said. “But, these people donate, buy auction items and help out

any way they are able to, and it brings it all together.”

There were many new additions to the organization this year to provide supplies, auction items and gather businesses to donate to the cause.

“One of the past ladies made a post on social media,” McCracken said. “She wanted to make it clear to people to be cautious and aware of where they sent their money. She had been turned down by [a well-known Breast Cancer Awareness organization] because she didn’t meet the criteria.”

“Then she found out that only 20% of what they raised actually went to cancer patients.”

The Power of Pink Foundation has always given 100% of the funds raised to the women who have become “Pink Ladies.”

“I pray every year that we won’t have any nomi-

nees, that there aren’t any women living with Breast Cancer,” McCracken said. “But until then, we are here, and we will keep going.”

Breast Cancer affects women in more ways than one.

“One of the ladies from last year has three daughters,” McCracken said. “Two of them have Breast Cancer.”

“The women are getting younger and younger.”

In 2025, McCracken set a goal to purchase the tables for the banquet rather than continuing to spend money on renting them.

“A foundation reached out and donated all of those tables,” she said. “That is just one of the many, many individuals and groups that have made all of this possible. God continues to bless this.”

Last year, there was a woman who donated Bibles to the women nominated

for the Power of Pink.

“The women in her church highlighted certain passages in the Bibles,” McCracken said. “One of the women said it was one of the best gifts she had ever received.”

“I don’t want a single lady to leave there having not heard or known Jesus.”

There is no limit to the way people can help the Power of Pink.

“We have a church group that makes game baskets for the auction,” McCracken said. “Everyone brings one game, so it isn’t too expensive for one person to do.”

The Power of Pink is about support and love, and there is no shortage of either when it comes to showing up for the Pink Ladies every single year.

“As for 2027, we are just working on getting it going,” McCracken said. “The Power of Pink walk and run

continue to grow every year. This year we even added a car show and there was a great turnout.”

“We will continue to add new things and make it bigger and better every year to help as much as possible.”

For 16 years McCracken has received nominations, called the women and heard their stories, she fights for them and finds and offers any support she is able to.

“Nominations are open from January to December,” she said. “I reach out to the nominees in January and ask if they want to be a part of the Power of Pink. But the nominations are open all year.”

Through her experience in this journey, McCracken has one thing she wants every woman to hear.

“Don’t let age stop you,” she said. “If you find something, go get it checked. I have seen the women getting younger and younger

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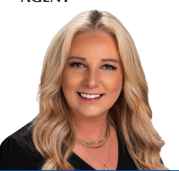


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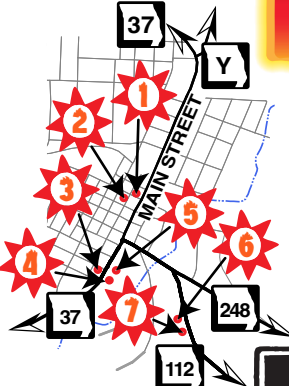


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WILDCATS RALLY BUT FALL SHORT AGAINST LAMAR



Cassville's Tyler Hodge brings down a Lamar runner during Friday's loss to the Tigers at home. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Coach, players put focus on better week of practice

BY KYLE TROUTMAN

ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Cassville erased a 14-point deficit Friday night against Big 8 foe Lamar, but the Wildcats could not complete the comeback, falling 28-21. The Wildcats trailed 21-7 entering the fourth quarter before scoring twice to tie the game, but Lamar answered with a touchdown with 3:47 remaining and held on to hand Cassville its first loss of the season. The Wildcats entered the game unbeaten but struggled to find their rhythm early, something coach Clay Weldy attributed in large part to a poor week of practice. "I was worried to go in the game because we had a terrible week of practice," Weldy said. "We played like we practiced the whole week." The first quarter ended scoreless after both teams

had opportunities. Lamar opened the game with a drive that reached the Cassville 34 before a botched snap resulted in a fumble recovered by the Wildcats. Cassville drove inside the Tigers' 20 on its ensuing possession, but a 36-yard field-goal attempt was blocked. After Lamar punted on its next possession, Cassville moved across midfield before a pass fell incomplete and the Wildcats punted. Lamar finally broke through in the second quarter after Cassville was forced to punt from deep in its own territory. The Tigers blocked the punt and returned it for a touchdown, taking a 7-0 lead with 8:51 left in the first half. Lamar extended the advantage with 38 seconds left before halftime when the quarterback kept the ball

alive on a drive that included several Cassville penalties before finding a receiver for a 23-yard touchdown and 14-0 lead at the break. Cassville responded immediately out of the locker room. The Wildcats put together a drive that featured runs from Easton Hughes, Masin Bryan and Jaren Stearns before Bryan threw a 40-yard halfback pass to Mace Bredeson for a touchdown. The score cut the deficit to 14-7 with 9 minutes remaining in the third quarter. Lamar answered with a long scoring drive, using a combination of runs and a halfback pass to reach the Cassville 6 before scoring on a quarterback keeper to go up 21-7 with 5:58 left in the third quarter. Cassville then began its comeback. The Wildcats drove deep into Lamar territory as the

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Local schools compete in 43rd Annual Volleyfest



Wheaton's Mallory Royer keeps a ball in play for the Lady Bulldogs during a tournament game at Southwest's Volleyfest. Wheaton took sixth place after falling in its final match to Verona. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Southwest's Brianna Taft plays a ball over the net during action at Volleyfest on Saturday. The Lady Trojans took seventh place in the tournament with a win over Golden City. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Exeter's Reyna Aldridge spikes a ball during action at Volleyfest on Saturday. The Lady Tigers were eliminated after pool play at the tournament. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Purdy's Emma Graham serves up a ball during a game at Volleyfest on Saturday, the 43rd annual tournament held at Southwest High School. Purdy was the top local finisher. Taking third place over Everton. Thomas Jefferson defeated Crane in the championship match. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



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10/17	Mt. Vernon	Away	1:00 pm
10/23	Nevada	Away	7:00 pm

Girls Golf

10/5	Big 8 Conference Tournament (in Carthage)	Away
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Cross Country

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

Softball

10/5	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

10/5	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

10/3	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
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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,
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By:
Kami Stanton
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PROBATE

**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
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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,
decendent,

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,
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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,
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by S. Parker, Probate Clerk

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

In the Estate of
FORREST ARTHUR GARLAND,
Deceased.
Case Number:
26BR-PR00123

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

The personal representative's name and business address is:

JOSEPH GARLAND,
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CASSVILLE, MO 65625.

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

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(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 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

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October 7, 2026

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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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**IN THE 35TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI
JUDGE OR DIVISION:
PROBATE**

In the Estate of
CLARA B DODSON,
Deceased.

Case Number: 23BR-PR00100

NOTICE OF LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION
GRANTED
(SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
CLARA B DODSON,
Decedent:

On 08-20-2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

CLARA B DODSON,
decendent,

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

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

KENNETH DODSON,
9410 STATE HWY C.
PURDY, MO 65734

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

DAVID ALEXANDER PAYNE,
1402S Elliot, Ste F.
Aurora, MD 85805,
417-878-5161.

All creditors said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or i 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 Imitation 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 item pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo

Date of the decedent's death

03-MAY-2023

Craig Williams

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Date of first publication:

10/07/26

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

In the Estate of
VIOLA MAY LEVERICH,

Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00131

NOTICE OF LETTERS
TESTAMENTARY
GRANTED
(SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of

VIOLA MAY LEVERICH,

Decedent:

On September 28, 2026,

the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individualwas appointed

personal representative of the estate of VIOLA MAY LEVERICH, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY, Missouri.

The name and business address of the personal representative is:

THOMAS LEVERICH JR,
6081 FARM ROAD 1005,
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: May 6, 2026

Date of first publication:

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Date of second publication:

October 14, 2026

Date of third publication:

October 21, 2026

Date of fourth publication:

October 28, 2026

Craig Williams,

Circuit Clerk

by S. Parker,

Probate Clerk

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

In the 39TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE

In the Estate of WILLIAM GORDON SHAW,

Deceased.

Case Number: 26BR-PR00120

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of WILLIAM GORDON SHAW, Decedent:

On September 25, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

WILLIAM GORDON SHAW,

decendent, 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 is:

CODY SHAW,
13 DAY ST,

GROTON, CT 06340

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

JAMES AUGUST PETTIT,
P.O. BOX 148,
AURORA, MO 65605,
(417) 678-2187

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

JAMES AUGUST PETTIT,
P.O. BOX 148,
AURORA, MO 65605,
(417) 678-2187

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: 14-APR-2026

Date of first publication:

October 7, 2026

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Date of third publication:

October 21, 2026

Date of fourth publication:

October 28, 2026

Craig Williams,

Circuit Clerk

by S. Parker,

Probate Clerk

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TRUSTEE'S SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 261490-1102743).

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by the Deed of Trust executed by

Cristopher 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. Nestor Solutions of Missouri, LLC Successor Trustee (888) 403-4115

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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 NORTHEAST 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 NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, 1104.53 FEET,

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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 delay 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 36.4 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: Gasconade MO
County: Jefferson MO
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VTD: Goldman
VTD: Grubville
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VTD: Hillsboro W-1
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VTD: House Springs
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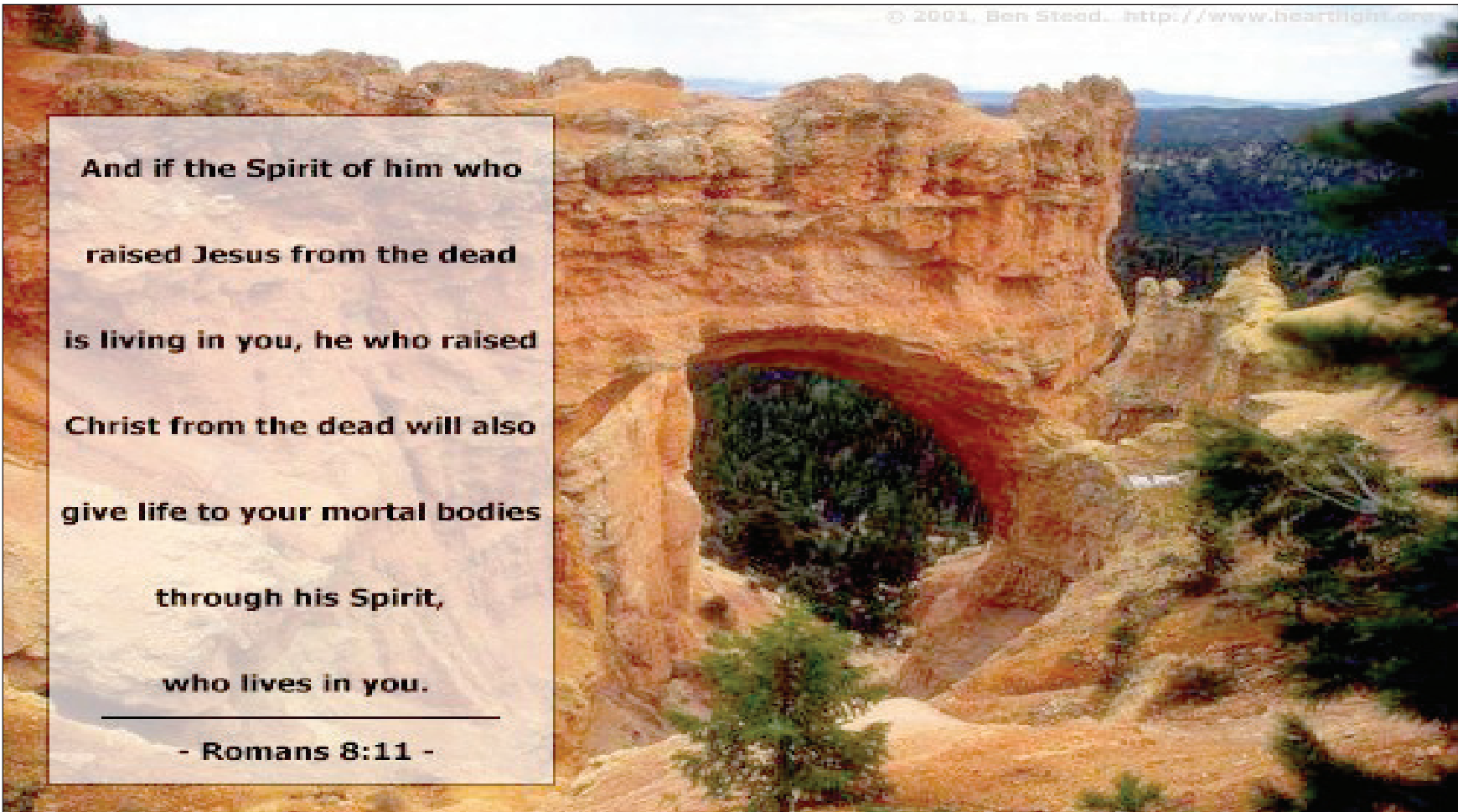
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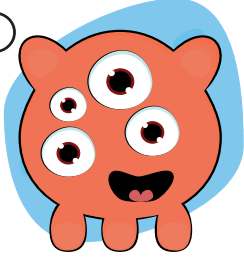
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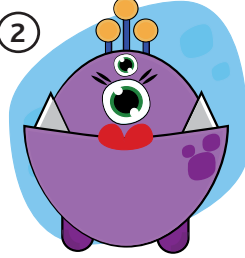


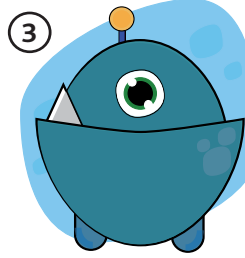


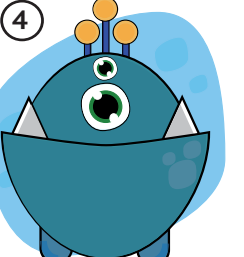
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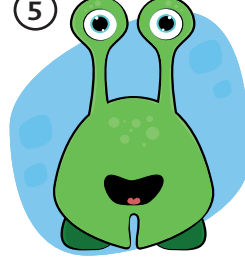
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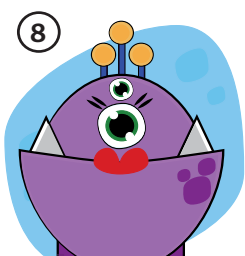
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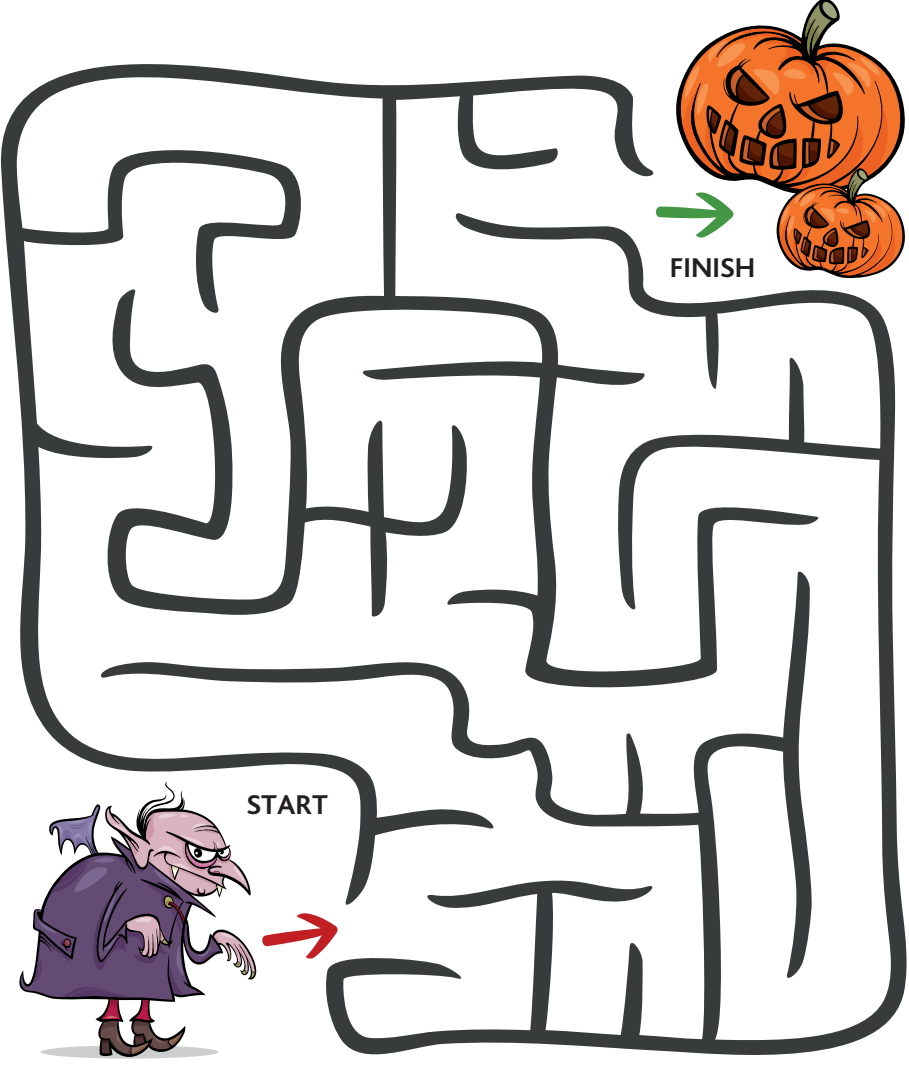
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Exeter shooters perfect in week 2



At their Week 2 competition week, Exeter trap shooters hit a perfect 50 out of 50 targets. The team is currently in first place in their conference in the State of Missouri Clay Target League Fall season. From left: Cooper Caddell, Jeremiah Reed, Jacob Stevenson, Tristan Voyles and Lily Stephenson. Contributed photo

Southwest Pink Out supports students with cancer



The Southwest Lady Trojan volleyballers Emily Brooks, Abi Hnem, Holley Montondo, Olivia Hnem, Paula Callison and Lexie Walker will sponsor their 17th annual Pink Out event Tuesday, Oct. 13 vs. Marion C. Early. Baseball, cross country and both middle school basketball teams are also participating in the fundraiser. A bake sale, breast cancer awareness T-shirts, and a coin drive highlight the festivities. All proceeds will go to Haven Holmes and Payton Neukam, two Southwest students battling cancer. Contributed photo

Football: Coach pleased with team’s response after halftime talk

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third quarter wound down, overcoming several penalties to reach the Tigers’ 16.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Stearns found Bredeson for a 17-yard touchdown pass, cutting Lamar’s lead to 21-14 with 11:50 remaining.

Cassville’s defense then forced a Lamar punt, setting up another opportunity.

Bryan gained a first down on an option pitch, and Stearns followed by finding Bryan on a late route for a 27-yard touchdown. The score tied the game 21-21 with 7:18 remaining.

The momentum, however, swung back to Lamar on the next possession.

The Tigers converted a pass that moved the ball to the Cassville 17, then worked the ball inside before scoring on an 8-yard run with 3:47 remaining.

Cassville had one final opportunity after Bredeson returned the kickoff to the Wildcats’ 33.

The Wildcats faced fourth down after a series of negative plays and an incomplete pass, but a pass-interference penalty gave Cassville another chance on fourth-and-3.

Stearns kept the ball but was stopped short, giving Lamar possession at the Cassville 39.

The Tigers were unable to run out the clock after a fumbled snap with 49.7 seconds remaining, giving Cassville one final possession at its own 42 with no timeouts.

Stearns found Bryan for a first down, but a holding penalty brought the play back to the 33. Stearns gained five yards on the next play, and an incomplete left the Wildcats facing third and long. A final deep pass fell incomplete as time expired.

Weldy said the Wildcats’ inability to consistently execute, particularly against a physically imposing Lamar team, proved costly.

“We made so many unforced errors, so many mistakes,” Weldy said. “We just hurt ourselves at the wrong time, and when you play really good teams, well coached, and talented like they are, they’re going to expose that, and that’s what happened.”

Penalties were particularly damaging. Cassville had opportunities offensively but repeatedly put itself in difficult situations. Weldy said those mistakes became especially costly against Lamar’s defense.

“We were struggling,” Weldy said. “They’re so much bigger up front than we are. So you can’t be fighting the chain.”

Weldy said Lamar’s size was a significant challenge for the Wildcats. The Tigers were physical and athletic up front on both sides of the ball and a disciplined defense that made it difficult for Cassville to get to the outside.

“They’re big kids that are athletic,” Weldy said. “They’re very good up front on both sides of the ball. They have big backs in the backfield, and then defensively, they’re very disciplined. They’re very fast.”

The Wildcats’ comeback



Cassville’s Carlos Barrientos dives for a tackle in Frida’s game against Lamar. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

showed a different side of the team, though. Weldy challenged the team at halftime to respond after what he considered an unacceptable first half.

“I said, ‘Hey, you guys have embarrassed yourselves. You know, you didn’t show up to play tonight. Now we’re going to see what kind of team you’re made of, what kind of kids you are, what kind of leaders we have,’” Weldy said.

He was pleased with the response.

“After playing as badly as we could the first half, I was really proud of our kids coming back and fighting at halftime,” Weldy said. “I thought they came back and they tied it up and we had opportunities.”

Senior lineman Ricky Norris said the Wildcats recognized during halftime that they needed to change their approach.

“I think we decided to actually focus,” Norris said. “We didn’t have a great week of practice this week, and it showed in the first half. But since that lock-

er room talk with Coach Weldy telling us we need to get stuff together, we decided to start working together instead of working against each other.”

Norris also acknowledged his own struggles against Lamar’s physical front.

“Me personally, I didn’t shove off my blocks as much,” he said. “I wasn’t low enough. Didn’t drive as hard as what I usually do.”

Norris said the experience reinforced the importance of preparation and consistency.

“I think our biggest takeaway from this game is that we need to work harder during practices, during games, working through all four quarters,” Norris said.

For Weldy, that lesson was the most important takeaway from the loss.

“We’ve got to prepare better,” Weldy said. “We’ve got to practice better. I mean, that’s a big thing I keep saying. I just thought we had a really bad week of practice, and it showed. And if we don’t prepare well, you can’t play well.



Cassville quarterback Jaren Stearns lets a pass go in a contest against Lamar on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

You’re going to play how you practice — I hope we learned a lesson tonight.”

Despite the loss, Weldy said Cassville’s goals remain intact with three games left in the regular season.

“We haven’t really talked about that stuff,” Weldy said of Cassville losing its unbeaten record. “I think we lost to a good team tonight that played better than us. We still have all of our goals in front of us, things we want to do.”

Norris also believes the loss can provide a valuable reset for the Wildcats.

“It can, but I honestly think it will help us because we will now realize that we have so much more to learn, so much more to do,” Norris said.

Cassville will return home Friday to face Miller Career Academy for Homecoming.

Offensively against Lamar, Stearns went 6-of-12 through the air for 78 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed 10 times for 14 yards. Hughes led rushers with 39 yards on 10

carries, and Bredeson led receivers with 62 yards on 3 catches and 2 touchdowns. Bryan had one catch for 28 yards and a score.

Defensive stats were not available as of presstime.

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WEEK OF OCT. 12 - OCT. 16, 2026

MONDAY OCTOBER 12	TUESDAY OCTOBER 13	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14	THURSDAY OCTOBER 15	FRIDAY OCTOBER 16
Closed for Columbus Day	Grilled Chicken & Veggie Pasta Fresh Fruit Salad Garlic Stick Assorted Cookies	Pulled Pork Sandwich* Potato Salad Broccoli Salad Apple Cobbler	Poppyseed Chicken Brown Rice Peas & Carrots Side Salad Carrot Cake	Jeannie’s Meatloaf Baby Baker Potatoes Roast Carrots Whole Grain Roll Yellow Cake w/ Chocolate Frosting

Salad Bar

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

BOWL \$2.00	PLATE \$4.00
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SERVING HOURS: 11:00 AM — 12:30 PM

Suggested donation:
\$4.00 for those 60 and over
\$8.00 for those 59 and under

*On days pork is served, and alternate is available upon request