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There is a strength

Hunter: 'You never knew that you had until you have to use it'

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After Thanksgiving 2024, Annette Hunter was sitting on the floor wrapping Christmas presents when a sharp pain suddenly went through her right breast.

"It kind of stopped me in my tracks," Hunter said. "I just thought it was something weird, you know? Then I felt my breast, and I felt a knot."

She asked her husband, John Hunter, to feel the lump, and he confirmed it was there. At the time, breast cancer was the furthest thing from her mind.

"I remember when I was little and I would have like sharp pains or something, my grandma or mom would always say they were growing pains," she said. "I kept thinking, well maybe I'm still growing. I have to try to find the humor in it so I don't cry."

Hunter's husband encouraged her to see her primary care doctor if the lump was still there after a few days. When it was, Hunter made an appointment. Her doctor recommended a mammogram as soon as possible, but that appointment was a month away.

"The mammogram was scheduled for the day after Christmas," she said. "Even though I felt good, I knew something was wrong. I just felt it in my gut."

When she finally went in for the mammogram, the appointment took a turn she had feared. Rather than being sent home, she was taken into another room for an ultrasound.

"The lady that did the ultrasound was very serious," Hunter said. "And, I remember turning and looking at the wall, and I had tears rolling down my face, because at that moment, I knew — I already knew."

The ultrasound was followed

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Annual Chili Cook-Off always a bash!



Katie Magula, of Cassville, provides the finishing bashes on a hinge on a door — which multiple Cassville football players standing behind her also took whacks at — at the Project Graduation Bash-A-Car fundraiser during the final stretch of the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Barry County teams up with ICE

Sheriff's Office joins adjacent counties in Task Force Model agreements

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On Sept. 16, the Barry County Sheriff's Office signed an agreement to partner with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The Task Force Model (TFM) 287(g) agreement will allow local officers to assist ICE with immigration arrests and detentions in Barry County.

The ICE website states that local law enforcement officers "will get access to ICE resources and training." After completing a 40-hour, online training course, the TFM agreement will give Barry County deputies broad discretion for immigration enforcement.

According to 287g.recoveredfactory.net (a Muck Rack journalism project that tracks law enforcement agreements with ICE across the nation), TFMs allow officers to make first contact, and [to] arrest based solely on suspected immigration status."

"Officers can question anyone about immigration status during any encounter; access Department of Homeland Security Databases; make civil immigration arrests (no state criminal charge required); issue detainers; and initiate removal proceedings," Recovered Factory states.

TFMs are distinct from two other forms of ICE agreements: Warrant Service Officers (WSOs) and Jail Enforcement Models (JEMs), which typically apply only to jail settings.

The Barry County Sheriff's Office joins the sheriffs' departments of neighboring counties — Stone, Lawrence and Newton — who also have Task Force Model 287(g) agreements with ICE in place, as do Jasper, Christian and Greene Counties.

As of October 21, a TFM had not been reported for the McDonald County Sheriff's Department. However, municipalities within that county do have TFMs.

In Barry County, in addition to the sheriff's department, the cities of Washburn,

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SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS
What: Registrations open soon
When: Nov. 2-6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Cassville First United Methodist Church
For: Families who need help with Christmas gifts for their children

Share Your Christmas kicks off

Registration opens next week

BY SHEILA HARRIS
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Christmas is upon us, and registration will be held next week for Cassville's annual, community "Share Your Christmas" event.

This year, registration will be held at the Cassville First United Methodist Church, located at 601 Gravel Street in Cassville, on Nov. 2-6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"In the past, registration was at the former OACAC building in Cassville," said spokesperson Bobbie Tucker, who has helped with the program — designed to make the holidays brighter for area children — for more than 40 years. "But, [OACAC] closed, so registration will be here at the Methodist Church."

The long-running Cassville "Share Your Christmas" tradition benefits Barry County families with children who are looking for additional support during the holiday season.

Share your Christmas provides toys and gifts for children from birth through age 12, and gift vouchers for youth, ages 13-18, who are still enrolled in school and living in the household.

Because the program has a limited reach, families are asked to bring a student report card or a current piece of mail with an address in Barry County.

Parents are asked to list the top-three desired gift items for children when they register.

Share Your Christmas is a complex, community-wide project, which involves multiple businesses in Cassville, residents willing to buy gifts, as well as

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NEWS BRIEFS

Barry County Republican Club Rally on Nov. 2

The Barry County Republican Rally will be held Monday Nov. 2 at the Cassville High School at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, and a free meal will be provided.

Wheaton Road District to meet

The monthly Wheaton Road District Meeting will be held on Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Wheaton Road District barn on Highway A across from Holmes Farm Supply.

Community luncheon to benefit Imagination Library

On Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a community luncheon will be held at Cassville First United Methodist Church, located at 601 Gravel Street in Cassville, with proceeds benefitting the Community Care Coalition, specifically for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. All are invited and the cost is $12, including the meal, dessert and a drink.

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.

Cassville Branch Library hosting events

The Cassville Branch Library will host the following events in the coming week: Today (Wednesday), Chair Yoga, 9 a.m., Kids Book Club, 3:30 p.m. (registration required); Thursday, Tot Time, 9:30 a.m., Storytime, 10 a.m., Home School, 11 a.m., Library for Everyone, 1 p.m., Refit, 5:30 p.m.; Friday, Screpbook, 1 p.m., Spooky Bingo, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Crochet/Knitting Class, 10 a.m. to noon.

In-person absentee voting ongoing for Nov. 3 General Election

Two-week in-person, no excuse absentee voting for the Nov. 3 General Election is underway. 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, Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Office will also be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Oct. 31 for absentee voting. 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.

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.

Toddler struck by rolling vehicle

Juvenile flown to Springfield with serious injuries

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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A toddler was seriously injured on Friday in a vehicular incident at 5:20 p.m. on private property on Route Y, two miles north of Cassville.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2015 GMC Yukon and a 2015 Ford Expedition were parked on private property when the GMC was inadvertently shifted into gear, rolled backward over a 3-year-old female, of Cassville, and struck the Ford.

The 3-year-old suffered serious injuries and was transported by Mercy Life Line helicopter to Cox South in Springfield.

No one else was injured, and no drivers are listed on the Patrol's report.

Students weigh futures at career fair



Stormy Tanner, Cassville sophomore, speaks to Cailyn Hollands, with the Missouri Welding Institute, during the career fair at Cassville High School on Oct. 21. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Brayden Jack, Cassville sophomore, tests his chin up skills at the Marines booth at the career fair at Cassville High School on Oct. 21. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville sophomore Jaiden McNabb smiles after picking out her handful of candy, an incentive for participating in the career fair at Cassville High School on Oct. 21. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Christmas: Students raised $16,000 last year

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Cassville High School Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas candidates who fundraise for the project.

"The Merry Christmas candidates have always been our largest source of revenue for Share Your Christmas," Bobbi Tucker said. "Last year, the candidates raised over $16,000."

The money is used to fill gift lists and buy vouchers for the children in the families who register.

Each of the top three wish-list items are placed on a single Christmas ornament. The ornaments are then distributed to area businesses, where they are hung on trees. Residents can then choose an ornament with a gift they'd like to shop for, and return the purchased gift to the business where they chose an ornament.

Gifts will be collected and taken to the Methodist Church, where they will be sorted by volunteers with the Share Your Christmas program, in time for families to pick them up and wrap them for Christmas.

Yes, it's a lot of work, but fun, said Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce director, Morgan Williams, who will serve as the go-to person for questions for this year's Share Your Christmas. Williams may be reached at 417-847-2814.

Tucker said that when she first began helping with Share Your Christmas, she remembers buying gifts for 12 families.

"That was before Walmart came to Cassville, and I shopped at Gamble's, now long gone," Tucker said.

Tucker said, last year, Share Your Christmas served 140 families, including over 400 children.

Share Your Christmas Volunteer Mindi Artherton said Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas candidates will begin fundraising on Nov. 16, and the winners — based on who raises the most money — will be announced during a school Christmas assembly on Dec. 18.

The high school portion of the community Share Your Christmas event, featuring Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas, is sponsored by the Cassville High School Student Council.

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Barry County 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.

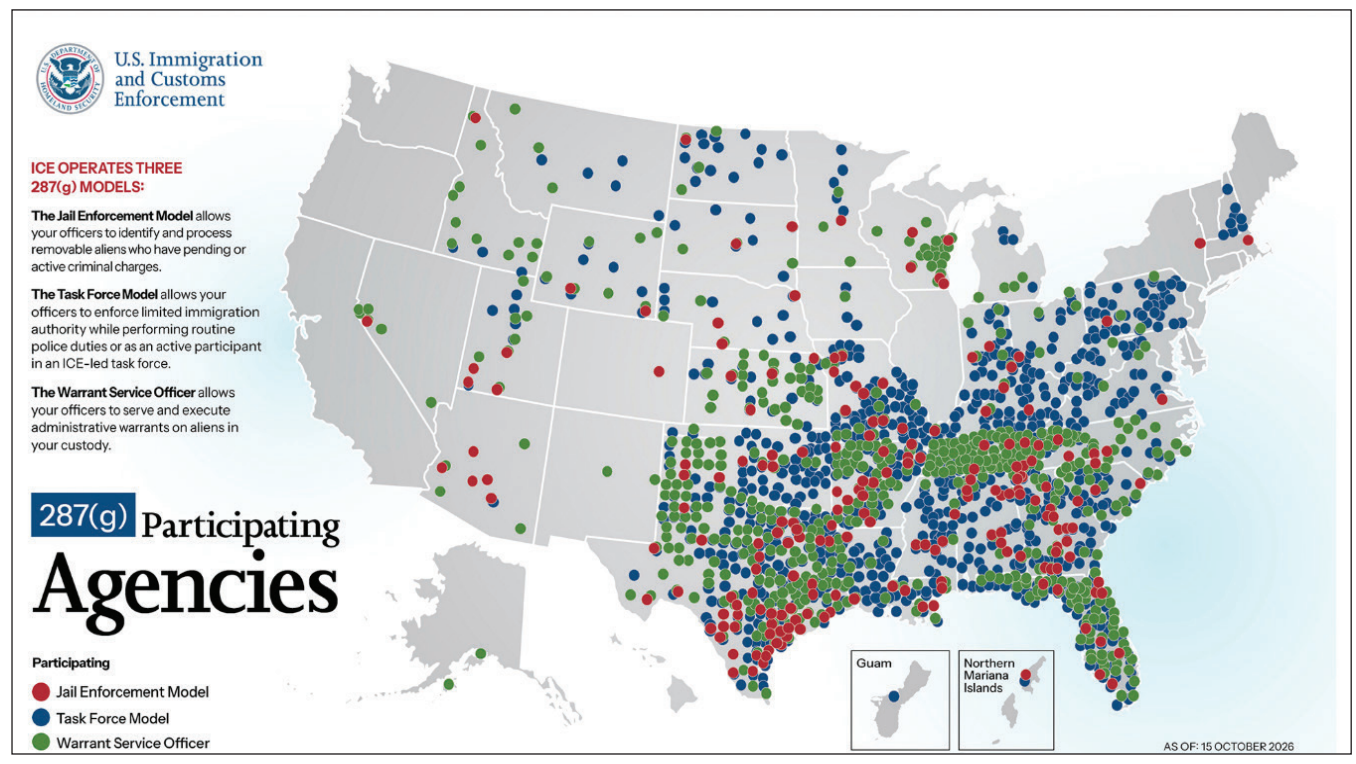
• Vaccination also is important for health care workers and other people who live with or care for people at higher risk of serious flu illness to keep from spreading flu to them. This is especially true for people who work in long-term care facilities, which are home to many of the people most vulnerable 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.



A map of 287(g) participating agencies across the USA. Contributed photo

ICE: Barry County one of 61 in MO with agreement

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Wheaton and Seligman have TFM agreements with ICE.

Seligman Police Chief Matthew Phillips said Seligman entered into an agreement earlier this year.

"Maybe February or March," he said.

Phillips said the city receives a stipend from the federal government for partnering with ICE, although he did not disclose the amount.

"It depends on how much enforcement we do," Phillips said. "We have four officers – two who work with ICE."

According to the ICE website, in exchange for arresting and holding prisoners for ICE, counties and municipalities are eligible for reimbursement through the federal government's State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).

"SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens," states the linked website of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA), the agency responsible for administering the SCAAP program.

According to BJA, an "undocumented criminal alien" is described as one who has been convicted of at least one felony or two misdemeanor violations of state or local law.

In order to qualify for reimbursement from the SCAAP program, prisoners must be incarcerated for at least four consecutive days during a reporting period, and must have been apprehended and convicted in an applicant's own jurisdiction.

Of Missouri's 114 counties, Barry County is one of 61 counties in Missouri that have TFM agreements with ICE. Statewide, as of Oct. 21, Missouri had 144 TFMs in place, which include both county and municipal law enforcement agencies, Recovery Factory reported. Most of the cooperating law enforcement agencies are located across the Missouri Ozarks.

The majority of Task Force Model agreements were signed during the past year.

Barry County's September agreement with ICE precedes the Nov. 3 vote on Amendment 8, which seeks to constitutionalize the role of locally-elected county sheriff.

A clause in the ballot language of Amendment 8 states that Missouri's attorney general will be the only person with the authority to remove a sheriff from office.

According to current Missouri law, a sheriff is subject to removal by impeachment if he fails to perform his duties.

Amendment sponsor, Senator Jill Carter (R-Granby), says the additional clause in Amendment 8 will "remove [the sheriff] from the pressure of local political influence."

"We want the sheriff to be able to do his job without being distracted by local politics," Carter said.

In McDonald County, local influence led to the suspension of the City of Noel's recently-appointed marshal, Daniel Vaughn, and the dissolution of Noel's TFM agreement with ICE.

The decision on both measures was unanimously made by Noel City Council after an October 13 meeting, where hundreds of residents showed up to protest the recent arrest and detention of 19-year-old McDonald County High School student, Rodrigo Gonzalez Carbajol, following a high school soccer game against Cassville. Carbajol's immigration case is now in federal court.

In addition to protesting Carbajol's arrest and detention after a routine traffic stop for speeding, McDonald County residents had a broader concern about whether Noel's participation in the 287(g) program had been properly authorized.

According to Newstalk KZRG, Brian Bogart, retired police lieutenant, "questioned whether Marshal Vaughn had obtained proper authorization from the council, and whether established procedures were followed during Gonzalez Carbajol's detention."

"I understand that [287(g)] is a federal program, but federal participation does not eliminate the need for proper local authorization, accountability, or compliance with the law," Bogart told the [Noel] council.

Barry County sheriff, Danny Boyd, was unavailable for comment before presstime.

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COMMENTARY

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SHEILA HARRIS

Convoluted by design: Part two

There's a jingle circulating, designed to remind people how to vote on the mass of amendments when they get to the polls: "Yes on 6, the rest are tricks."

Because I don't take a stance based on a jingle, I dug deeper.

I'll admit, I was almost tricked by Amendment 8 — more specifically by the amendment's sponsor, Senator Jill Carter (R-Granby) — who told me that there's been a movement in some states to eliminate the office of sheriff and move to a statewide police system.

"Amendment 8 would constitutionalize the locally-elected sheriff's role and prevent that from happening," she said.

Statewide police, police-state. Shades of Hitler and his minions came to mind. We don't want that. Amendment 8 must be a good thing, I thought.

She almost had me.

So, why the clause in Amendment 8, whereby only the state attorney general could remove a sheriff? I asked her.

She explained that the additional clause is "to remove [the sheriff] from the pressure of local political influence."

Wait! Whoa! What political influences was she thinking of? I wondered. Did she know something that I didn't?

Then it dawned on me: The hot-button topic affecting the country, these days, pertains to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities. I asked Senator Carter if this was the political influence she was referring to.

Not at all, she replied. It's usually only cities who contract with ICE, not county sheriffs.

At first, I accepted her assurances at face value. That was a week ago. However, before writing this column, I decided a little more research was in order. What I learned has shaken me.

In September, our very own Barry County Sheriff's Department has entered into a 287(g) agreement with the federal government to assist with ICE operations, in exchange for federal goodies.

Yes, yes. I know. Everyone else is doing it. However, I somehow expected better of our sheriff. I'd like to hear his rationale for jumping in bed with federal law enforcement, but he told me that he'd be out of the office until after this column — and my story ahead of this election — goes to print.

According to my source (287g.recoveredfactory.net, a Muck Rack journalism project devoted to keeping track of law enforcement entities who have entered into agreements with ICE), all of our surrounding county sheriffs, other than Mac County's, also have 287(g) agreements in place.

With this new information, Senator Carter's rationale for promoting Amendment 8 becomes clearer.

Amendment 8, it seems, could protect the sheriff from the reach of the very citizens who vote him into office.

The attorney general, an elected member of a state super-majority, would become the only authority with the power to rein him in, if he needed reining.

A police-state? You decide.

I'm voting "No" on Amendment 8.

Less absolute for me, there's no right choice on Amendment 3. A person will have to vote their conscience on this one, and I wouldn't fault you for staying out of the fray, altogether.

I can't, in good faith, vote for abortion.

I spontaneously aborted my first child. That's called a "miscarriage" for those of you ready to judge. I began losing him or her some six or eight weeks after conception — before I had fully absorbed the idea of becoming a mother.

The impact was real.

As anyone who has miscarried can tell you, no matter the gestational age, that loss represents a child — a little person who didn't make it into the world.

An induced abortion represents nothing less.

However, I'm not in a position to cast stones. We women can find ourselves in all sorts of convoluted situations during our reproductive years, and, before pointing fingers at others, we'd do well to remember, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Even so, it's heartbreaking for me to see women clamor publicly for the "right to abortion," as though it's an acceptable form of birth control. When did that happen? When did abortion become a public, instead of a private matter: The object of public demand, rather than a decision made when a woman feels she has no other choice. I missed something, somewhere — like maybe Roe vs. Wade.

More than saddened, I'm angered that the topic of abortion is used shamelessly by candidates and legislators as a political club to garner votes. Those candidates and legislators are primarily Republican men, I've noticed.

The motives of some, I'm sure, are sincere. They love children and want to force reluctant mothers to love their children as well.

I wish it were so simple.

On the other hand, we have charlatans — deep fakes — parasites who ride the coat-tails of an emotionally-weighted topic to leverage their way into office. Along the way, women are skewered and demonized in the public eye, as though every ill-conceived pregnancy is immaculate, and that no male lurks in the shadows.

Let's cut through the hypocrisy, shall we? I'd hedge a bet (if I could find any takers) that a sizable number of very human, shadow-lurking impregnators of scarlet women are Republicans: Men who publicly take up an anti-abortion stance to curry favor with their constituents, but are privately relieved when their female liaisons (who have so inconveniently conceived) opt for abortions.

Let's take the topic of abortion out of the hands of such hypocrites. Hypocrites who decry abortion from the public stage, but who vote to cut funding for the food, healthcare and educational needs of children whose mothers choose to give them life. Hypocrites who are willing to deprive living children of basic needs, in favor of bribing the wealthy with tax credits and gratuities — paid for with our tax dollars. Hypocrites who shed crocodile tears over unborn children, but who happily lend their support to the killing of living children in foreign lands.

Spare me your crocodile tears! God's banner isn't hiding your sins.

The focus on condemning a woman's personal decision — as heartbreaking as that decision may be to many of us — allows you to turn a blind eye to the pressing needs of a broader society. Real men and women, with real courage, will stand up for the oppressed who are already born and the mothers who have travailed to give them life. The crusade, of course, will be unwelcome to your Republican peers, so courage will be needed. Nevertheless, gird your loins! Go forth! There's a ready-made battlefield waiting!

As hard as your lawmakers might try, personal morality can't be legislated. It's learned from a deeper place. Shackles can be applied, but hearts and minds can't be changed by the strong arm of the law. Short of ridding humanity of the God-given drive to procreate, there will always be "A"-branded women and women unprepared to be mothers — often because fathers are unwilling to claim their children.

Women need love, not hate; grace, not condemnation. Thank God for one man, who so publicly chose not to condemn a woman, centuries ago.

I admire individuals and organizations who stand behind their anti-abortion stances by offering support to mothers who choose to give life to their children.

My question is, how do we keep the topic of abortion from being used for political gain?

I wish I had that answer.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

This episode of the American healthcare system is called: The woman's body



JORDAN TROUTMAN

Two years ago, I wrote a column about Missouri Amendment 3 and the importance of protecting a woman's right to make decisions about her own body.

Now, here we are, preparing to vote on Amendment 3 — again — and I find myself revisiting not only the issue itself, but the reason we are having this conversation a second time.

In 2024, Missouri voters approved Amendment 3, enshrining reproductive freedom in our state constitution. It was a decision made by the people of Missouri. Yet, just two years later, voters are being asked to reconsider that decision and potentially undo what they already approved — and it's being presented largely as a vote to prohibit transgender surgeries for minors, a red herring to the "repeal of the constitutional right to reproductive freedom."

I have a problem with that. It's not because I believe voters should never revisit an issue, but because I believe the will of the people should mean something. If the outcome of an election can simply be sent back to voters — packaged differently — until the desired result is achieved, what exactly are we accomplishing when we vote in the first place?

But my concerns about Amendment 3 go beyond the ballot box. They go to something I have been experiencing firsthand — the reality of navigating women's healthcare in a system that too often leaves women feeling unheard, dismissed and exhausted.

For more than two years, I have been dealing with chronic health issues that have sent me from one doctor to another, from one specialist to another, trying to find answers. Appointments, tests, referrals, follow-ups and more appointments.

Each time, you hope someone will finally connect the dots. You hope someone will look at the whole picture instead of just the latest test result or the one symptom that brought you into the office that day.

There is a particular kind of exhaustion that comes with repeatedly explaining what is happening inside your own body, only to leave another appointment feeling as though you have not been heard. It is difficult enough to live with symptoms that interfere with your daily life.

It is another thing entirely to feel that you must convince someone that those symptoms deserve attention.

I am not suggesting that every doctor is uncaring or that every medical professional dismisses women. I have encountered people who are trying to help.

But, I have also been scoffed at and had eyes dismissively rolled in my direction when I was at some of my worst moments in pain. The saddest part of that is that it wasn't when I saw a specialist in Springfield, or when I drove to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota – it was here in my own town.

I have a male friend who has been seen for similar bladder and/or kidney concerns (no one knows for sure). We received the exact same procedure. Mine was performed at the end of the appointment it was first brought up. His was scheduled so he could be put under sedation and receive appropriate pain management.

Women's health is complicated. Symptoms can overlap. Conditions can be difficult to diagnose. Sometimes answers take time. But there is a difference between acknowledging that medicine does not have an immediate answer and making a patient feel as though the problem is no longer worth pursuing.

Too many women find themselves becoming their own case managers. We keep track of test results, remember which medications we have tried, repeat our histories, coordinate appointments and try to make sense of information that may never be considered simultaneously. We are expected to advocate for ourselves while we are already exhausted from whatever brought us into the doctor's office to begin with.

That experience has reinforced my feelings about heading to the ballot box and casting another vote for reproductive rights specifically.

Supporting abortion rights means believing that the decision belongs to each woman, in consultation with her medical providers and according to her own circumstances, values and needs. It means recognizing that pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage, abortion and reproductive complications are deeply personal medical matters, not decisions that can be reduced to a political talking point.

I support abortion rights. I believe women should have the ability to make decisions about their own bodies and reproductive futures without the government inserting itself between a patient and her healthcare.

And, I believe that position is entirely consistent with wanting better healthcare for women in general.

That is why I find it particularly troubling that we are being asked to revisit Amendment 3 so soon after Missouri voters approved it. This is not simply a debate about a number on a ballot. It is a debate about whether reproductive freedom should remain protected and whether women should retain meaningful control over decisions that affect their health and their lives.

On Nov. 3, Missouri voters will once again have a say. This time, a no vote preserves the reproductive freedom protections approved in 2024. A yes vote would repeal those protections and replace them with much narrower exceptions for abortion.

I will be voting no.

I believe the decisions surrounding pregnancy and reproductive healthcare should remain between a woman and her medical providers. And, I believe a statewide vote should not be treated as an obstacle for any woman to overcome because some people disagree with an outcome they have no stake in or understanding of.

My own health struggles have reminded me how vulnerable a woman can feel when she is searching for answers and depending on others to help her find them. I cannot imagine adding the fear of losing control over my reproductive decisions to that experience.

Women deserve a healthcare system that treats us as partners in our care, not inconveniences to be managed — in my personal experience.

We deserve a government that respects our ability to make decisions about our own lives.

We have already had this conversation. Missouri voters made their decision in 2024. Now, we have the opportunity to decide whether those protections remain.

I hope we remember that our vote is not just about politics. It is about people, their bodies, their health and their right to make deeply personal decisions for themselves.

It is about trusting women.

That is a fight worth having, a fight I will participate in as many times as I have to. I will fight for myself and my daughters, and for you and your daughters — no matter how tired I am.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You find out who your friends are, for sure. And, I'm not trying to be negative or anything, but I had so many people, just stop talking to me. Maybe they didn't know what to say. I wish I could go back and tell them, you don't have to say anything — just tell me that you love me."

— ANNETTE HUNTER, POWER OF PINK RECIPIENT, ON HOW WOMEN DISGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER SHOULD BE SUPPORTED

50 years ago

Nov. 3, 1976

– COUNTY BREAKS TRADITION IN BALLOT MAJORITY TO CARTER FOR PRESIDENT

Casting just over 10,000 votes Tuesday, Barry Countians broke tradition for the first time in 44 years and handed a majority to a Democrat candidate for president. Although Jimmy Carter carried the county by only 93 votes over Gerald Ford in unofficial returns, the majority was the first evidenced for a Democrat since the election of Franklin Roosevelt. With considerable ballot splitting obvious in Tuesday's general election, voters in the county also gave Democrats Secretary of State James Kirkpatrick and Treasurer James I. Spainhower majorities in their re-election bids. A third Democrat, incumbent Southern Judge Lige Frost, won re-election by a 322-vote plurality. Returning to majority party balances, Barry Countians handed a healthy majority to John Danforth over Warren Hearnes for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Stuart Symington. Governor Kit Bond, although carrying Barry County, lost in his bid for re-election to Joseph Teasdale. Lt. Governor Bill Phelps, who carried this county, was leading Democrat Richard Rabbitt in the state. John Ashcroft, after the attorney general office, carried his Barry County lead into the state over James Baker. Congressman Gene Taylor, seeking his third term in the Seventh District, won handily over Dolan Hawkins. Emory Melton, Cassville attorney, was not opposed in his bid for a second term in the Missouri Senate, representing the 29th District. Rufus Miller of Cassville, running for state representative, carried his home county but lost to County Clerk Eddie Williams of McDonald County in lopsided voting from the neighboring area. Keith Stotts of Pierce City, whose district includes the eastern part of Barry County, was unopposed for his return to the Missouri House. Dick Sanders of Monett was re-elected northern judge of the county court over William Buchanan, also of Monett. Vernon Still, incumbent sheriff, weathered a challenge from Robert Johnson of Golden in obtaining another term. Unopposed officials named Tuesday included Democrat Dale Burke, re-named prosecuting attorney; Republicans unopposed included Circuit Judge William Pinnell; Glen D. Nicoll for assessor, re-elected; Doyle Williamson returned as coroner; and Jack Byrd, renamed public administrator. Votes cast in Barry County, with winning majorities noted, include: For President — Gerald Ford 5,053 and Jimmy Carter 5,146, majority 93. For U.S. Senator — John Danforth 6,247 and Warren Hearnes 3,772, majority 2,475. For Governor — Christopher Bond 5,713 and Joseph Teasdale 4,416, majority 1,297. For Lt. Governor — William Phelps 5,864 and Richard Rabbitt 4,104, majority 1,760. For Secretary of State — Mildred P. Huffman 4,007 and James Kirkpatrick 5,878, majority 1,871. For Treasurer — Al Kemp Jr. 4,371 and James Spainhower 5,489, majority 1,118. For Attorney General — John Ashcroft 6,108 and James Baker 3,851, majority 2,257. For Congressman — Gene Taylor 6,396 and Dolan Hawkins 3,685, majority 2,711. For State Senator — Emory Melton 6,396, unopposed. For State Representative — Eddie Williams 3,713 and Rufus Miller 4,366, majority 653. For State Representative — Keith Stotts, 1,240, unopposed. For Circuit Judge — William Pinnell 6,574, unopposed. For Northern Judge — Dick Sanders 2,529 and William Buchanan 1,908, majority 621. For Southern Judge — Lowell Painter 2,529 and Lige Frost 2,884, majority 322. For Prosecuting Attorney — Dale Burke, 5,732, unopposed. For Sheriff — Vernon Still 5,483 and Robert Johnson 4,523, majority 960. For Assessor — Glen Nicoll, 6,462, unopposed. For Coroner — Doyle Williamson 6,570, unopposed. For Public Administrator — Jack Byrd 6,393, unopposed. Barry County's vote, numbering 10,081 in the congressional race, was 77% of the total 13,026 registered voters eligible to cast ballots. Counting and recording facilities in the office of County Clerk Howard Bounous did not close until 1 a.m. Wednesday with the arrival of the last precinct from Monett. In Barry County, a total of 860 absentee ballots were cast in the voting. Of this number, 722 were counted, with 138 refused, mostly due to notary certifications on the back of envelopes. Judges said the same cross-voting of ballots was evidenced in absentees as was obvious throughout Tuesday's election.

40 years ago

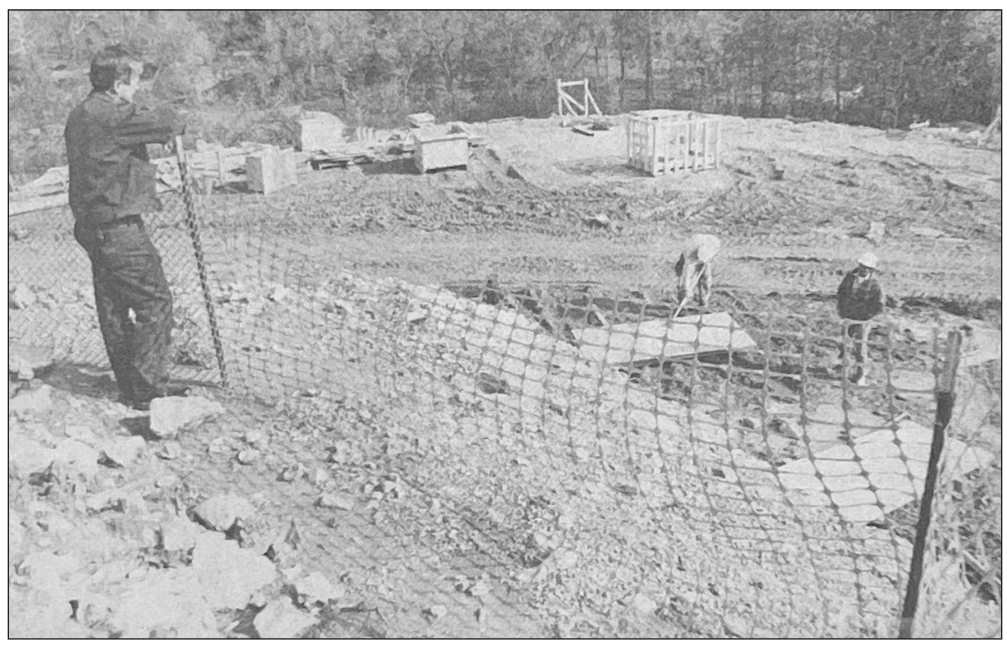
Nov. 5, 1986

– JUSTIN FETES 233 EMPLOYEES IN ANNUAL DINNER SESSION

Justin Boot Company of Cassville, employer of 365 persons, feted 233 of them for service recognitions in a dinner session recently. One hundred-thirty of the group had been with the company since they acquired the Cassville manufacturing plant in 1981. Another 103 employees who have achieved a two-year service level were honored in the luncheon at the American Legion Building. Employees in the two- and five-year category received their awards from J. T. Dickenson, company president. Also on hand was John Justin, chief executive officer and chairman of the board for Justin Industries. In Cassville from the Fort Worth, Texas, corporate headquarters were Ernest Blank, president and chief operating officer; Frank Scivetti, vice president of sales and marketing; and Bill Ledbetter, personnel manager. James Latshaw, Missouri division manager for plants in Cassville and Sarcoxie, was master of ceremonies. Employees receiving five-year pins were: Dewey Swearingen, Joe Carlisle, Glenda Rose, Danny Looney, Nancy May, Alice Senters, Lanny Aldridge, Genevieve Black, Rochell Lebow, Linda Bruton, Geraldine Fields, Greg Brattin, Pat Williams, Gerald Houston, Neva Stephens, Dub Antle, Marlene Matthew, Stephens, Connie Bishop, Pat Linebarger, Irene Snyder, Janice Henson, Hazel Hargus, Mary Roe, Mary Jane Byrd, Loretta Ellis, Phyllis Atkinson, Lorene Aldridge, Carolyn Bowling, Leota Roden, Helen Munday, Etta Nesbitt, Pat Savage, Rita Stringer, Vada Swearingen, Janice Holloway, Maxine Stockton, Francis Prewitt, Patty Day, Mary Williams, Vicky Myers, Nancy Bishop, Johnna Brooks, Barbie Howe, Vicky Porter, Doris Baxley, J. D. Singley, Edna Brown, Nina Harrell, Letha Weaver, Roeanne Doty, Linda Mattingly, Janette Akins, Mary Boyd, Rose Newman, Dottie Brock, Shirley Williams, Gloria Ross, Mary Tiner, Kathleen Phillips, Rosalie Mead, Margaret Aldridge, Bessie McCullough and Jo Ann Williams. Also receiving five-year pins were Steve Maloney, Kenny Moore, Kenny Freeman, Juanita Brattin, Art Koehler, Jimmy Asburry, Tim Swearingen, Norma Wiseley, Susie Reed, Terry Pyles, David Shoemaker, Sharon Garland, Toney Cope, Sharon VanZandt, Robert Bowling, Pat Asburry, Debbie Lee, Ray Smith, David White, James Aldridge, Pat Aldridge, Cathy Davis, Kelly Maloney, Bernice Bennett, Erick Stephens, Debbie Chappell, Jackie Craig, Johnny Bishop, Joe Luney, Donita Yockey, Wendell Hopkins, Judy Davis, Jim Bennett, Peggy Edie, Ann Griffis, Shirley Bowling, Glenda Harvey, Bonnie Crider, Rayburn Haddock, Betty McCracken, Linda Byrd, Beverly Shockley, Sue Martin, Fern Lowe, Patricia Miller, Violet Cagle, Barbara Swearingen, Phyllis Young, Marjorie McQueen, James Latshaw, Leo Souder, Jeannie Scott, Raymond Fischer, Carolyn Charles, Kon Stewart, Jim Convirs, Hal Smith, Chuck Reynolds, Russ Bennett and Rita Litchfield. Those employees receiving two-year pins were: Jeff Scott, Kelly Hudgins, Gail Byrd, Doyletta Still, Tami Loveland, Terri Henderson, Tony Hodge, Evan Craig, Kelly Craig, Vicky Boley, Ruth Latshaw, Elaine Wallace, Charla Bruton, Diane Cope, Anna Hency, Carol Orndorff, Carolyn Short, Karla Coatney, Bonnie Thomas, Nancy Chadd, Linda Jaques, Karen Atnip, Debbie Henderson, Sheila Crider, Donna Edie, Debbie Huse, Darla Campbell, LaDonna Drake, Vicky Brattin, Barbara Hobbs, Teresa O'Neill, Shelley Canady, Rayma Craig, Shirley Weston, Kim Munday, Audrey Kennedy, Carolyn Gage, Sheila Asher, Phyllis Long, Cindy Dowdy, Danny Heupel, Paula Carroll, Lori White, Connie Bradford, Karen Hendrix, Kit Martin, Carla Watson, Bridgette Houston, Raymond Branstetter, Darla Packwood and David Har-; Larry Bolton, Jo Simpson, Stan Mankin, Rhonda Craig, Robert Foster, Rick Bowling, Kirk Walters, Jerry Reed, Jerry Byrd, Sue Mattingly, Bud Walters, Jo Lynn Fields, Belinda Petree, Juanita Dotson, Alan Cleek, Jim Scritchfield, Kenneth Byrd, Lana Cantwell, Mike Harrison, Leesa Tate, Ron Reed, Doyle Edie, Gary Swearingen, Terry Bouzek, Tim Sapp, Mike Beck, Sherry Reynolds, Chris Burbridge, Jeanette Bowling, Randy Lebow, Rick Davidson, Tammy Hatfield, Don Hart, Laverne Fraizer, Scott Smith, Thomas Dailey, Judy Harris, Phyllis Craig, Glenda Hollis, Billie Sapp, Rick Henry, Susan Williamson, Jeff Johnson, Jana Anderson, Rhonda Savage, Jack Snook, Jeston Scott, Marsha Blankenship, Dorsey Carroll, Jina Brown, Dan Halterman and David Atnip.

– VETERAN'S DAY IS TUESDAY

Veteran's Day, 1986, is next Tuesday, with the purpose of the observance to remember 26.8 million men and 1.2 million women who served in America's Armed Forces. In recognition of the event, Irwin-Easley American Legion Post of Cassville will hold its traditional breakfast on that date, with service from about 5 a.m. to about 11 a.m. Bob Johnston, post commander, said the observance was open to all area veterans and business people. He said, "This is our way of saying thanks for the support of veterans and our American Legion Post through the past year." Bob Daniels will be in charge of the cooking crew, which serves the breakfast in the American Legion Home basement. Cassville schools will have a full student assembly at the campus mall, weather permitting, says Jerry Marple, high school principal. Time is 10 a.m. Speaker will be Sherman, district American Legion commander of Joplin. Colors will be presented by Boy Scout Troop 76. Prelude will be provided by the CHS band. Travis James, vice president of student council, will lead the pledge to the flag. Invocation by Don Beeson, retired Army chaplain. Patriotic song by Chastane Ward, CHS freshman, and Judy Starchman, music instructor. Patriotic remarks by Jared Park. The program will close with the band trumpet section playing taps.



30 YEARS AGO: CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UNDERWAY AT ROARING RIVER STATE PARK — Construction on the $4 million-plus lodge complex is running right on schedule. The 47,000-square-foot facility, which will contain a retail store, 26 guest rooms, a restaurant and administrative offices, is the largest construction project in Missouri state park history. In the photo above, Pete Landstad, park superintendent, receives an update on the progress of the construction project from the foreman. Landstad is standing at the location where the new restaurant will be built. Democrat file photo

30 years ago

Oct. 30, 1996

– MAYORSVZ WILL MEET TO SHARE BIG IDEAS FOR SMALLER CITIES

Barry County has small-town appeal. Its hometown flavor comes from the fact that six cities with fewer than 3,000 residents exist within the county's borders. Five of the six cities have populations less than 1,200. A discussion about the differences between large and small cities in southwest Missouri was raised when Pierce City Mayor Carol Hirsch and City Clerk Julie Johnson sent letters to mayors in nearby towns, asking them if they were interested in meeting to share ideas, training and possibly resources. Hirsch said she has been "overwhelmed" by the interest. So much so that she has set a date for an organizational meeting among mayors. The meeting is scheduled for Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in Pierce City City Hall. "We don't have all the answers, it was just an idea that we've thrown out there," Hirsch said. "We all have unique problems. What we have to learn to do is develop what resources we have." Hirsch said she intends to keep the meeting positive and not let it turn into a gripe session. Several city officials from Barry County plan to attend the first meeting of small-town mayors. Representatives from Wheaton, Seligman and Exeter will be in attendance. Washburn does not plan to attend, and Purdy's involvement is unclear at this time. Pam Pogue, the city clerk at Wheaton, said she is looking forward to the meeting. "We want to attend the meeting to see if they (other cities) have the same problems we do," Pogue said. "It will give us a chance to pass information back and forth that our size towns can use." Washburn City Clerk Mary Roller said she doesn't want to go to something where people are "airing their dirty laundry." "I don't want to listen to their complaints," said Roller. "We don't do scandal." Roller and Seligman City Clerk Ramona Fletcher both said their cities were pleased with the support they have received from the Missouri Municipal League (MML), an organization of cities within the state. "MML has been very helpful," Fletcher said. "They've always given us good advice. We have definitely received support." Area mayors and aldermen who were polled by the Cassville Democrat revealed that one of the greatest challenges facing small city governments is operating a city on a smaller budget. Larger cities, such as Cassville and Monett, have a greater source of revenue and can afford to hire more personnel to operate the city. Smaller towns have more limited resources and must get by with only a handful of employees. A chart, listing each city's population, budget and employee numbers, accompanies this article. Cassville and Monett were included to give readers an idea of varying resources available to cities within the Barry County area. Fletcher said, in Seligman, the lack of resources to provide adequate police protection was a big issue with the city. A meeting to discuss the city's law enforcement has been set for Nov. 25. Other issues that some of the smaller cities deal with include no set office hours. City clerks said they wear "many hats" and are often out of the office handling city business. Another issue is no separation of duties. Fletcher said almost every small city she talks to said their audits point to the need to separate the duties of collector and treasurer. Most city clerks are responsible for collecting the city's water and sewer bills as well as reconciling.

– CLERK EXPECTS VOTER TURNOUT OF 55 PERCENT

On Tuesday, Barry County Clerk Gary Youngblood is expecting 55 percent of the county's 18,720 registered voters to make a trip to the polls to cast their vote in the general election. Voter turnout is always higher in a presidential election year, Youngblood said. "We have people that vote in the general election that never have voted before," Youngblood said. "It's like going to church on Easter and Christmas." In the 1992 general election, newspapers reported the largest voter turnout in the county's history. There were over 12,000 residents who voted. In the 1988 election, 11,451 of the county's 19,355 registered voters went to the polls. Absentee voting has also increased for the general election. As of Tuesday morning, 800 citizens had voted absentee. Statewide, there are approximately 3.34 million registered voters, which is an all-time record. Based on projections from local elections officials around the state, Secretary of State Bekki Cook is predicting that about 2 million voters will go to the polls. Polls open at 6 a.m. Nov. 5 and close at 7 p.m. Anyone who will not be able to make it to the polling place on election day has until Monday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. to vote absentee in person at the county clerk's office.

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Obituaries



Ida May (Crawford) Whisenhunt

Ida May (Crawford) Whisenhunt, age 69, of Cassville, Missouri passed away Friday, October 23, 2026 in Cassville.

She was born on September 6, 1957 in Washburn, Missouri, to Roy and Pauline (Starnes) Crawford. On April 16, 1982 in Miami, Oklahoma she was united in marriage to Jerry Dean Whisenhunt, who preceded her in death on December 9, 2022. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two grandsons, Trace Andrew Drake and Mason Lowe; one brother, Jim Crawford and a special aunt, Louella Burrington.

Ida is survived by one son, Jerry Whisenhunt and his wife Melissa of Cassville, Missouri; two daughters, Jody Gallardo and her husband Carlos of Butterfield, Missouri and Jennifer Whisenhunt of Cassville, Missouri; three brothers, Berlie Crawford and his wife Queeta, Donald Crawford and his wife Kathy and Raymond Crawford and his wife Cyndi; four grandchildren, Valerie Little and her husband Austin, Zane Gallardo, Alyssa Whisenhunt and Kayla Lowe and three great grandchildren, Bennett Little, Blazi Lowe and Paislee Lewis.

Ida grew up in Exeter, Missouri and graduated from Exeter High School. Following graduation, she pursued a career in the medical field, earning her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certificate from Franklin Technical College in Joplin, Missouri. She dedicated many years to caring for others as an LPN in Cassville before retiring from Red Rose Health and Rehab.

In her free time, Ida enjoyed reading, sewing, fishing, gardening, and camping. She appreciated the simple pleasures of life and, above all, treasured the time she spent with her family. The memories she created with those she loved will remain a lasting part of the lives she touched, and she will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Rick Cooper will conduct the services. Burial was at Russell Cemetery in Butterfield, Missouri.

The family received friends from 1:00 P.M. until service time on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Ida.

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LaRonda Jean (Brower) Soder

LaRonda Jean (Brower) Soder, age 78, of Overland Park, KS (and formerly of Shell Knob, MO, and Omaha, NE), passed away on August 7th, 2026.

She was born June 28, 1948, in Liberal, KS, the first child of Laurence and Edna Faye (Renfro) Brower of Hugoton, KS. On September 12, 1969, she was united in marriage to Darwin "Dar" Soder who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death are both of her parents, and a sister, Nancy (Brower) Isenbart of Dodge City, KS.

Surviving are her daughter Inga (Soder) Decker and son-in-law Michael Decker and grandson Ren Decker, all from Northfield, MN, and her daughter Aidan Leigh Soder and granddaughter Caitlin Soder, both of Overland Park, KS.

Also surviving are sisters Deborah Brower and Trish Brower-George and brother-in-law Dave George, as well as numerous cherished nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and in-laws.

A Celebration of Life will be held for LaRonda on October 30th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at Church of the Resurrection - Leawood, in the Wesley Chapel, at 5001 W. 137th St, Leawood, KS 66224 (Wesley Chapel is on the south side of Building B).

PAID OBITUARY

Karen JoAnn Rawlings

Karen JoAnn Rawlings, 68, of Verona, Mo. passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at her home.

She was born February 11, 1958, in Los Angeles, Calif., the daughter of Kenny and Christine (Swartz) Wade.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Christine Swartz and stepfather, Bill Swartz.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Rawlings; her sons, Michael Allen of St. Louis, Mo. and Tim Crownover of Holiday Island, Ark.; daughter, Melisha Reyes and husband Jose of Raymondville, Texas; brother, David Reller of Carlisle, Ill.; sister, Kathy Reller of Carlisle, Ill.; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She attended school in St. Louis, Mo. She was a homemaker.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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Monett Stake hosts annual conference

On Sept. 26-27 the Monett Missouri Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints enjoyed an international spiritual feast from Elder Yoon Hwan Choi and Elder Clement M. Matswagothata.

Choi was born in South Korea. Matswagothata was born in Botswana. Both are full-time General Authority Seventies in the Church of Jesus Christ, serving under the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles as special witnesses of Jesus Christ and helping to build up and regulate the Church globally. Choi presided at the conference, which was held in the Monett Stake Center and televised to Aurora, Carthage, Granby, Stockton, and Cassville for the Stake's population of over 3,000.

Choi, a black belt in taekwondo, related an experience he had while in the South Korean military. He was at a ceremony for the nation's presidential honor guards, of which he was one. Each soldier was given a shot glass. Their commander was going down the line filling each soldier's glass with wine, after which each soldier quickly drank his wine and stood back at attention. To not follow the commands of a military leader would result in punishment. Choi was the only member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in his unit. As part of his church membership, Choi had committed to not drink alcohol or use tobacco or take any harmful substances. He silently prayed to Heavenly Father for protection. Just as Choi's commander poured the wine into Choi's glass, a messenger ran in with an urgent phone call from the general for the commander. The commander left without seeing if Choi drank his wine. The soldier next to Choi, who had already drank his wine, quickly switched glasses and drank Choi's wine. The commander returned, looked at Choi's empty glass, said, "Good!" and went on to the next soldier. This and other faith-building stories were shared at the conference..

At another time, Choi asked the people who had served missions in South Korea, of which there were two people, to come up and sing "I Am a Child of God" in Korean with him. Next he asked everyone who knew Spanish to stand and sing "I Am a Child of God" in Spanish. To everyone's delight, Choi concluded by asking "everyone who speaks English" to stand and sing "I Am a Child of God." Everyone stood with grins on their faces and filled the room with joyful music.

The two-day stake conference began with a Saturday afternoon leadership training, with 170 in attendance, followed by a supper of pulled pork, buns, beans, coleslaw, watermelon, and cookies. After supper, there was an adult session with 334 in attendance. Early Sunday morning, there was a Rising Generation Devotional for children ages 8-11 and their parents with 297 in attendance. Then came the general session with 929 in the Stake Center and more viewing in buildings throughout the Monett Missouri Stake boundaries.

Monett Ward Relief Society President Becky Ward, whose occupation is a nurse, said of the conference, "Elder Choi taught me how to be kinder and love others more like Jesus loves us, to look at others the way God and Jesus look at all of us, as individuals, to not forget that no one, other than our brother, Jesus Christ, has been perfect here on this earth, and tell others about the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Monett Young Single Adult President Blair Powell and his wife, Lauralie, who work in the Monett School District, said of the conference, "I loved Elder Choi's message. He shared a message of peace and joy. The doctrine of this church is centered on family and our Savior Jesus Christ. He encouraged us all to 'open our mouths' and share the love that the Savior has for all of us."

In six months, another stake conference will be held with the primary purpose of strengthening members' faith in Jesus Christ.

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The Barry County Community Garden invites the community to lend a hand and enjoy a free lunch during its fall cleanup event.

"Volunteers of all ages are welcome," a press release from the organization said. "Grab a bag, pull some weeds, and help clean up the garden beds and surrounding areas. When your bag is filled, enjoy a hot dog and a drink on us."

This event, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the garden, located at 10160 Farm Road 2160 in Cassville, is a great opportunity for families, students, community groups, Master Gardeners, and anyone who enjoys spending time outdoors while supporting a local project.

"No gardening experience is necessary," the release said. "There will be plenty of simple jobs, and even an hour of your time can make a difference. If you can't help in the garden just come out and visit!"

The Barry County Community Garden grows fresh vegetables for people in the community and depends on volunteers to keep it productive. Much of the produce harvested is donated to help provide fresh food to local residents.

Fall cleanup helps prepare the garden for winter and gives the garden a better start when planting begins again in the spring. It is also a chance to gather with neighbors and celebrate another growing season.

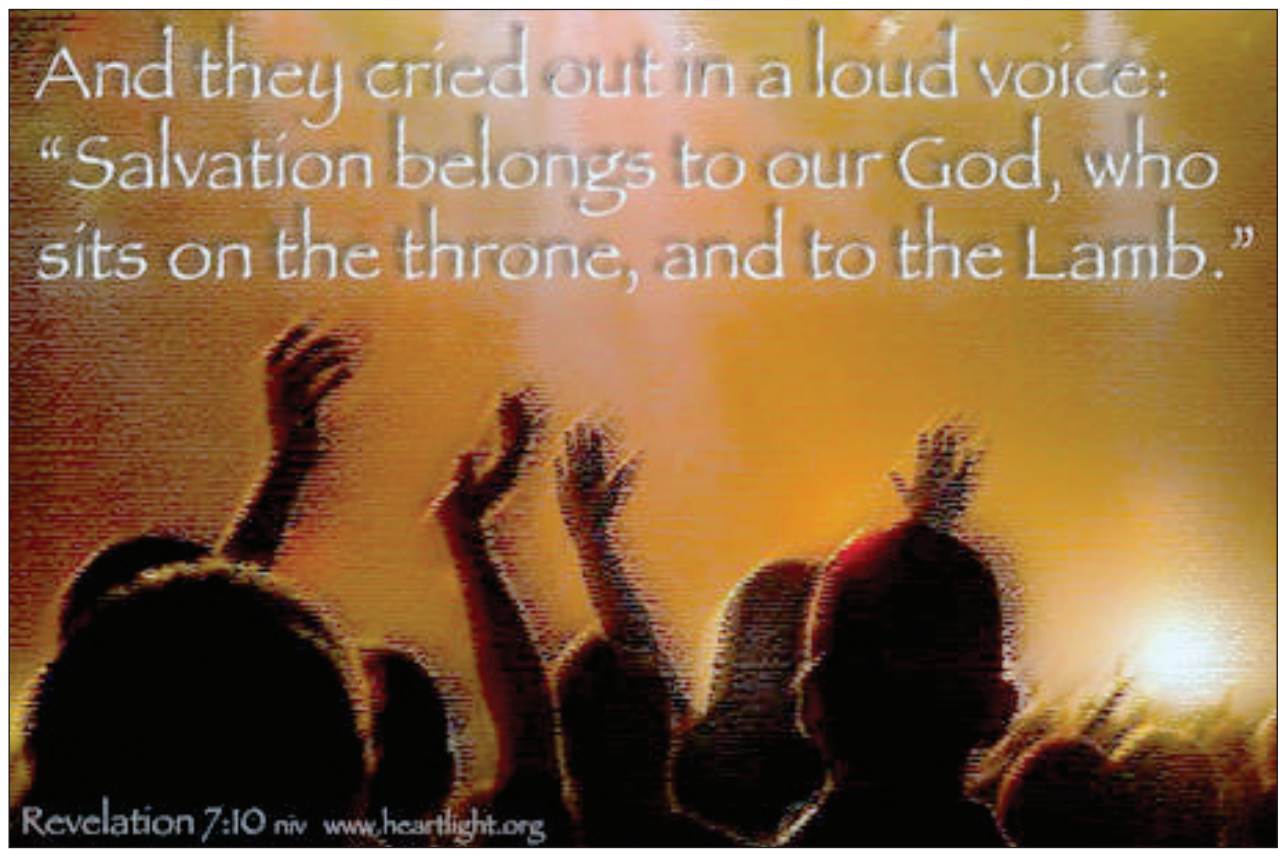
"Bring your family, bring a friend, and bring gardening gloves if you have them," the release said. "We will provide the bags, supplies, hot dogs, and drinks. Come for an hour or stay for the afternoon. Every bag of weeds pulled helps make the Barry County Community Garden a better place for our entire community."



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Scott Cupps, Republican

1. What is your position on the application of wastewater residuals on Barry County farmland, and should the practice stop or continue?
Boy, talk about a loaded question. To me this is like asking if cheese is good and asking if people should continue to eat it. Well, I think that's pretty dependent on the facts. Do I think properly made, transported, and stored cheese is good and would I go so far as to say that putting a couple slices on a lean slightly overcooked hamburger would improve it? Absolutely!! Do I think that if you made that same cheese and poured ten thousand gallons of straight sodium-hydroxide into the recipe and then didn't refrigerate it and allowed it to get rancid and putrid and covered in maggots that it would still make that hamburger better? No... No I do not. So the original question becomes are we talking about Agriculture processing residuals, or heavily chemically treated municipal city waste solids? Are we talking about a very consistent, predictable Ag byproduct with a good fertilizer value that compliments Ozarks soils and forage based agriculture systems very well?, or are we talking about a wild-west mixture of anything and everything that any companies want rid of including manufacturing waste chemicals? or products that have been allowed to become so rancid and putrid that the odor ruins the quality of life and infringes on the civil liberties of anyone within a fifteen mile radius? Are we talking about an affluent that has been agitated, digested, and rigorously tested for any non-approved chemicals?, or are we talking about loading up whatever other states might not want and land applying it in our back yard just to get rid of it? Because one is like adding a couple slices of good cheese to that hamburger, and the other is like ruining that hamburger with the rotten contaminated cheese. All that said, myself and former Representative Dirk Deaton have invested hundreds and hundreds, if not thousands of hours over the last two years working with national environmental groups, top international environmental consultants, our Department of Agriculture, our Department of Natural Resources, and our agriculture industry partners to pass House Bill 2134 and House Bill 1956 and implement top-tier necessary standards and safeguards and to incentivise practices that promote true sustainability while making sure that our Agriculture industry partners are bought in on responsibly and sustainably applying any processing residual soil fertility amendments while putting a permanent stop to the bad actors and any fly-by-night application contractors who were just trying to use our beautiful district as a dumping ground for any and everything that out of state companies would pay them to get rid of. I will continue to work diligently to make sure the law is being followed, the newly implemented standards are being met, and that any bad actors are kept out of Missouri forever.

2. What policies would you create or change to support agriculture in Barry County?
The answer to that question is ironically actually the exact opposite of what the question asks! To truly support our strong agriculture base here in Barry County the number one thing I will continue working to do is to make sure no new policies or policy changes are made that would negatively affect the ability of our hard working farmers and ranchers from being able to effectively and efficiently do their jobs... and by doing their jobs do their part in supplying healthy quality ag products that help feed and maintain humanity. That's not political theater or rhetoric. The human race isn't sustained on free bubble up and rainbow stew. It is sustained by real food raised by real farmers and ranchers on real farms and ranches. It's gotten kind of crazy though, and a lot of people in this area who aren't real plugged into politics don't really believe me when I tell them, but there is a very fast growing fraction of the Republican party who align almost perfectly with sierra club extreme liberal non reality based environmentalists. When they start talking about what laws we need to pass regulating land, water, fertilizer, pesticides, animal medicine, tractor and truck exhaust emissions, and animal agriculture practices you would think they were extreme liberal hippies living in Berkeley, but they actually are proud Missouri Republicans. I have to be unwaivering in making sure that real facts are always used to stop the progression of any of those policies that would negatively affect our farmers and ranchers. Protecting their rights doesn't just include their property rights, it also includes protecting them from non-reality based legislation that would dramatically encumber their ability to run and sustain productive operations.

3. What can the state legislature do to help improve access to health care in Barry County?
Primary Care Physicians, Primary Care Physicians, Primary Care Physicians. We have to implore health care networks to actually try to work to increase access to Primary Care Physicians, and if that means formal Reciprocity Agreements with neighboring states and/or health care networks, then let's work together to get that done ASAP! If that means empowering Physician Assistants that can fill the role of Primary Care Physicians in communities and to folks who don't currently have access to one, then let's work together to get that done ASAP! If that means decreasing the internetwork burdens of getting a referral to a specialist so local Primary Care Physicians can concentrate on doing their job, then let's work together to get that done ASAP! If that means better technology and phone apps that help people gain access to a Primary Care Physician in their area, and in turn help them get quick efficient access to the care they need, then let's work together to get that done ASAP! Let's quit playing politics and just do the stuff that we can that will actually make a difference by the end of the month, not the end of the decade. Many of my older retired constituents, and professionally employed folks who regularly go to the doctor would be astonished at how many people reach out to me telling me that they tried to go to the doctor but they couldn't. It is a huge problem and I've recently taken the initiative to surrender attempts at addressing this problem legislatively and have begun working directly with Cox and Mercy to work together to do the things we can actually easily do sooner than later that will move the needle on this issue.

4. What is your position on citizen-led amendments and the efforts to change that process?
LOL. But for real though, this made me laugh out loud. We haven't had an actual citizen led petition in the state of Missouri in probably 50 years. These things aren't propped up and proposed by groups of actual Missouri citizens like they want you to believe, or like the process was originally intended. When democrats say citizen-led petition what they actually mean is agenda based east and west coast funded deceptive liberal agenda advancement technique. Every initiative petition that Missouri voters has been tricked into voting for over the last few years has been written by out of state extreme liberal groups with decieving ballot languages and advertising campaigns funded by hundreds of millions of dollars of east coast, west coast, and literal foreign money. Even the so called signatures are gathered by hired "signature-getters"... many of whom make upwards of twenty dollars per signature and who didn't even know where Missouri was on a map until they were hired to come here and trick people into signing their sheet outside of Lowes on a Saturday. Because of this, our state Constitution has become absolute garbage!, and unless we take some drastic steps to get back to a responsible form of representative statutory government, we might as well just look at what California and New York are like, because that's where we'll be in the next 15 years. When Benjamin Franklin was asked what type of government our founding fathers had established he famously answered "A Republic, IF YOU CAN KEEP IT!". Well in Missouri we've currently lost it... the question then becomes do we want it back. I do.

5. What circumstances would compel you to vote against your party's leadership?
Literally any circumstance that might infringe on my constituents' God given Civil Liberties and Personal Rights. Our inalienable rights were given to us by our creator and enshrined when his son died on the cross for each and every one of us! They sure weren't given to us by any government, and especially not by a political party!... So I assure you if party leadership ever attempts to progress anything that infringes on those, I will always be the FIRST to vote against them!



Christopher Foster, Democrat

1. What is your position on the application of wastewater residuals on Barry County farmland, and should the practice stop or continue?
Wastewater from a slaughterhouse, concentrated animal farm operation (aka CAFO or factory farm) should only be used if their contents are tracked, and should only be released with highest regard to the local water table and natural resources. But "If it's free, it's probably not something you'll want." The risk of forever chemicals, algae, and microplastics are too great to ignore.

2. What policies would you create or change to support agriculture in Barry County?
The big guys tend to get the attention, so Farm Bill Programs should be "scale neutral", serving farms of all sizes. Regulate data centers- They bring in construction jobs, but then can be a bane upon agriculture. No special tax incentives for DCs, they must have a closed-cycle HVAC to limit how much new water goes in and their waste (sound/heat/chemical) goes out and transparency in their ownership.

3. What can the state legislature do to help improve access to health care in Barry County?
The number of Barry County residents without health insurance is unacceptable (14.2% according to some sources HealthByCounty.com) The need for Medicaid expansion and sick leave is clear. Another factor is tobacco use, which is higher than average here. Recently, Washington has been abandoning or reversing the antismoking programs that had bipartisan support. I believe there will also be measures we can take to roll back products such as fruit-flavored e-cigarettes, which are particularly appealing to teens and adolescents.

4. What is your position on citizen-led amendments and the efforts to change that process?
It is the right of every Missouri citizen that has been in place over 100 years. The majority of constitutional amendments have been brought forward from Jefferson City; but when a citizen led amendment passes, politicians have been far too eager to overturn them. I am proud to have collected signatures outside the Cassville courthouse as an unpaid volunteer for several campaigns. I wholeheartedly endorse Amendment 6.

5. What circumstances would compel you to vote against your party's leadership?
While I am relatively new to politics, the needs of Barry/McDonald County come first. It is not unusual for SW Missouri to elect those to turn renegade from his/her party line, but when it can actually mean a measure passes or fails is when the pressure is on. If the Republican super-majority is broken this year, there will definitely be arm-twisting in the legislature. If there is an opportunity for a net-positive for my constituents, I will take it.

Where does it come from?



Cassville High School FFA member Bailey Kloss details the uses for a piece of farming equipment during the annual Food for America event at the district. Food for America aims to teach primary and intermediate students about where their food comes from. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville primary students raise their hands with questions during the annual Food for America event at the district. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Izaak Henbest, Cassville FFA member, explains how a seed spreader works during the annual Food for America event at the district. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Hay rides were a part of the fun during the annual Food for America event at the district. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville primary student Dorian Crawford pets a cow during the annual Food for America event at the district. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Annette Hunter, right, is pictured with her husband, who supported her through breast cancer treatment. Contributed photo



Annette Hunter, center, is pictured with her parents, who never missed an appointment she had when navigating her way through breast cancer treatment. Contributed photo

Strength: Hunter learned you have to be your own advocate

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by another wait, this time for a biopsy. She waited for another month, then two days after the biopsy, she got the call on her lunch break.

"I remember pulling over to the side of the road, putting the car in park, and just sobbing, uncontrollably," she said. "And, at that time, when you're told that, you don't know, if you're going to live or die. I know that sounds terrible, but that's what goes through your mind."

Hunter called her parents, who were in their late 70s at the time, and her husband began to cry. Her parents cried, too. Together, they told her they would get through it.

That evening, Hunter called her three daughters to tell them about her diagnosis.

"And, I don't know why, but I kept apologizing to them," she said. "I still really don't know why. I think I was just apologizing because I felt so bad, that I was putting everybody through this."

Her daughters reassured her that she had nothing to apologize for.

"Little did we know, a few months later, they would end up making the same phone call to me," Hunter said.

Hunter was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer. Her primary care doctor referred her to specialists, and her parents and husband remained by her side.

"My mom and dad went with me to every single appointment — I was never alone," she said. "And, my heart breaks because I couldn't be there for my daughters for some of theirs, because I was going through treatment."

Hunter underwent a double mastectomy in February 2025, after a winter drive through ice and snow to see her surgeon.

"We called her surgeon to ask whether we should cancel, but he told us to come if we could safely get there because of how quickly the cancer appeared to be growing," she said. "When I first found my knot, it was like the size of a small grape. By the time that I was getting ready to have surgery, it was two or three grapes."

Hunter's surgeon told her that two lymph nodes under her arm had tested positive for cancer.

"I'm glad that I didn't put it off, because from



Annette Hunter is pictured a few months ago after undergoing multiple breast cancer treatments. Contributed photo

then on, time I had the biopsy, and the surgery, it moved from my breast to my lymph node under my arm," Hunter said. "Now, I have lymphedema and have to wear a compression garment on my arm."

Hunter believes she received approximately 23 radiation treatments to treat the breast area and the region under her arm.

"I would have to pull over on the way to work to throw up," she said. "I was so sick — but I was determined."

Hunter now takes a hormone blocker. She said she expects to take that medication for five years, with her doctors evaluating whether she should continue for 10 years. Every three months, she has blood work to monitor her health.

While Hunter was still going through treatment, her oldest daughter, Tiffany, was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer at 37. Her middle daughter, Stacy, was diagnosed with stage one breast cancer at 33.

Hunter's youngest daughter, who is nearly 28, has undergone mammograms, ultrasounds and genetic testing. Hunter said she has had no cancer diagnosis.

"My grandmother, nor my mother, ever had breast cancer," she said. "We even had the testing done, and we do not have the BRCA gene. But my oldest daughter's grandmother, on her father's side, had breast cancer."

"[Tiffany] finished chemo, and it was very hard on her," she said. "She has decisions to make regarding surgery and may need radiation before proceeding.

"Stacy underwent a double mastectomy and reconstruction with implants. She did not need chemotherapy but has received immunotherapy and is taking hormone blockers."

For a mother accustomed to caring for her children, watching them face cancer has been a different kind of pain.

"As a mother, I was used to being able to help when my children were hurt," she said. "This was something that I could not fix. And I wanted to take it away from them so bad; and you know, if there was a way, I would have."

Hunter hopes other women will learn from her experience, particularly those who are younger than the age when routine mammograms are typically recommended.

Her own diagnosis, along with those of her daughters in their 30s, has changed the way she thinks about screening.

"I wish that they could change that law to where you have to be 40 before you can get a mammogram as far as your insurance," she said. "Because both of my daughters — I mean 37 and 33 — that's young."

Hunter believes women should talk with their doctors about their individual risk and screening options rather than assume they are too young to develop breast cancer.

"My oldest daughter is stage four, and she did not have one single warning sign, so I want women to know that you can feel perfectly fine," she said. "You can feel healthy and go to work every day. My daughter was working 12-hour days, and on her feet. She said she felt tired, but she thought it was just everyday work."

Hunter also encourages women to speak up when something feels different and to keep asking questions if they are concerned.

"My husband and I learned you kind of have to be your own advocate," she said. "I think women should start getting checked as young as 25 years old, and I know that may sound crazy. But, I wish we could change some laws."

For Hunter, that sharp pain in December 2024 became a turning point. She said her oncologist described the discovery of the lump as a divine intervention, because she might not otherwise have noticed it when she did.

Her experience has also left her navigating a new health challenge. Hunter has suffered significant hearing loss, and her doctors believe it may be related to medication she received during cancer treatment. She has been receiving injections and is considering an implant, leaving her wondering how much more she is capable of.

"I can do it," she said. "I did the double mastectomy, and I went through the radiation and the medicine. I can do it."

Hunter said cancer has changed how she sees life, relationships and the people around her.

Some friends stopped communicating with her after her diagnosis. She understands that people may not know what to say when someone they care about is facing cancer, but she wishes they understood that support does not require perfect words.

"You find out who your friends are, for sure," she said. "And, I'm not trying to be negative or anything, but I had so many people, just stop talking to me. Maybe they didn't know what to say."

"I wish I could go back and tell them, you don't have to say anything — just tell me that you love me."

Hunter and her husband have been married for 30 years. Together, they have three daughters and nine grandchildren, ranging in age from 4-17.

Her grandchildren remain a source of joy, even as her family continues to face the uncertainty of cancer and long-term treatment.

She said the experience has forced her to confront fears she never expected to face, including the possibility that the disease could return. Although she prays that it never does, she knows she must continue with regular appointments, medication and monitoring.

"There is a strength, deep, deep down inside of a woman, that you have to pull out and you never knew that you had until you have to use it," Hunter said. "And when you have to use it, you find that strength. You focus on that strength, every single day. There are days that you feel like giving up. You can't — you have to keep fighting."

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Great races, great tastes at Cook-Off



Codie Evatt, center, of Cassville, delivered two cups of chili to tasters during the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Serving the chili was Deanna Rehfeldt, left, and stirring the pot was Joe Rehfeldt. The pair were representing Chariots of Grace at the event. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



A total of 30 Dachshunds participated in the inaugural Great Chili Dog Dash, a new addition to the Cassville Chili & Salsa Cook-Off this year. The wiener dog winners were: Bo, at right, first place; Olivia Benson, at left, second place; and Lilygrace, at back right, in third place. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Security Bank of Southwest Missouri took 2nd Place Chili at the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Barry Electric Cooperative raked in the awards at the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. The organization won 1st Place Chili, 1st Place Salsa, People's Choice Chili and People's Choice Most Spirited at the annual event. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



The Barry County Republicans took the awards for People's Choice Salsa and 3rd Place Salsa (judged) at the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Meridian Title won the People's Choice Best Decorated award at the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Roaring River Adventures took 3rd Place Chili at the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Barry County Southern Baptist Association took 2nd Place Salsa at the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Elvis, part of the Barry Electric Cooperative team, celebrates one of the organization's many wins during the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



The Cassville High School Wildcat Pride Marching Band performed multiple songs for attendees during the Chili & Salsa Cook-Off on Saturday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

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TOP SEED SECURED



Cassville's Easton Hughes dives to make a tackle during the Wildcats' win over Nevada on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

'Cats blank Nevada, get bye as district No. 1

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

By the time the Wildcats suit up for their Class 3, District 6 semifinal on Nov. 6, they will have gone 35 days and 99 minutes and 47 seconds of game time without allowing a score.

Cassville's football squad turned in a second consecutive shutout on Friday, defeating Nevada, 28-0, to cap the regular season at 8-1. The only loss on the books heading into district play is by 7 points to Lamar — the No. 1 ranked team in Class 2, undefeated Big 8 champion and the last team to score on the Wildcats.

With the Nevada win, Cassville secured the No. 1 district seed and a bye in the first round of district play. It will be the second time in four weeks the Wildcats have a break, as their Week 7 matchup against Miller Career Academy resulted in a forfeit and no contest played.

Jayce Magula, senior offensive lineman, said with the regular season in the books, Cassville is optimistic for what the next weeks will bring.

"I feel confident going into districts," he said. "We'll probably prepare for it like all teams, and rest, mainly. [After getting two shutouts in a row], I feel like we're not going to lose again."

Against Nevada on the road Friday, the Wildcats overcame a scoreless first quarter and some early offensive miscues to pull away, scoring twice in the second quarter before adding two more touchdowns in the second half.

"I'm very proud of this group," said Clay Weldy, Cassville coach. "I've seen us grow this year. We got some things we had to fix, obviously. But one of the things all year we talked about was trying to earn more home games."



Cassville quarterback Jaren Stearns plants his right foot for a juke and extra yards during a win over Nevada on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

The Wildcats' defense helped make that possible Friday, holding Nevada scoreless while forcing turnovers and coming up with key stops. After a sluggish opening quarter in which Nevada punted four times and Cassville fumbled one possession away and punted twice, the Wildcats' offense found its rhythm with a lengthy scoring drive in the second.

"It was challenging at first to get to the right spot," Magula said. "For me personally, I was just trying to get over the shin. The shin was killing me."

Kamden Beebe sparked the possession of the second frame with a 9-yard run and first down. Quarterback Jaren Stearns

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LADY BULLDOGS VOLLEYBALL
Record: 9-16-1
Last result: 3-1 loss to Verona in the Class 1, District 9 tournament
More: Coach said team is learning how to play as "one" on the floor

Lady Bulldogs build foundation

Strides in offensive transition, defensive coverage noticeable

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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The Wheaton volleyball team has finished its season with a 9-16-1 record, and first-year coach Kacy Whitley said the Lady Bulldogs made progress in many areas that will help shape the program's future.

Whitley said the team's biggest improvement came in offensive transition and defensive coverage, two areas she said can be difficult to develop in a single season.

"These areas are extremely difficult to accomplish within one season, but these young ladies worked extremely hard and learned how to play as 'one' on the floor," she said.

Two victories stood out as signs of that progress. Wheaton earned a 3-2 win at McAuley, where Whitley said the Lady Bulldogs began putting pieces together and showed significant improvement in transitional coverage.

"The girls capitalized on their mistakes and put some big rallies together," she said.

Wheaton also earned a 3-0 home victory over Seneca, with Whitley pointing to the support from the Lady Bulldogs' pep club as a key part of the atmosphere.

"We had great pep club support that allowed our girls to play with intensity and determination," she said.

As a first-year coach, Whitley said her goals extended beyond the win-loss column. The Lady Bulldogs needed to adjust mechanics and fundamentals, with progress measured through daily practices and smaller accomplishments that did not necessarily appear in statistics.

"I focused my expectations on doing things the correct way — play by play," Whitley said. "It didn't always show up on the scoreboard."

Whitley said the team's seniors also helped establish expectations through their leadership on and off the court, accepting challenges and helping set a standard for next year's returners.

"These seniors have left some shoes to fill with leadership on and off the court," she said. "They accepted every challenge I presented them with the determination to improve. They are great

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Lyons siblings named All-Conference



Nathan Lyons, left, and Hattie Lyons, both freshmen at Cassville High School, were each named Big 8 All-Conference runners at the Big 8 XC Conference Championships 2026 on Oct. 20 in Cassville. Nathan Lyons took second place at the event with a time. of 17:11.18, with McDonald County's Anthony Ayala finishing first in 17:41.16. Hattie Lyons finished fourth in the girls' race with a time of 21:49.11. First place went to Monett's Isabell Coffey, who finished in 20:07.44. Other boys results included: Peyton Anderson, 20th, 21:20.11; Clay Williamson, 37th, 24:41.92; and Daniel Sledden, 40th, 27:22.02. Other girls results included: Lydia Cupps, 16th, 24:15.72; Molly Cox, 24:53.25; Brooklyn Krallman, 37th, 30:08.85; and Elizabeth Fohn, 41st, 38:33.45. Contributed photo

Middle schoolers compete in Big 8



The Cassville Middle School cross country teams competed in the Big 8 Conference Meet on Oct. 12. Earning First Team All-Conference were Harper Hayward, Mattigan Zajac and Kole Flynn, and taking Second Team All-Conference was Aiden Harris. Contributed photos



WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE









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10/31 Class 3, District 2 Meet (Clever) Away 9:00 am

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J.K., a minor by and through his next Friend.
SHAWN KEEVEN, and
SHAWN KEEVEN, individually
Petitioner,
Vs.
KRISTYN FINOCCHIARO,
Respondent.
Case No. 20BR-DR00270-03

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO KRISTYN FINOCCHIARO

You are hereby notified than an action has commenced in the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is the Motion to Modify under Chapter 452 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and service by publication in the Cassville Democrat. The case number assigned to said actions is stated in the caption above, and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioner, Shawn Keeven, is:

Toni M. Hendricks, Moxie Litigation,
P.O. Box 215,
Cassville, Missouri 65625/25376
State Highway 39, Suite 207,
Shell Knob, MO 65747,
(417) 342-6510.

You are hereby notified that, unless you file an answer to the Motion or other pleading or
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI CASSVILLE

IN RE:
THE NAME CHANGE OF
KADEN SCOTT NEW-KRUSE,
Petitioner,
Case No. 26BR-DR00091

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of July 2026, by an Order of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri,
Case No. 26BR-DR00091,
the name of KADEN SCOTT NEW-KRUSE
was changed KADEN SCOTT KRUSE.
Filed July 7, 2026
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

THOMAS CORN,
PLAINTFF,
VS.
L.B. CORN,
OPAL CORN,
SHIRLEY CORN &
TERRY CORN
their heirs, grantees, devises, successors, consorts, and assigns,
DEFENDANTS,
26BR-CC00151

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

Defendants, L. B. Corn, Opal Corn, Shirley Corn and Terry Corn if they shall be deceased, then their unknown heirs, grantees, consorts, spouses or successors of those of them who shall be deceased.

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WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 20th day of October, 2026.
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By Kami Stanton
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT CASSVILLE

IN THE INTEREST OF
A.O.H.
and A.X.H,
Minors.
Case No. 26BR-PR00148

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LAWRENCE HOUSE,
SHEILA HOUSE and
BRITTEN HOUSE,
and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is
J. Michael Riehn, Attorney at Law,
P. O. Box 324, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF
O.R D. (DOB: 11/04/2013)

DEE ANN DUBSON, and
JASON ALEX DUBSON, SR,
Petitioners,
VS.
DEBRA KEISLING, and
JASON ALEX DUBSON, JR.
Respondents.
Case No._ 26BR-JU00084

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J. Michael Riehn, Attorney at Law,
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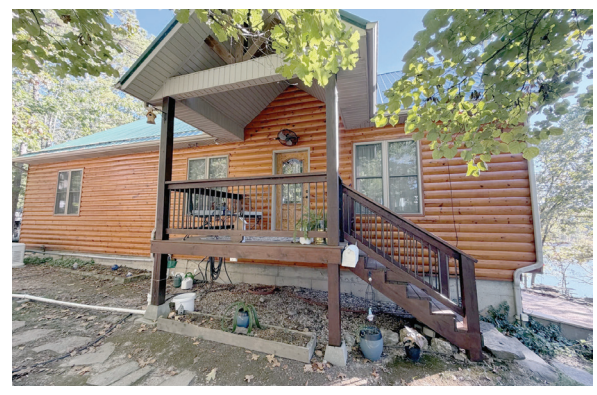
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IN THE 35TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of
CLARA B DODSON,
Deceased.
Case Number: 23BR-PR00100

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PURDY. MO 65734
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
DAVID ALEXANDER PAYNE,
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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: October 7, 2026
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,
decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court

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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

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

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

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

In the Estate of
JERRY ROBERT GAINES,
Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00134

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
JERRY ROBERT GAINES,
Decedent:

On October 1, 2026, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of

JERRY ROBERT GAINES, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Barry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's name and business address is:

RICHARD HIMEBAUGH,
8734 FARM ROAD 2020,
MONETT, MO 65708.

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

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

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

Date of the decedent's death: July 26, 2026

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

Date of first publication: October 14, 2026

Date of second publication: October 21, 2026

Date of third publication: October 28, 2026

Date of fourth publication: November 4, 2026

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

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

In the Estate of
STEVEN R THOMAS,
Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00136

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL ESTATE)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
STEVEN R THOMAS,
Decedent.

On October 5, 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 August 21, 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 October 21, 2026.

Date of second publication is October 28, 2026.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
K.K.S.,
Minor,
Estate No. 26BR-PR00145

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to:
KELEIGH ELIZABETH RAY

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Juvenile Court of Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is termination of parental rights and adoption of the minor child, K. K. S.

The names of all parties in this action are ROSEMARY WALL and CHARLES WALL, and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is

J. Michael Riehn,
Attorney at Law,
P. O. Box 324, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after OCTOBER 28, 2026, judgment by default will be entered against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Cassville Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri.

A true copy from the record

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court his 16th day of OCTOBER 2026.

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

First publication: OCTOBER 28, 2026

Second Publication: NOVEMBER 4, 2026

Third Publication: NOVEMBER 11, 2026

Fourth Publication: NOVEMBER 18, 2026

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

In the Estate of VIRGINIA A MEEK,
Deceased.
Case Number: 26BR-PR00104

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
VIRGINIA A MEEK,
Decedent:

On August 10, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of VIRGINIA A MEEK, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BARRY COUNTY, Missouri.

The name and business address of the personal representative is:

PHYNES ANTHONY MEEK,
651 S. BRIDGEWOOD CIRCLE, NIXA, MO 65714

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

MARC EDMONDSON,
PO Box 491, CASSVILLE, MO 65625,
417-846-0022.

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: January 2, 2026

Date of first publication: October 28, 2026

Date of second publication: November 4, 2026

Date of third publication: November 11, 2026

Date of fourth publication: November 18, 2026

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
P.L.H.B.,
A Minor,
Estate No. 26BR-PR00144

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to:
KELEIGH ELIZABETH RAY
AND
WAYLON LEE BRYSON, JR.

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Juvenile Court of Barry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is termination of parental rights and adoption of the minor child, P. L. H. B.

The names of all parties in this action are ROSEMARY WALL and CHARLES WALL, and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is J. Michael Riehn, Attorney at Law,

P. O. Box 324, Cassville, Missouri 65625.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise

appear and defend against this action within 45 days after October 28, 2026, judgment by default will be entered against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Cassville Democrat, a

newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Barry, State of Missouri.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court his 16th day of October, 2026.

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

First publication: October 28, 2026

Second Publication: November 4, 2026

Third Publication: November 11, 2026

Fourth Publication: November 18, 2026

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

In the Estate of
JAMES D. SIZEMORE,
Estate Number: 19BR-PR00131
Deceased

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF
JAMES D. SIZEMORE,
deceased:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final

Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in

interest to the personal/real estate of the decedent and of the extent and character of their

interest therein and for distribution of such property, on or about December 3, 2026 or as

may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final

Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days

after the filing of such Final Settlement.

SAM MADSEN
Personal Representative
DONALD L. CUPPS, Attorney
Ellis, Cupps, Herrin & Schwartz
P. O. Box 276
Cassville, MO 65625
(417)847-2734
Dates of Publication

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9:00 A.M. * Saturday, October 31st * 9:00 A.M.

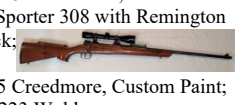
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Rifles

Winchester mod. 73, .38-40 (1893);
Winchester mod. 73, .32-20 (1890);
Winchester mod. 94, 30WCF (1906);
Winchester mod. 94, .30WCF (1946);
Winchester mod. 94 30-30 (1961) Near Mint;
Winchester mod. 1894 Deluxe Sporter 38-55, Grade 6 Wood, 38-55 (#57 of 500 Ltd. Edition);
Winchester mod. 1892 Deluxe Takedown 38-40, (#38 of 250 Ltd. Series);
Winchester mod. 1892 32-20 (#337 of 500 Ltd. Ed.);
Winchester mod. 1894 30-30, Classic Ltd. Ed. 26";
Marlin mod. 1889, 44-40, (1892);
Marlin mod. 1893, 30-30, (1893) 4 digit SN;
Marlin mod. 1894 25-20, (1907);
Marlin mod. 1894 25-20, (1908);
Marlin mod. 336CS 30-30 (JM);
Marlin mod. 30AS 30-30 (JM);
Remington mod. 600 .350 Remington Magnum;
Remington mod. 600 6.5 Remington Magnum;
Remington mod. 600 .35 Remington;
Remington mod. 600 .243;
Remington mod. 600 .6mm;
Remington mod. 600 .222;
(All of these 600's are nice & have the Vent Rib)
Remington mod. 700 BDL Varmint Spl. 22-250;
Remington mod. 700 BDL .243;
Remington mod. 700 BDL 30-06;
Remington mod. 700 ADL 25-06;
Remington mod. 788 .222;
Remington mod. 788 .22-250;
Remington mod. 722 .244 Rem. (6mm);
CZ mod. 550 Varmint .22-250 (Wood/Hvy. Barrel);
Bergara B14 BPF, 6.5 Creedmore (MIB);
Weatherby Vanguard .257 Wby. Mag. (NWTF Ed.);
Ruger Mini 14 .223;
Ruger American Predator 6.5 Creedmore w/ Boyds Thumbhole Stock;
Springfield 1873 Trapdoor 45-70
Rossi Single Shot .243 (NIB);
Mannlicher Schoenauer mod. 1952 .270;
Mauser K-98 Sporter in .8mm Mauser;
Mexican 1910 Mauser Sporter 308 with Remington Barrel & Synthetic Stock;



DPMS A-15 223-5.56
Palmetto State PA65 6.5 Creedmore, Custom Paint;
Palmetto State PA-15, .223 Wylde;
Palmetto State PA-15, .350 Legend, Side Charger;
Palmetto State PA-15, 450 Bushmaster Hvy. Barrel;
Arsenal Arms SLR95 7.62x39;
(2) Radical Firearms RF-15 .223 Wylde, Fluted Bbl;

Rimfire

Winchester mod. 90 .22 short, Beautiful (1901);
Winchester mod. 03 .22 Win Auto, Drilled (1908);
Winchester mod. 85 .22 Long, (1890);
Winchester mod. 77 .22 Clip Feed, (Like New);
Marlin mod. 39AS .22 Lever Action;
Bear Creek Arsenal 202, 22 WMR., Heavy Stainless Threaded Barrel;
Ruger 10-22 .22 Stainless/Wood;
Ruger 10-22 .22 Stainless/Syn. (MIB);
Mossberg mod. 46B .22 Pre-War (Like New);
Mossberg mod. 151M .22 (Like New);
Mossberg mod. 44US .22 U.S. Property (VeryNice);

Shotguns

L.C. Smith (SBT) Specialty Trap 12ga. 30",(1923);
Winchester mod. 23XTR Pigeon Grade 12ga. SxS;
Browning A5 Twenty 20ga. S, Belgium (1968);
Browning A5 Twenty 20ga. R, Belgium (1971);
Browning A5 Sweet Sixteen 16ga R, Belgium(1956)
Browning A5 Sweet Sixteen 16ga R, Belgium(1968)
Browning A5 Light Twelve 12ga. R Belgium (1964)
Browning A5 Magnum 12 12ga. R, Belgium (1971);
Browning A5 Magnum 12 12ga. 23" Rib Barrel w/ Choate Tool Long Magazine, Belgium (1970;)
(2) Winchester mod. 42 .410;
(2) Winchester mod. 12 .12ga;



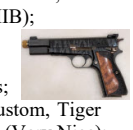
Winchester mod. 12 .16ga;
Winchester mod. 12 .20ga;
Winchester mod. 97 12ga
Winchester mod. 50 20ga. (1957);
Winchester mod. 50 12ga. Vent Rib (1961);
Winchester mod. 59 Winlite (1959 - 1965);
High Standard K-120 Riot 18-7 12ga;
Remington Sportsman 12 12ga, Vent Rib;
Stevens mod. 320 12ga. (LNIB);
Ithaca mod.500SKB 20ga. O/U, Vent Rib;
Ithaca mod. 37 Featherlight 16ga.;



Westernfield Deluxe 12ga. SxS;

Handguns

Colt Trooper MKIII .22 8" Nickel;
S&W mod. 29-3 .44 Mag. 8 3/8" Nickel;
S&W mod. 629-1 .44 Mag. 6" Stainless;
S&W mod. 586 .357 Mag. 6" Nickel;
S&W mod. 28-2 .357 Mag. Highway Patrolman;
S&W 5 Screw .38, 6½";
S&W 5 Screw .22, 6";
S&W 5 Screw .38, 5" Stainless;
S&W 5 Screw J Frame .38, 2" (Stag Grips);
S&W mod. 649-1 Bodyguard .38 Stainless;
S&W mod. 41 .22, 7 3/8" w/ Muzzle Brake;
Kimber Pro Crimson Carry II .45 (MIB);
IWI Jericho 941 .9mm (MIB);



Ruger SP101 .357, 4" Stainless
Ruger Security Six, .357 6" Stainless;
Browning Hi-Power .9mm, 1985 Custom, Tiger Stripe, Threaded Barrel, Fancy Grip, (Very Nice);
Mauser Luger byf 42, 9mm, Nazi War Eagle mark;
Starr Arms 1858 Army Double Action .44 cal. B.P. Revolver (1856-1863);
Springfield Armory Garrison 1911 .45 D.U. (MIB);
Springfield XDS 3.3 .45 (MIB);
Springfield Armory P9 .9mm;
FN FNP-45 .45 Black Stainless (MIB);
FI Industries Model D .380, (Colt Pony CPA SN);
Mossberg Brownie .22 (1919-1932);
Walther PPK .380 Stainless (MIB);
Mauser HSC .380 (MIB);
Firearms International .22 Double Barrel Derringer;
EMF Dakota 1873 SAA, .45, Blue, Nickel & Brass (Fancy Engraved);
Uberti 1873 Cattleman Birdshead .45:
Uberti 1873 Cattleman Sheriff, 3" .45;
CVA 50. Cal. BP Flintlock Rifle;
(2) Numerich Arms Hopkins & Allen .45 Cal. BP Underhammer Offhand Rifles;

Ammo - Accessories

1000's of rounds Ammo including (.308/7.62x51 x 2250), (.45 Auto x 2650), (9mm x 1800), (.22 x 2300), (.223 x 1070), (5.56 x 3300), (7.62x39 x 2560), (12ga.x 800)
Vivitar Digital Camera Binocular With Night Vision;
AR500 Plate Carrier w/ Accy's (XL Woodland);
EOTECH 512 HWS Sight (NIB);
Colt AR-15 Lower Receiver Parts Kit;
DPMS .308 Lower Parts Kit;
Lots of Magazines, Holsters, Slings & Accessories, Ammo Boxes, Etc...
Custom Made Rubberband Gatling Gun (Neat);

Jeep - Argo - Boat - Trailer - Misc.

1994 jeep Wrangler 4x4, 4cyl, 4 spd, soft top, Runs & Drives good (138,xxx mi., rust on fenders);
Argo Vanguard II 6x6 Amphibious ATV (Very Nice with only 246 hrs);
12ft. X 6ft. Aluminum Flatbed Trailer with Ramp Gate (Nice);
Vintage 1964 Glaspar Delmar 16ft. Cuddy Cabin Boat with 2001 Mercury 90hp. Motor & Trailer (Cool Classic Lake Ready Boat);
Stihl MS250 Chainsaw;
(60) 12" x 12" New Concrete Pavers;

RC Airplanes & Boats

Several RC Lipo. Battery Airplanes from a never flown 1550 mm F-14 Tomcat, Lg size B-17, SE5 Bi Wing, P-51 Mustang, J-3 Cub, ME 262, F-86 Saber, Mig15, Wright Flyer & several others of all sizes;
Several RC Helecopters, Boats & Sailboats some never used;
RC Controllers including Spektrum DX9, DX7, Futaba 8U, Blade SR HP6DSM, & others;
SKYRC Quatro B6 320W Charger;
Several Good LiPo. Batteries of various sizes;
Few Gas powered RC Planes;
Saito FA56 4 Stroke Gas Motor (NIB);
Lots & Lots of RC Plane Spare Parts & Accessories;
Several New Never Opened Model Airplanes & Ships & modeling Supplies;
Few Slot Cars & Trucks with Track & Accessories;
Lots of realted items not listed or pictured;

Coins -Telescope - Albums - Posters

90+ Morgan & Silver Peace Dollars (NO key Dates);
Meade Electronic Digital Series Telescope (Nice);
100+ Classic Rock Albums (way too many to list);
Pioneer SX-980 Stereo Receiver;
(Steve Vai) signed Concert Ticket;
Misc. Rock Theme Posters & Prints;
Beetles Touch Lamp;
Vintage Carved Horse Head Chest (very unusual);
(2) Old Wood Arm Chairs with Horse Heads;
Antique Twin Bed w/ small matching Desk;
More not Listed:

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SAMPLE BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026
BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the General Election will be held in the County of Barry on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 as certified to this office by the participating entities of Barry County. The ballot for the Election shall be in substantially the following form.
REPUBLICAN (REP), DEMOCRATIC (DEM), LIBERTARIAN (LIB)

FOR STATE AUDITOR
Vote For ONE
- ◯ SCOTT FITZPATRICK — REP
- ◯ QUENTIN WILSON — DEM
- ◯ DUSTIN COFFELL — LIB
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7
Vote For ONE
- ◯ ERIC W. BURLISON — REP
- ◯ MISSI HESKETH — DEM
- ◯ KEVIN CRAIG — LIB
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 158
Vote For ONE
- ◯ SCOTT CUPPS — REP
- ◯ CHRIS FOSTER — DEM
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE DIVISION I
Vote For ONE
- ◯ JOHNNIE E. COX — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE DIVISION II
Vote For ONE
- ◯ ROBERT "BOB" FOULKE — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 6

Proposed by Initiative Petition

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.

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

FOR PRESIDING COMMISSIONER
Vote For ONE
- ◯ STEVE BLANKENSHIP — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR COUNTY CLERK
Vote For ONE
- ◯ KIMI DEAL — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK
Vote For ONE
- ◯ CRAIG WILLIAMS — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS
Vote For ONE
- ◯ DANIELLE STILL — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR TREASURER
Vote For ONE
- ◯ GRETTA TRIPP — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
Vote For ONE
- ◯ ANDREW COLE — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR COLLECTOR OF REVENUE
Vote For ONE
- ◯ SKYLER BOWMAN — REP
- ◯
- WRITE IN

FOR SURVEYOR
Vote For ONE
- ◯
- WRITE IN

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

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.

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

OFFICIAL JUDICIAL BALLOT

Submitting to the voters whether the Judges named below, whose terms expire December 31, 2026, shall be retained in office for new terms.

VOTE ON EACH JUDGE

MISSOURI SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Shall Judge PAUL C. WILSON of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Shall Judge MATTHEW P. HAMNER of the Southern District Court of Appeals be retained in office?

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

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.

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

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.

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

PROPOSITION A

Proposed by Referendum Petition

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.

◯ **YES**

◯ **NO**

CITY OF WASHBURN

QUESTION

SHALL THE CITY OF WASHBURN, MISSOURI, IMPOSE A CITY SALES TAX OF ONE PERCENT (1%), THEREBY INCREASING THE CITY'S GENERAL SALES TAX FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO TWO PERCENT (2%)?

◯ **YES**

◯ **NO**

CITY OF PURDY

QUESTION

Shall the City of Purdy, Missouri, impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, currently two percent (2.0%), provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?

◯ **YES**

◯ **NO**

CITY OF EXETER

QUESTION

Shall the City of Exeter, Missouri, issue its combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of $3,700,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City, including acquiring land and rights of way, the cost of operation and maintenance of said combined waterworks and sewerage system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City from the operation of its combined waterworks and sewerage system, including all future improvements and extensions thereto?

◯ **YES**

◯ **NO**

Two week in-person, no excuse absentee voting for the Nov. 3 General Election runs through Nov. 2 at the Clerk's Office.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)

) ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY)

I, Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, within and for the County of Barry, State of Missouri, hereby certify that the attached form of Official Ballot is in compliance with requirement of Section 116.230 of 1984 Cumulative Supplement of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office. Done at the Barry County Courthouse this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Joyce Ennis

Barry County Clerk

JOYCE ENNIS SEAL BARRY COUNTY, MO.

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Golden.....Golden Baptist Church Activity Center
Jenkins.....Jenkins Fire Department
Kings Prairie/Pleasant Ridge.....Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
Monett-City/Rural/Capps Creek.....Monett City Park Casino
Ozark/Crane Creek.....Madry Christian Union Building
Purdy/McDowell.....Purdy City Hall
Roaring River.....Eagle Rock Community Building
Seligman.....Seligman Community Center
Shell Knob.....Shell Knob Community Building
Washburn/Ash.....Washburn 1st Baptist Act. Center
Wheaton.....Wheaton Community Building

The polling places for said election will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m., during which time any person properly registered to vote in Barry County will be given the opportunity to cast his/her ballot.

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THE ABOVE REFERENCED DATE IS NOT A COURT APPEARANCE DATE.

It is an estimated date as to when the Final Settlement will be filed with the court.

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Trustee's Sales

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

Raymond Lewis Buchanan, Jr.,

dated March 5, 2021, and recorded on March 8, 2021, Document No. 202101424, in Book No. 21, at Page 1424 and re-recorded on March 10, 2021, Document No. 202101530, in Book No. 21, at Page 1501 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on November 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, Cassville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

All of Lots 54 and 55, Turkey mountain Estates East 2nd Subdivision, In Barry County, Missouri, commonly known as 23125 Walnut Ln, Shell Knob, MO, 65747

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

FOR DEFAULT in the payment of debt secured by a Deed of Trust executed by

Crystal Brown,

dated August 3 1, 2023 and filed on September l, 2023 and recorded on in Book 23, at Page 4390, and May 31, 2023 and recorded June 9, 2023 in Book 23, at Page 2782 in the office ofthe Recorder of Deeds ofBarry County, Missouri, the undersigned Trustee Foreclosure sale will be on November 13 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., specifically at 9:00 a.m. at the East Front Court House Door in the City of Cassville, County of Barry, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash the föllowing described real estate located in Barry County, Missouri, to-wit:

Address: 3724 Private Road 2217 Washburn, MO 65772 Legal Description:

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ALSO

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to satisfy said debt and trust.

Jon Horner, Trustee

Security Bank of Southwest Missouri

Blake B. Fields, Attorney for Trustee

Law Office of Blake B. Fields, LLC

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Please publish:

Oct. 14, 2026

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

Eldon W. Gillenwater and Susan M. Gillenwater, husband and wife,

TS No. 2026-22509-MO

as tenants by the entirety and not as tenants in common, dated 12/15/2014, recorded on 1/5/2015, in Instrument Number 002622000018 and/or Deed Book 15, Page(s) 28, , in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on 11/12/2026, 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.

Lot 5 And The West 1/2 Of Lot 6, Roaring White Eagle Estates, A Subdivision In Barry County, Missouri. More commonly known as: 27015 Farm Road 1197 Eagle Rock, MO 65641

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

In Re:
Dale K Roller and
Julie A Roller
husband and wife

Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Dale K Roller and Julie A Roller husband and wife dated 01/11/2005, and recorded on 01/18/2005 Book 5 Page 409 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Barry County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 11/23/2026 at 10:00 AM at the East Front Door of the Barry County Courthouse, 700 Main St Cassville, Mo. 65625, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (W/2 NW/4 NE/4); THENCE EAST 220 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 250 FEET; THENCE WEST 220 FEET, THENCE NORTH 250 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALL BEING IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 23, RANGE 27, BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI..

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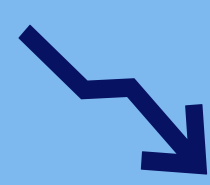
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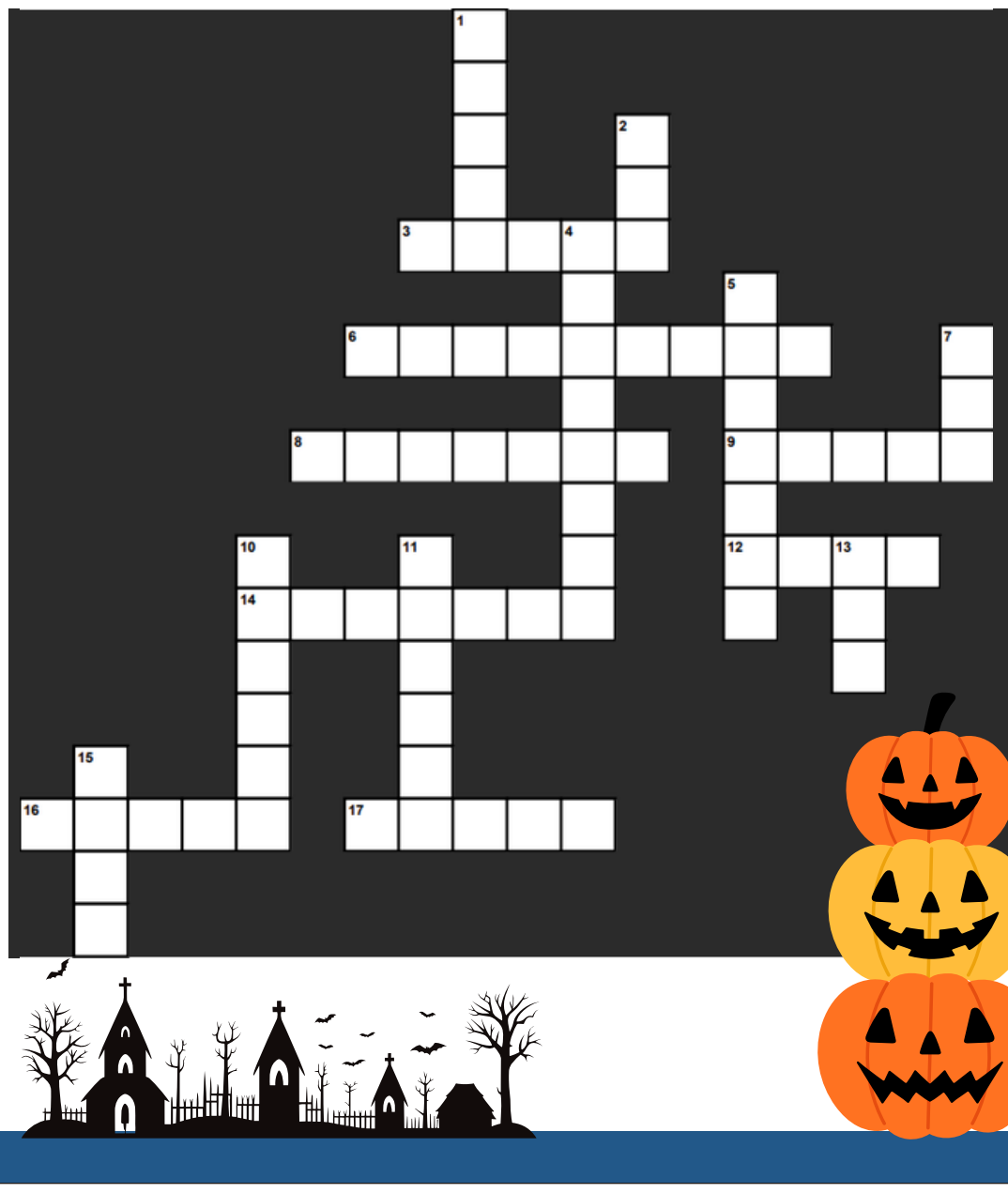
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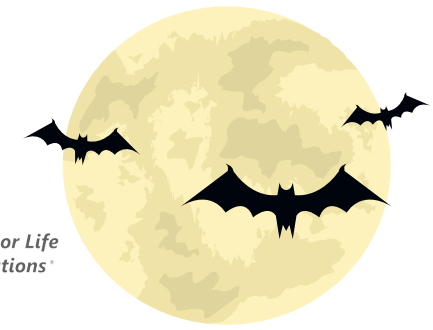
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Crossword - Halloween Fun





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LIFE AFTER CAREGIVING: REBUILDING IDENTITY AND ROUTINE

Caregiving can shape nearly every part of daily life. When that role ends, life may suddenly feel unfamiliar. Each circumstance is different, yet many former caregivers face a similar question: What comes next?

MAKING ROOM FOR MIXED EMOTIONS

The end of caregiving can bring several emotions at once. You may feel sadness, grief, relief, guilt, anger, loneliness, or uncertainty. You may feel proud of the care you provided while also recognizing how exhausted you became.

Try to approach these emotions with patience. Journaling, talking with a trusted friend, joining a support group, or speaking with a mental health professional may help you understand what you are experiencing.

CREATING A NEW DAILY STRUCTURE

After caregiving ends, open time may feel uncomfortable. A new routine can provide stability. Begin with a few dependable points in the day, such as waking and going to bed at consistent times, eating regular meals, and scheduling one activity outside the home each week.

RECONNECTING WITH OTHER PEOPLE

Caregiving can gradually narrow a person's social world. Consider calling one person, attending a familiar community activity, or accepting a brief invitation. A cup of coffee, a walk, a faith community gathering, a library program, or a local senior center activity can provide an opportunity to reconnect.

RECOGNIZING WHEN ADDITIONAL SUPPORT MAY NEED HELP

Many former caregivers experience periods of sadness, worry, or uncertainty. Consider speaking with a health care provider or mental health professional if you are experiencing ongoing isolation, frequent anxiety, irritability, loss of interest, significant changes in sleep or appetite, difficulty completing daily tasks, or a persistent sense of hopelessness. Help is available.

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The pros and cons of a living inheritance

With the sharp rise in real estate prices and the cost of living, many retirees and people approaching retirement are choosing to financially support their children by giving them part of their estate before they die. Is this a viable option?

ADVANTAGES

Being able to help your children when they need it most—whether to invest in a home, vehicle or advanced studies— allows you to see your legacy in action during your lifetime. It can be gratifying to see the results of your sacrifices and hard work.

Beyond being deeply humane, this act could also be advantageous from a tax perspective. If you give away money from your retirement savings account in several instalments throughout your lifetime rather than in a single lump sum at the time of your death, your beneficiaries may benefit from a lower tax rate.

AREAS OF CONCERN

Experts agree that the main risk of giving a gift while you're still living is the possibility that you won't have enough savings to meet your own needs later in life. It's therefore important to consult a professional, such as a tax adviser, accountant or financial planner, who can accurately assess the implications of gifting your assets rather than bequeathing them.

Additionally, you'll want to ensure that your heirs are financially mature enough to use your gift wisely. If they become dependent on your support or spend the money recklessly, the situation could deteriorate and seriously jeopardize your relationship.

Are you considering giving away part of your estate during your lifetime? Consult a financial expert near you for essential guidance.

Which pet should I choose?

Caring for a pet offers several benefits for older adults. The companionship can reduce feelings of loneliness. Additionally, attending to your pet's daily needs for feeding, grooming and walking can help you maintain your own sense of routine. What kind of animal is right for you? Here are a few options to consider.

CAT

A cat's independence means it can be left alone longer than a dog and may be suitable for people who are less active. However, despite their independent nature, they can still be quite demanding at times, depending on their personality.

DOG

If you want to be more active, a dog is the ideal companion. These ever-loyal creatures love nothing more than going for walks. Just be aware they can struggle with being left alone. Keep this in mind if you love going out or travelling.

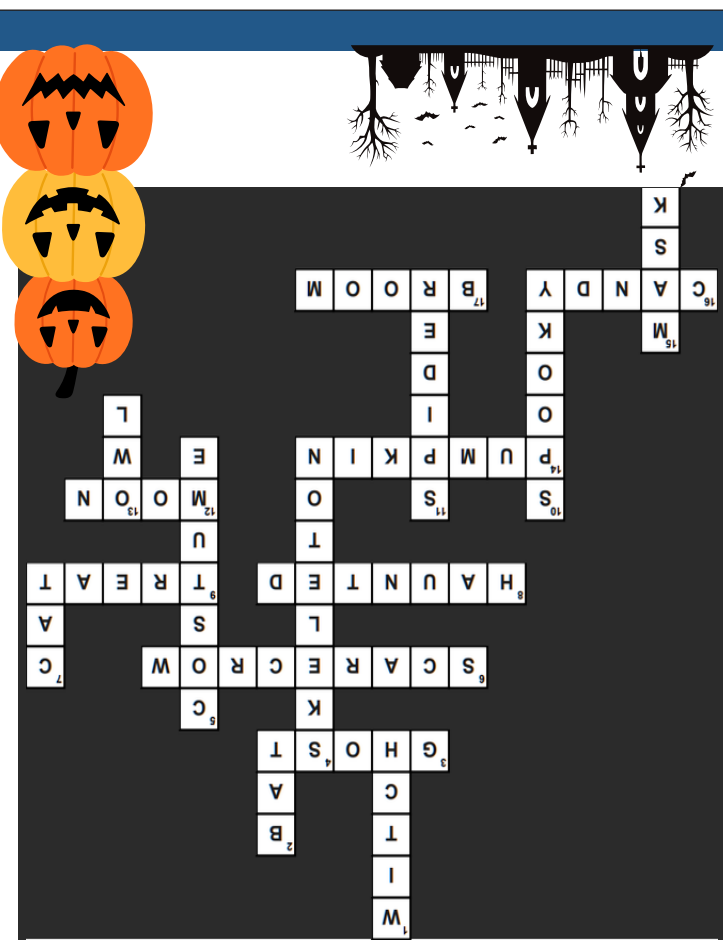
OTHER TYPES

If you have mobility issues that limit the degree of care you can provide, consider adopting a bird, hamster or fish. Kept in a cage or aquarium, these animals require minimal effort, and a friend or a family member can easily look after them if needed.

Looking for your future best friend? Contact shelters or breeders in your area.



Crossword - Answer Sheet



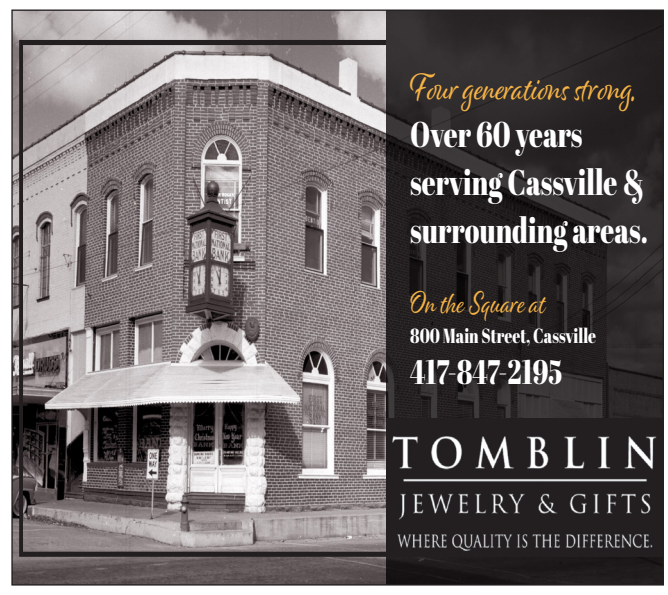
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Wheaton: Morale high as team looks to build on progress made in fall

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Wheaton's Mallory Royer spikes a ball during a game at Southwest Volleyfest this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

young ladies that I hope learned some valuable life lessons they can take with them beyond the classroom."

Wheaton's underclassmen also gained experience under the same practice expectations as the varsity team. Whitley said that approach should help prepare younger players for the transition from junior varsity to varsity.

"Our underclassmen had the opportunity to learn what my expectations were and what I hold them accountable for," she said. "They went through the same level of practice my varsity did, and I expected nothing less than hard work and effort."

Looking ahead, Whitley wants to continue building a program centered on daily improvement while strengthening the foundation at the junior high level.

"We look to build a program that focuses on the determination to get better every day and building a volleyball mentality," she said. "We also want to develop a strong junior high program that allows a smooth transition into what I am expecting for the high school/varsity level. This season gives me a better perspective on what and how to train in the off season," she said.

With morale high, Whitley said Wheaton is looking to build on the progress made this fall.

"As a coach, I'm always proud to be a Bulldog; I will continue to set high standards and work to improve our volleyball program by developing cross-sport athletes that are determined to get better every day," she said.



Wheaton's Avery Schlessman sends a ball over the net during a game at Southwest Volleyfest this season. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Kamden Beebe bursts through a hole in the Tigers' defense for a score during a win in Nevada on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com



Cassville's Masin Bryan avoids tacklers during a run in the Wildcats' win over Nevada on Friday. Kyle Troutman/ktroutman@cassville-democrat.com

Wildcats: Defensive front a key part of team's success, last two shutouts

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added key runs, while Easton Hughes and Mace Bredeson helped move the ball into the red zone. Beebe eventually bounced off multiple tackles to score from 3 yards out, giving Cassville a 7-0 lead with 5:49 left in the first half.

The Wildcats' defense then stopped Nevada on fourth down at the Tigers' 27-yard line, giving the offense another opportunity to score. Stearns weaved his way to the 11, and Masin Bryan carried the ball to the 1-yard line. Bryan followed the offensive line into the end zone to extend the lead to 14-0 with 2:56 remaining before halftime.

Cassville carried that advantage into the break and continued to rely on its defense in the third quarter. Nevada managed to move the ball on a few possessions, but the Wildcats came up with timely stops. Wylan Farris nearly intercepted a pass, Carlos Barrientos broke up another attempt and Barrientos later intercepted a pass at the Wildcats' 32-yard line.

Weldy said the defense has been playing at a high level over the past several weeks, providing a strong foundation as the postseason approaches.

"Our defense has played extremely well the last few weeks," he said. "I've been so proud of them."

Cassville extended its lead early in the fourth quarter. After Hughes picked up a first down and Stearns connected with senior Chase Ruark for another, Hughes broke through Nevada's defense for a 39-yard touchdown run. The score made it 21-0 with 10:33 remaining.

The Wildcats added their final touchdown with 5:36 left in the game. Beebe converted a third down to keep the drive moving, and a pass to Bredeson advanced Cassville to the Nevada 12-yard line. Hughes then worked his way through the middle to the 2 before finishing the drive with another touchdown, completing the 28-0 scoreline.

The shutout marked another strong defensive showing for a Cassville team that has continued to produce despite some offensive inconsistency. Weldy said the Wildcats have experienced recent issues with fumbles and execution after playing through an unusual stretch of the schedule that included multiple road games, a Saturday contest and changes to the team's normal routine.

"It's us," Weldy said of the offensive struggles. "We were playing so sharp early in the year, and at some point, you knew we were going to have some things happen."

Weldy said the team will use its upcoming week off to recover, sharpen its execution and address mistakes before turning its attention to a district opponent.

"This week is about us," Weldy said. "We're going to focus on us, kind of like we did in camp. We will not necessarily focus on any team that we're trying to get ready for, just get ourselves better."

On Nov. 6, the Wildcats will host the winner of Friday's No. 4 Mt. Vernon and No. 5 Reeds Spring matchup. The remainder of the bracket includes No. 2 Seneca against No. 7 Hollister and No. 3 Nevada against No. 6 Aurora. The Wildcats hold wins this season over Mt. Vernon, Seneca, Nevada and Aurora.

Cassville is also ranked No. 3 in Class 3 behind No. 1 St. Pius X (Kansas City) and No. 2 Maryville, teams that hold the top two seeds and byes this week in the Class 3, District 8 bracket. Seneca, who the Wildcats defeated 28-25 in Week 3, is ranked No. 4 in the state. If champions from districts 6 and 8 advance through the sectional rounds, they will meet in the Class 3 state semifinals on Nov. 28.

For Weldy, however, there is no emphasis on that far in the future, Rather, Weldy said the immediate priorities are improving ball security, getting the offense back to its early-season form and getting players healthy.

The Wildcats' defensive front will be a key part of that postseason effort. Weldy said Cassville rotates several players along the line, including athletes who moved from linebacker to defensive line this season. The group includes players of different sizes who have found ways to disrupt opposing offenses.

"We got a lot of guys," Weldy said. "There's some smaller guys that are just playing out of their minds right now."

Weldy said the defensive line has created havoc throughout the season and hopes that production continues into postseason play.

Offensively, Stearns went 3-for-9 for 76 yards through the air and racked up another 52 yards on 8 carries. Hughes led the offense with 99 yards on 12 carries and 2 scores, followed by Beebe's 93 yards on 12 carries and score. Bryan managed 20 yards on 6 carries and a score. Bredeson, Barrientos and Ruark split the three receptions at 1 apiece for 41, 23 and 12 yards, respectively.

Defensive stats were not available as of presstime.

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MONDAY NOVEMBER 2	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6
Country Fried Steak	Honey Garlic Chicken	Jeannie's Meatloaf	Chicken Salad Sandwich	*Quilts of Valor Ceremony!* Hamburgers or Hot Dogs
Steamed Red Potatoes	Brown Rice	Mashed Potatoes	Broccoli Cheese Soup	Bruschetta Pasta Salad
Country Veggies	Balsamic Roasted Brussel Sprouts	w/ Gravy	Sweet Potato Fries	Coleslaw
Biscuit	Roast Carrots	Green Beans	Kale Salad	Cucumber Salad
Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Cake	Whole Grain Roll Carrot Cake	Whole Grain Roll Apple Crisp	Cranberry-Orange Cake	Italian Love Cake



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