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Family in ‘house of horrors’ case bound over for trial

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Three out of four members of a Joplin family charged in what has been dubbed the “house of horrors” case waived their right to preliminary hearings in Jasper County Circuit Court on Thursday and were

bound over for trial. Shane Michael Ross, 50, and Hannah Ross, 25, face arraignment before Jasper County Circuit Judge Dean Dankelson at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30. Crystal Ross, 46, faces arraignment before Jasper County Circuit Judge David Mouton at 9 a.m., Tues-

day, Nov. 24. Megan Ross, 19, has not had her preliminary hearing yet and is set to appear before Jasper County Associate Circuit Judge Nicole Carlton at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. All four were still in custody at the Jasper County Detention Center in Carthage as of Friday morning.

Crystal Ross and Shane Michael Ross were being held on \$5 million cash-only bond while Megan Ross and Hannah Ross were being held on no bond. This case started on Sunday, Aug. 9, when a 12-year-old special needs girl was found that day wandering Joplin streets wearing only a diaper,

according to police, who said the girl escaped the cluttered house at 610 N. Pool St. by climbing over mounds of trash and debris. Authorities said at the time that she was severely malnourished and, at 4 feet tall, weighed only 50

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NEWTON AND JASPER COUNTIES



Jasper County Deputy Clerk Rebecca Morris (left) helps Carthage resident Christina Bennett cast her absentee ballot at the Jasper County Courthouse recently. Absentee turnout is high in both Jasper and Newton counties.

HEAVY ABSENTEE VOTING CONTINUES

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Strong absentee and mail-in voting in both Jasper and Newton counties has county clerks thinking overall turnout will be strong Tuesday for the general election. Newton County Clerk Tami Owens said 1,888 people had walked into the Newton County Courthouse in Neosho and voted absentee as of Friday morning and 301 mail-in absentee ballots had been received as well. Owens said total voter turnout in

the last midterm election in 2022 was 46.84%. “In-person turnout has been steadily consistent for the past few days,” Owens said. “There’s a chance we’ll surpass the turnout in the last midterm but I’m not making any real prediction.” Turnout in the November 2024 election in Newton County was 69.36% but that was a presidential election and those are the elections where turnout is typically the highest. Owens said the courthouse in Neosho will be open from

8 a.m.-noon Saturday and 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Monday to continue to collect absentee ballots. Jasper County Clerk Charlie Davis said his offices at the Jasper County Courthouse in Carthage and the Courts Building in Joplin had received 4,285 in-person absentee ballots and 487 mail-in absentee ballots as of Friday morning. “That means about 5.05% of the electorate in Jasper County has voted so far in the November election,” Davis said. “Turnout in the midterm election in 2022 in Jas-

per County was 42.67% but that election had a U.S. Senator on the ballot in addition to the State Auditor as statewide candidates. I was thinking turnout would be between 30% and 35% but we could exceed the 2022 turnout.” Davis said his both of his offices would be open from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday for absentee voting and from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday.

NOV. 3 BALLOT ISSUES

- **Constitutional Amendment 3** to repeal abortion access

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JOPLIN

Woman dies after fight with son

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An 82-year-old Joplin woman has died and her son has been arrested following a homicide investigation, Joplin Police announced Friday. According to police, about 8:52 a.m. Friday, the Joplin Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call about a physical assault in the parking lot of 1715 S. Rex Ave. Additional information indicated that one female appeared to be suffering injuries. Upon arrival, officers located a female victim suffering from life-threatening injuries in the parking lot. She was transported to a local

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Incumbent, challenger vie for House District 163

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CARTHAGE, Mo. — Incumbent Republican Cathy Jo Loy is running for her second term in the Missouri House, District 163, and this fall is facing a Democratic challenger, Brenna Barksdale. The two share their hometown, Carthage, but they have different ideas about governing from the Missouri House. Loy grew up in Kansas and moved to Carthage several years ago. She has worked as a graphic designer and ran a small art and event business. She was also a licensed daycare

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