

Barry County Reopens

The health department answers frequently asked questions

What is physical distancing?

Sometimes referred to as social distancing, it is the separation of non-related individuals by at least six feet in all directions. Our goal is to encourage social interactions and activities, while maintaining a safe distance to avoid additional infections.

Individual groups of 10 people or less are permitted as long as six feet of physical distance is maintained between groups. This includes indoor dining and worship services.

Ok, but what is enhanced physical distancing?

Physical distancing requirements are based on individuals standing still, since droplets that carry the

virus which are expelled during exhalation, sneezes, and coughs typically fall to the ground and/or evaporate within six feet. The aerodynamics of moving individuals and increased respiratory effort creates an additional area of potential infection. Activities that involve running or a brisk/fast paced (>3 mph) walking, require a minimum of 32' between individuals.

What is an enhanced hygiene practice?

Surfaces that are frequently touched must be wiped with an appropriate antimicrobial solution that is allowed to air dry between individual users. An easy way to do this is using a bleach solution (1/3 cup of bleach in

1 gallon of water) in a spray bottle, sprayed on the surface and not wiped.

Why are masks required for some and recommended for all?

Our best strategy is to decrease the potential for people unknowingly infecting others. Source-control masking stops droplets from being expelled during breathing, coughing, sneezing, and talking. This is the best way for you to protect your friends, family, and neighbors when you are within six feet of them. Since service providers/servers encounter a large number of persons during a workday, they are required to wear a cloth or surgical style mask, laundered between shifts, for your protection.



Area restaurants, including Sunrise, above, are open once again for dine-in service.

CDC Guidance on wearing and making cloth face masks (coverings) can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Can you explain the occupancy requirements?

Buildings open to the

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Gated housing development comes to Purdy

Sheila Harris

Umar Akhtar announced Friday that construction is underway on the first house in Akhtar Estates, a gated development planned for the



Shown above: a digital conception of Phase 1 of Akhtar Estates, which will be located on the west side of Highway 37 in Purdy. The houses shown are for visualisation purposes only.

20 acres where Purdy Mobile Home Park, along Highway 37, has long stood. Phase 1 of Akhtar Estates will consist of six homes situated on one-acre lots, each with three

bedrooms, two baths and a garage.

"We expect to have our first house finished in July," Akhtar said. "It will be our demo home, built on a concrete slab with hurricane bolts placed through the floor joists into the concrete. We'll let home-buyers customize homes. If someone prefers a basement, we'll build their house over a basement. We'll customize interior features, too, including paint colors, floor and counter-top coverings, and other special features."

"The new homes will have 1,600 square feet of living space, plus a garage under

the same roof," Akhtar continued. "Price tags will start at \$175,000, and can go upward, depending on the amount of customization a home-buyer desires."

"The mobile homes have all been sold, and will be removed from the property within the month," Akhtar said.

According to Akhtar, his family has owned the property and the mobile home park since 2010, when they bought it at a land auction and moved here from Nixa.

After his graduation from



Umar Akhtar, of Purdy, in front of construction site.

Purdy High School in 2016, Akhtar acquired a business degree, then joined his father, J.R. Akhtar, in his real

estate renovation and development business.

See HOUSES 6A

Barry County announces positive antibodies test result

Sheila Harris

In a Joint Situational Update released Tuesday afternoon, Barry County Officials announced a seventh case of COVID-19, a first positive result of its kind in the county.

This case was detected by a serological test which detects the presence of virus antibodies in the blood, indicating that a person previously had COVID-19, and has since recovered.

According to the Barry County Health Department, while the positive antibody test result is included in the total number of COVID-19 cases, it does not represent an active COVID-19 case.



Left to right, Barry County Health Department workers: Sharon Ray and Melissa Hilburn-Barrientos.

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Purdy man dies in ATV wreck

49-year-old Donald L. Gunter, of Purdy, died at 2:05 a.m. Wednesday morning. He was driving south on Farm Road 1035, three miles northeast of Wheaton, when the Polaris ATV he was driv-

ing ran off the roadway and struck an embankment. The vehicle overturned, ejecting the driver. Gunter was not wearing a safety device.

He was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:34 a.m. by

Barry County coroner, Jim Fohn. The accident was investigated by Trooper J.O. Prater of the Missouri Highway Patrol.

The accident is Troop D's 32nd fatality of 2020.

Thank you to area teachers

Dear Community,

Over the past several weeks we have all experienced a great deal of new experiences. Some enjoyable, some beneficial, some not so much...but we are all in this together. This week Missouri begins a reentry plan designed to assist all of us in returning to those things we found normal and what we have learned are precious and important. This week also marks a very important week in our communities... Teacher Appreciation Week.

I work with an incredible group of people at Cassville

R-IV School District and we miss our students terribly. We realize that this experience has been difficult for students, parents, grandparents, and others. We, like many of our neighboring schools, have asked our teachers to continue learning opportunities with our students in various ways. This has not been easy for teachers, students, or you as parents and we understand.

I ask you to join me in letting our teachers know that we appreciate them. Whether you are from Cassville, Southwest, Exeter, Shell

Knob, Wheaton, Purdy, Aurora, or Monett, let your local teachers know that we appreciate them and need them. Our teachers play an important part in our communities and in the lives of our children. They love and want every child to succeed.

On behalf of our Board of Education and administrative team:

Thank you Teachers...thank you, thank you, thank you! Respectfully,
Richard L. Asbill, Superintendent, Cassville R-IV School District
April 29, 2020

Shell Knob homeowner robbed at knife point

According to a probable cause for a summons statement issued by the Barry County Sheriff's Department on April 17, 2020, Savella Elmore, of Carthage, unlawfully entered a residence at Farm Road 1252 in Shell Knob with a knife, where she

addressed the homeowner by name.

While the homeowner hid in the bushes and watched, Elmore is accused of obtaining \$1,849.20 of stolen property, including electronic equipment, clothing and jewelry, plus five credit/

debit devices.

Elmore was booked into the Barry County jail on April 26, 2020. She is charged with 2nd degree burglary, armed criminal action and stealing. A cash-only bond of \$40,000 was posted.

Crowder campuses reopen

Crowder College will move in the direction of re-opening all locations with the health and safety of our students, staff and faculty being highest priority. Dr. Glenn Coltharp, Crowder College President stated, "The goal of this move is to place Crowder College in the position to return to face to face and online instruction

options for students for the fall semester. Our staff and faculty have done an amazing job not only continuing all operations for closing out the school year but also prepare for the upcoming school year."

In reopening the college, Crowder will bring back departments in structured, controlled amounts on Mon-

day, May 11, at 8:00 a.m. All departments will be observing social distancing at all times. All workspaces will be modified as needed to maximize social distancing.

Please refer to the Crowder College Webpage www.crowder.edu for information and updates associated with COVID-19.

Drury plans for fall classes on campus

Drury University plans to hold classes in person on its campus this fall, just as it has for the last 146 years.

"We will continue to fulfill our mission of educating students and transforming lives here on campus as the semester begins in August," says Drury President Dr. Tim

Cloyd. "While it may look and feel a little different due to any necessary social distancing measures, one thing that will not change is our dual commitment to student success and well-being."

Drury currently has teams in place to closely examine the issues surrounding re-opening on the scheduled date of August 24. These teams will consider a range of options in order to make sound recommendations based on both the university's unique needs and strengths as well as any and all health and safety guidelines

local officials have in place at the time.

"While the current situation presents a challenge for every college and university in the country, Drury is in a unique position to meet this challenge," says Cloyd. "Our institution has long focused on small, seminar-style classes rather than filling large lecture halls. Our faculty have a fierce commitment to innovative teaching and mentorship. And above all, our campus thrives on a spirit of community that's strong enough to transcend any amount of social distancing."



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region.

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Riders are asked to wear masks/face coverings while on board the bus to reduce the spread of germs.

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Library delays reopening pending safety precautions

Using the recommendations from Governor Parson, state and local health departments, the CDC and the Missouri State Library, the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library District, along with all public libraries in our state, have a preliminary 5-6 step plan for re-opening our libraries. A formal decision to reopen our doors will be

made and shared in the near future while moving cautiously and keeping our pa-

tron's and employees' best interest at the forefront of our plans.



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Community Calendar

Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in Community Calendar. The deadline for community calendar is Friday at 4 p.m. The contact person is Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475. Thank you for keeping us informed of all updates/changes to local events.

Notice:

Please Note: Because of safety measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus including social distancing, many events have been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended to call ahead if you are unsure of the status of an event. The Barry County Advertiser has been informed of cancellations and postponements of formerly published events. Those cancellations are indicated in this section. Thank you.

As OATS Transit continues to adjust to the COVID-19 crisis, they are only offering essential service trips at this time. Individuals can call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 1-800-770-6287 for information on local service. Visit their website at www.oatstransit.org/health for updated information on this topic.

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces beginning April 27, 2020, the Patrol will provide written knowledge testing for commercial driver license (CDL) applicants with essential needs. The CDL written tests will be limited to specific testing locations statewide. Potential applicants should call the number listed for their area to determine locations and times these services are offered.

A complete listing of testing locations can be found on the Patrol's website. The following link contains information on driver examination stations: <https://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/HP32DES/DESTable.jsp>

The Patrol will restrict the number of applicants allowed in each facility to ensure that the recommended social distancing measures are followed. All applicants should wear appropriate face coverings while at the facility.

Monett Senior Center Dances held at the Monett Park Casino have been cancelled until further notice.

May 7th

A Food Pantry will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for anyone in need. This is hosted by Body of Christ Outreach Ministries and will be held at 501 South Gilman, Wheaton. Please contact Gene Robinson at (417) 236-4291 with any questions. The last event provided food for more than 335 families.

May 8th

The Barry County Corthuse and Judicial Center will be close in observance of Truman's birthday.

May 9th

Hickman Cemetery Clean Up will be at 8 a.m. All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

May 16th

Fields Cemetery Clean Up will be all day. The Fields Cemetery is located in Shell Knob on the way to Campbell Point. Volunteers are welcome.

May 23rd

The Cassville High School Alumni Banquet scheduled for May 23, 2020, has been cancelled due to the school closing.

June 18th

Due to the current situation, Barry Electric has postponed their 73rd Annual Meeting of the members. At this time, they have tentatively rescheduled the meeting for June 18th. They will be sending out updates when they are available.

Southwest R-5 All School Reunion scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend 2020 has been postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus. Contact (417) 835-8281 for additional information.

Second Act will be closed until further notice. They ask that no donations be left until they reopen.

Beginning Wednesday, March 25, the Cassville City Hall lobby closed to the public. Payments can be made online, in either of the two outside drop boxes, or over the phone.

The Barry County Liscense Office is Closed Until Further Notice. To alleviate public congestion in local license offices, DOR (Department of Revenue) has implemented automatic extensions for expiring driver licenses

and motor vehicle registrations.

More information may be obtained at the Department of Revenue website: dor.mo.gov.

Haven of the Ozarks Animal Sanctuary of Washburn has closed to the public temporarily due to the coronavirus, Covid-19, as a cautionary measure. All scheduled appointments will still be honored.

All Branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Libraries remain closed. The following message is from the Barry Lawrence Regional Library: In a continued effort to decrease risk among patrons and staff during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will remain closed until further notice.

The decision to remain closed was a difficult one as we know that patrons in our community see the library as an essential and valuable service. We care about our community and want everyone to stay safe and healthy. Please know that we are working to put together a plan that would allow us to roll out limited services in such a way that we are able to keep staff and patrons as safe as possible. We hope to begin to offer these limited services by mid-May.

All checkout periods as of now will be extended through May 18, 2020. All holds will continue to be maintained until the Library reopens. You may hold onto items that you currently have checked out or you may return materials via the book drops outside each branch library. There will be no penalty for overdue materials during this time.

There are several ways that you can access Library services online. For more information about these services, please visit our web page at www.blrlibrary.org. You may also want to visit your local branch library's Facebook Page or the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library's Facebook Page for information about virtual programming. If you have issues accessing our electronic resources, please contact Lee Ann Santee via e-mail at leeann@blrlibrary.org.

Please remember that you have access to "parking lot" WiFi at each branch location from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. You will need to select the "BLRL open" network. A password is not required.

We continue to encourage you to stay informed on the outbreak through the Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov), the World Health Organization (www.who.int) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (www.health.mo.gov).

Questions or comments may be directed to the Library Director, Gina Milburn, via e-mail at ginamilburn@blrlibrary.org.

2020 Southwest Yearbooks are on sale now. The cost is \$25 and the deadline to order is May 31. For more information, contact Mr. Voyak at svoyak@swr5.net.

The Seligman Chamber Dance normally hosted every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. will be cancelled until further notice. For information, call (417) 662-3612.

Clio music is cancelled until further notice.


Habitat for Humanity is looking for families to apply for a home in Wheaton. For more information or to apply, stop by the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 900 10th St. in Cassville. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



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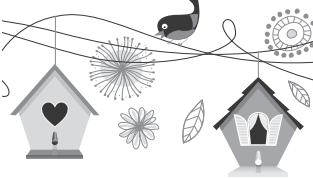
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Cassville Schools
announce
class-scheduling plans

Beginning Monday, May 4, students currently in grades 8 -- 11 will have access to next year's High School Master Schedule, Schedule Request Forms, and an instructional video provided by the High School Counselors. The Schedule Request Forms will be made available electronically through the students' current grade level Google Classroom.

Students that do not have access to the internet can get a copy of the Scheduling Request forms at the meal delivery locations in Butterfield, Jenkins, Eagle Rock, and Golden. Schedule Request forms can also be picked up from the front of the High School building.

All Schedule Request Forms must be returned by Friday, May 15th. Forms can be submitted electronically through students' Grade Level Google Classroom, or dropped off at the designated location in front of the High School. Forms can also be returned to the meal delivery locations in Butterfield, Jenkins, Eagle Rock, and Golden on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 11 - 13.

Electronic and hard copy submissions received after May 15th will be processed in the order they are received.

Please contact the high school with questions you may have regarding the scheduling process.

Current 6th & 7th graders (Classes of 2025 & 2026) CMS began the Elective Class scheduling process for the 2020-2021 school year on Monday, May 4. Mr. Barton will email the classes of 2025 and 2026 a Google Class-

room assignment link which includes course descriptions and schedules for 7th and 8th grade. Students should review all information and create three potential scheduling options. When finished, submit the assignment with all information completed. Option #1 should be your highest priority.

Attendance from the first semester of this year will be used to determine which requests are processed first. Every attempt will be made to get students into their highest priority classes. We encourage all students to take a variety of available classes.

For students without internet access, hard copies will be sent to the remote lunch locations. Packets will also be available in the Learning Packet box at the middle school cafeteria. Once completed, they may be returned through the lunch delivery team, or may be dropped at the office (buzz the door; it helps to call ahead).

Deadline to return items is Friday, May 15. Electronic and hard copy submission received after May 15 will be processed in the order received. We hope to have schedules completed in June. Call the middle school office with questions at 417-847-3136.

Current 5th graders (class of 2027)

Sixth grade utilizes a wheel rotation for Digital Citizenship, Character Education, Art, and FACS. Band enrollment is ongoing and will continue into the start of the school year. There is nothing current 5th graders need to complete at this time.

Area high schools announce
graduation plans

Sheila Harris
Cassville High School
Cassville school district is firming up plans for two graduation ceremonies.

The first event will be virtual and is scheduled to be broadcast on both Facebook and Youtube at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 17th.

The virtual ceremony, the first in the school's history, is being crafted by school district personnel and will consist of a compilation of senior class photos, childhood and baby photos, presentation of Cum Laude achievements, and addresses by Valedictorian and Salutatorian. The presentation of graduates and closing comments will top the digital occasion.

"Our plan is to provide an opportunity for families to gather and recognize their own special seniors and their classmates in an alternative way," Mindi Artherton, Communications Liaison for Cassville Schools, said.

A live, in-person graduation event is planned for the evening of Friday, July 3, with the time to be announced later.

As of right now, the July 3 event will be by ticketed entrance only. Seniors and a limited number of family members will be issued tickets for the ceremony, which will be held in Wildcat Stadium.

"We hope the ticket restriction can be lifted by that date," Artherton said, "but, right now, we're not sure what July will bring."

During the afternoon of July 3, seniors will be allowed time for cap & gown photo sessions, with the graduation ceremony to follow.

"More details will be announced as plans are firmed up," Artherton said.

Wheaton High School
Wheaton High School Secretary, Dale Forgey, stated that Wheaton, too, will hold two graduation ceremonies. The first one, a special drive-through ceremony, will happen Thursday, May 7, in the high school parking lot.

Each of the 24 seniors has a time slot reserved, between 1:30 and 4:11 p.m., when friends and relatives can come and congratulate him or her, and take photos and videos of the graduates with their diploma cover. The drive-through ceremony is planned because three of the graduates - Jacoby Butler, Ricky Miller and Kyle Wright - are joining the military, and will not be available for the second traditional ceremony planned for later in the summer. The date for the second occasion will be announced later.

Exeter High School
Exeter business teacher, Jeanetta McCammon, announced that Exeter schools are putting together a composite video of individual students, which can be viewed on Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m.

Southwest of Washburn High School

Eric Roller, Southwest High School Principal, announced the school will be posting a virtual recognition of their seniors on Friday, May 8.

A traditional graduation ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, July 9, in the high school gymnasium.

Purdy High School
A Purdy High School graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, June 6, although, as of press time, they are uncertain what type of ceremony it will be. More details will follow as the date approaches.

City of
Cassville water
quality report
available

The City of Cassville's water quality report for the year 2019 is now available online at www.dnr.mo.gov/ccr/mo5010144.pdf. The document, also called a Consumer Confidence Report, provides important information about the City's efforts to provide safe drinking water. Residents can find detailed information about where their drinking water comes from as well as what trace elements (contaminants) have been detected.

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TESTING from FRONT

According to Roger Brock, Administrator of the health department, there are currently two types of testing being done for COVID-19.

“The first and most familiar is the viral test,” Brock said. “This test uses swabs from your respiratory system, typically your nose, to determine if you have a current infection of COVID-19. The sample is analyzed for the presence of either COVID-19 viral RNA or proteins which are present in persons with an active infection. These patients are placed in isolation, and all close contacts are notified and placed in quarantine by order of the health department.”

“The second type of testing is typically referred to as an antibody test,” Brock continued. “In this test, a blood sample is taken from the patient and analyzed in a laboratory for the presence of specific proteins (antibodies) created by the body’s immune system. Antibody tests alone are not used to diagnose someone with an active COVID-19 infection, since it typically takes one to three weeks or longer after being infected for the immune system to make antibodies. This test is used to determine if someone previously had COVID-19. A patient with a positive antibody test, alone, does not need to be isolated, as they typically have recovered from the virus and are no longer contagious.”

“We have reviewed the details of the positive serological test and determined the person traveled internationally more than 30 days ago, which is the likely source of the previous COVID-19 infection,” Brock said.

According to Brock, the person and their close contacts have not had symptoms of COVID-19 and do not require isolation or quarantine.

Since the placement of the COVID-19 testing units in Barry County, Mercy/CoxHealth’s no-charge unit in Monett, saw 69 people tested as of Thursday, April 30. At that time, the results of 17 tests were pending; the remainder of those tested received negative results.

According to CoxHealth CEO, Steve Edwards, with more tests now available, testing criteria has been liberalized, resulting in more testing being performed, thus a lower percentage of positive results.

“For example, in Springfield,” Edwards noted, “at one point we had a four percent positive rate, but now it’s

down to one percent.”

Edwards anticipates a possible spread of the virus when the state and counties open back up for business, but he said summer weather may have a counter-balancing effect.

“We really won’t know for about 10 to 21 days after counties reopen what the outcome will be,” he said. “It takes about that long for symptoms to manifest and spread after exposure to the virus.”

According to Edwards, Cox Monett Hospital now has COVID-19 testing capabilities within their facility, although they are prioritizing the use of those tests for patients who meet specific criteria.

Roger Brock, Administrator of the Barry County Health Department, reports the drive-through unit in Cassville has also been active since it’s opening Tuesday, April 28. The unit, located in the parking lot of the health department, schedules tests by appointment only for a \$10 fee. If a person believes they may have symptoms of COVID-19, they may call the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114 and speak with a healthcare worker. If their symptoms warrant a test, an appointment will be scheduled. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

HOUSES from FRONT

“We listed the mobile home park for sale for a while, but because of sewage problems that needed to be addressed, the property was difficult to sell,” Akhtar explained. “The mobile homes were hooked up to an outdated sewage lagoon, and the cost of hooking onto Purdy’s city sewer was very prohibitive for prospective buyers. After much consideration, we decided that a housing development, each with its own new septic system, would be the best solution - both for us and the community. The one-acre lots will provide needed setback space for septic lateral lines, while providing plenty of room for a garden, plus play-area for children.”

According to Akhtar, whose family is originally from Pakistan, a portion of the proceeds from each home sale will go to a non-profit organization that helps provide housing to families in need.

April health department food service report

The Health Department divides food service code violations into two categories; Priority and Core items.

Priority items are more likely than other violations to contribute to food contamination, or illness and/or injury.

Core items although important to the overall hygiene of the establishment, do not necessarily present an immediate threat to food contamination or illness and/or injury.

A report for each establishment that is inspected shows the number of priority items, along with a short statement as to the nature of the violations. The report also shows the number of core items, but doesn’t list the nature of those violations.

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Health Department

Phase 1 Reopening Rules and FAQs

Effective Dates, May 4 – May 31, 2020

The State Order allows for inside church services; can we hold inside services in Barry County?

Yes, Barry County Officials have modified the requirements for worship services, if physical distancing requirements are maintained. Those requirements include 6’ of physical distance between groups of 10 or less. Common practices such as hand shaking, embraces, and any shared cups , etc., should be avoided.

Can private clubs and organizations have meetings and gatherings?

Yes, as long as the occupancy, physical distancing, and enhanced hygiene requirements are observed.

Can summer sports leagues begin playing games?

Unlikely in May, since extended physical distancing

ing and enhanced hygiene requirements must be observed, holding regular games would be very difficult. However, team practices, which follow the extended physical distancing and enhanced hygiene requirements, can begin as of May 4. We expect that games will be able to be played beginning in June.

What about yard sales and auctions, can those be operating?

Yes, with some considerations. Outside yard sales and auctions must maintain the physical distancing requirements and enhanced hygiene

requirements. Inside auctions and “yard sales” must meet the occupancy, physical distancing, and enhanced hygiene requirements.

Are parks open?

Generally, parks are open to the public. However, physical distancing and enhanced hygiene requirements may necessitate certain park facilities and equipment, such as bathrooms and playground equipment, to remain closed. Since most parks are operated by cities, those cities will make the final decision on what park facilities can be opened in compliance with the phase 1 rules.

Dr. Roark weighs in

Dr. Lisa Roark weighs in, regarding kids’ summer ball practice:

“I know some coaches who are already scheduling ball practices for kids,” she said, “but I think it’s a really bad idea. Kids do not social distance, nor will they do so. With the enhanced risk of droplets in the air caused by physical exertion, along with children handling the same

bats and balls, in my opinion, *no one* should be practicing summer ball in May. I speak as a mama, physician and health department board member whose kids love to play ball This year, they won’t be participating, though. It’s just not worth the risk.”



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Colt and Stacy Hall, of Exeter, present their invention, the Potty Safe chair, on ABC's Shark Tank.

Caden Swearingen
A local couple from Exeter, Colt and Stacy Hall, are the inventors and owners of Potty Safe, a company that offers potty-training chairs for toddlers. The chair features a patented child-proof latch that secures the waste bowl to the base, so children cannot remove it and make a mess. The innovative latch still allows adults to remove the bowl for easy cleaning purposes. It also features non-slip feet and a built in splash guard.
The idea came to them after potty-training their daughter, Emma, who loved to show off her accomplishments while carrying the bowl, and who also loved to help dump the waste. Since it was easy for her to remove the waste bowl, she ended up spilling the contents all over herself and the floor. Colt and Stacy got tired and frustrated with other models on the market, which didn't meet their needs. They fi-

nally took matters into their own hands and created Potty Safe, the first child-proof potty-training chair.
The couple has since potty-trained their son, Ty, with Potty Safe. They are excited to help parents everywhere take a no-mess, less-stress approach to potty-training.
They recently received a chance to promote their product on ABC's critically-acclaimed, multi-E Emmy® Award-winning reality hit show, *Shark Tank*. On *Shark Tank*, contestants compete for an opportunity to generate interest in investment in their product by a panel of famous entrepreneurs.
Tune into ABC on Friday, May 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. (CST), to watch the Halls present their product to the Sharks.
For information about their product, visit www.pottysafe.com, or their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/PottySafe>.



Above, left, a 1910 postcard depicts a familiar Barry County landmark, McMurtry Spring, located two miles south of Cassville on the west side of Highway 37. Along what was then called the Old Wire Road, the spring was a stopping point on the Trail of Tears and for Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War. The photo on the right was taken after the spring was enclosed with concrete, prior to construction of a new spring house. Although McMurtry Spring is often referred to as the headwaters of Flat Creek, hydrological surveys indicate the creek begins a bit farther to the southwest. Photos courtesy of Barry County Museum.



A wrinkle in time

50 Years Ago... BCA Volume 3, Number 22, Wednesday, May 6, 1970

Top Graduating Seniors at Southwest School were Valedictorian, Drucie Treadwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Treadwell of Seligman, and salutatorian, Marilyn Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orby McNabb, of Washburn.

Major Damage From Heavy Rainfall A total of 5.34" of rainfall in a 24 hour period caused extensive damage in the area. Barry county SCS Supervisor Dwight Samuels estimated over \$5,000 in damage resulted from the rainfall in the northwest sector of Cassville alone. Forest Products, Inc. was hit the hardest by high waters where damage was estimated in excess of \$2,500.

Eric Adams participat-

ed in the State Speech Tournament at the University of Missouri - Columbia - where he reached the top rating, "Excellent".

CHS Talent Show Winners were: first place, the band CSA with members Chris Barnes, Bruce Nickle, Mike Tichenor, Russ Melton and Larry Robinson; second place, The Allen Beeson Trio, Mike Lee, Bryant Ward, and Allen Beeson; third place, Mark Davis and Susan Carney for their skit.

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Carr Cited by Navy for Exceptional Courage Jack O. Carr, Sr., Star Rt. Washburn, was cited for volunteering to transport an injured man

BCA Years Past

by rubber raft in heavy seas and high prevailing winds. The citation concludes "Petty Officer Carr's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

20 Years Ago, BCA Volume 33, Number 27, Wednesday, May 3, 2000

County commission appoints three to Exeter school board The Barry County Commission appointed three Directors to the Exeter School Board on Thursday, April 27, 2000. John Marney, Melvin Lacey, and Kenny Stringer were all appointed to the board in this unusual case. Normally, vacancies on a school board can be filled by appointment by the remaining member of the board. However, when there are three vacancies at once, the appointments must be made by the County Commission.

CHS Junior-Senior prom king and queen Stivi Hoefler was crowned prom queen and Ty Phillips was

presented prom king at Prom 2000, Cassville High School's annual Junior-Senior prom.

Young shooter brings home turkeys DeJay Ragain, 10, of Jenkins, took home three turkeys from the Washburn Fire Department turkey shoot with his 12 gauge Mossberg 500 on Saturday, April 15, DeJay has only been shooting for two months. He is the son of Keith Ragain and Wayne and Bonnie Ragain of Jenkins.

Mano community club honors 'street walkers' Mano Community Club honored the Mano street walkers at their April 18 meeting for their participation in the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk on April 8 at North Beach Park in Branson. The thirteen walkers raised more than \$2,000 and were recognized as the largest team. The Mano Street-walkers were Joy Scriven, Eleanor Blovin, Judy Walker, Sue Kraft, Nancy Penfield, Paula Carroll, Eileen Pannique, Robert Walker, Ralph Burnett, Richard Penfield, Bonnie Peterreit, Lucy Hamilton and Paula Doleshal.

Rubie Cole, of Exeter High School, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics. She was nominated for this award by Mr. Culp, a teacher at Exeter High. Rubie is the daughter of Philip and Dee Ann Cole of Washburn.

Jeff Fletcher, of Golden, recently caught a record setting Striper. The fish weighed 64.5 pounds, was 51 inches long, and had a girth of 32 inches. The catch set more than one record. [At the time] It was the largest Strip-er ever caught in Arkansas. Also, Fletcher set a world record for the size of fish caught with a 12 pound test line.



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Eagle Rock Golden Mano district receives emergency medical services



Eagle Rock Golden Mano Fire Protection District fire chief, Mark Pierson, and assistant fire chief, Pam Stilwell, are pleased about South Barry County Ambulance District’s new facility near Eagle Rock, which will provide Mercy emergency medical services to the area.

Polly McCrillis
At 7 a.m., Sunday, April 29, 2020, residents of Eagle Rock and surrounding areas gained a new entity of emergency health care, the South Barry County Ambulance District (SBCAD). Located on Highway 86, just west of the Eagle Rock Marina, the land the business is built on was donated to Mercy Hospital by the Eagle Rock Golden Mano Fire Department.
“Having Mercy EMS services is a godsend,” said Pam Stilwell, Eagle Rock’s assistant fire chief. “Mercy employees have been so gracious. It’s a game changer for everyone.”
Manned by two emergency medical personnel, the SBCAD will operate 24 hours a day, every week of the year. Shell Knob or Cassville emer-

gency medical personnel will cover the Eagle Rock district when patients need to be transported to Mercy hospital in Springfield.
“They’ll cover for us,” said Stilwell, “since travel time to Springfield is an hour and a half there and another hour and a half back.”
According to Stilwell, the rotation coverage ends at 10 p.m. each evening, and begins again at 7 a.m.
“The coverage stops,” she added, “but an ambulance still may be called out to do a transfer, such as when a Mercy Hospital patient in Cassville needs to be transported to Springfield.”
This project, made possible through collaborative efforts between the Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano Fire Protec-

tion District and SBCAD, will reduce response times and provide essential coverage to the Highway 86 corridor on the southernmost edge of the district. Prior to April 29th, residents of this area were reliant on emergency medical services from Cassville and Shell Knob, 15 and 21 miles away, respectively.
Additionally, the ambulance station houses a community helipad which will provide a secure and safe landing zone for those needing rapid transport by air to a regional specialty resource center.
An open house ceremony for the community is slated for late May.

Shell Knob postmaster retires

Tom Koob
Shell Knob’s Postmaster Carol Mosley retired on April 30. Carol has been the Postmaster at the Shell Knob Post Office since March of 2018.
Carol started with the U.S. Postal Service at the Processing and Distribution Center in Kansas City in 1990. Her first job with the Service was as a letter sorting machine clerk, a job that required reading and inputting a letter address or zip code at a rate of one per second. Carol was successful at her job and soon advanced into other responsibilities including training new employees in machine operation and safety.

In 2007, Mosley was promoted to an administrative position at the Postal Service District Office in Kansas City. She performed many functions in the areas of marketing, safety and injury compensation management, eventually becoming Administrative Assistant to the District Manager. Opportunities at the District Office led Carol to a position with the Postal Inspection Service, the law enforcement arm of the U.S.P.S.
In 2017, Carol and her husband, Robert, made the decision to move to the family lake house in Ridgedale. Robert Mosley also works for the Postal Service and his job allows him to work remotely. Carol applied for a temporary position as “officer in



Shell Knob Postmaster, Carol Mosley, retired on April 30.

charge” at the Hollister Post Office and then was offered the Postmaster responsibility in Shell Knob.
Carol and Robert plan to remain in the area and enjoy the lake life. They will be visiting their three children who still reside in Kansas City and Carol’s mother and sister in Iowa. Carol says, “Now that I have more time, I told Robert I would like another puppy and hopefully some grandchildren.” Carol will be pursuing her love of reading and gardening and would like to

volunteer in a school setting.
Carol Mosley is proud of her long career with the Postal Service. She says, “I wish I would have gotten into the delivery service earlier. I have really enjoyed this aspect of the work.” She adds, “I have been blessed to be the Postmaster here in Shell Knob. Everyone has been friendly and gracious and I have had a great group of employees to work with. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here.”

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FREDDY GEORGE FRYAR

Freddy George Fryar, age 85, of Cassville, passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Mr. Fryar, son of Elmo and Marybell (Trower) Fryar, was born on February 15, 1935, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Upon high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve. On August 14, 2004, he was united in marriage to Georgia Stringer at Roaring River State Park. Freddy was a member of the Masonic Lodge #601, York Rite, and the Alhambra Shrine Temple all of Chattanooga Tennessee.

Freddy, who was known as “The Beaumont Flyer” and “The Bayou Bandit”,

was a well-known race car driver who started racing at the age of fourteen. He won over 826 features throughout his career including winning the Snowball Derby in 1979 and 1981. Freddy retired from racing in 1987; subsequently, he became crew chief for various race teams including Seal Tech Racing, Jack Rousch Racing, Richard Petty Racing, and Spears Motor Sports Racing. He was inducted into the Alabama Auto Racing Pioneers Hall of Fame, Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, Nashville Tennessee Racing Hall of Fame, and The Ozark Racing Auto Racing Hall of Fame.

Freddy’s grandson, Jared Fryar, decided to follow in his footsteps and won The Super Late Model Cars Tour Championship in 2018. He was his number one fan and his biggest supporter.

Freddy loved working on and collecting old cars. He never missed a chance to watch a race and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Freddy lived life to the fullest and made many friends and fond memories throughout his life. He left

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our lives and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia Fryar, of Cassville; two sons, Marc Fryar and his wife, Charlcie, of Trinity, North Carolina, and Freddy Clint Fryar, of Pinesbrook, Florida; three daughters, Cindy Ontiveros and her husband, Ray, of Coweta, Oklahoma, Tracy Buntin and her husband, Caleb, of Cassville, and Kelly Williams and her husband, Brandon, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, Candice Fryar Smith and her husband, Chris, Jared Fryar and his fiancée, Katy Davis, Jenna Giesow and her husband, Matt, Tyler Clere and his wife, Kayle, Jacob Clere, Savannah Buntin, Elizabeth Buntin, Silas Buntin, and Ethan Markwardt; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Bobby Fryar, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; one sister, Virginia Delaney and her husband, Howard, of Ringold, Georgia; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandson, Caleb Clere; two brothers, Billy Fryar and Harold Fryar; and one sister, Peggy Wynn.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Cassville, with Pastor Rick Cooper officiating; burial to follow at Munsey Cemetery in Eagle Rock with full military honors.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, at the White Funeral Home and

Crematory in Cassville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890 Cassville, MO 65625.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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MARK ANTHONY BROWN

Mark Anthony Brown, 74, of Purdy, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020, surrounded by his family at home following a short illness. He was born in Butterfield on May 16, 1945, the son of the late Carl and Ella Mae Brown. He married Glenna Ruth Brown on September 21, 1963; she survives. To this union they were blessed with three children: Tammy Starchman (Gary), Larry Brown (Mickie) and Travis Brown (Jennifer). Also surviving are eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He spent 22 years of his life in the grocery business before ending his working career at Wells Aluminum in Monett. He also enjoyed playing ball with his grandchildren.

Mark is also survived by one brother, Mike Brown (Sharon), of Goodman; one sister: Carla Eden, of Cassville; and several nieces and nephews.

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by his parents; one brother, Bill Brown; and one sister, Norma Harris.

Visitation for Mark is being held on Thursday May 7, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett. Private burial for Mark will be at a later date.

The family would like to specially thank Hospice Compassus for all of their care and comfort.

Memorial donations for Mark may be made to the Purdy High School Baseball.

Online condolences may be made at www.bennettwormington.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett.

JERRY LEE WHITLOCK

Jerry Lee Whitlock, 80, Washburn, passed away on April 10, 2020. He was born on February 28, 1940, in Wheaton, to Leroy John and Twila Lavelle (Birkes) Whitlock. Jerry was a U.S. Navy Veteran and worked for The School of the Ozarks as a work supervisor in construction. Jerry liked fishing, hunting, and being with his family. He had the gift of gab, with many friends who enjoyed him and whom he enjoyed. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. We will all miss the

many wonderful things that he was.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers, Johnnie and Jackie. He is survived by his wife, Judith Whitlock, of the home; two sons, Jason Lee Whitlock and his wife, Tsvetelina, and Jesse Lee Whitlock and his wife, Lauren; one grandchild, Jonah Whitlock; a sister, Joyce Turner; and one brother, Jimmie Whitlock and his wife, Ruth.

No services are planned at this time but will be held at a later date, as allowed by the pandemic.

WILLIAM ENSLEY “BILL” BUCHANAN

William Ensley “Bill” Buchanan, age 62, of Shell Knob, passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, at his home.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Lakeside Christian Church in Shell Knob under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Burial will be at Lake Park Memorial Gardens in Shell Knob.

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DONALD LEE GUNTER

Donald Lee Gunter, age 49, of Purdy, passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2020, near his home.

Cremation arrangements were under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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Mother's Day is a great time of year to honor mothers and attempt to give back just a portion of the tireless love and devotion moms offer their children. Some children provide large gestures, while others feel it's the little things that can help a mom to feel appreciated. For those needing a little inspiration on treating their mothers in special ways, consider these ideas.

- Make mom a breakfast in bed with her favorite morning treats.
- Enjoy a movie at home with mom. Let her pick the flick and share her favorite film with you.
- Put together a collage of photos from moments you have shared with mom or your family.
- Cook a meal together and learn about everyone's favorite recipes or the family history.

- Treat mom to a day off from her chores. Tackle all of the jobs she normally does for the family.
- Bake a delicious dessert that mom will absolutely devour.
- Pamper mom with a gift card for her favorite nail salon or massage therapy location.
- Prepare a jar of mom's favorite candies wrapped in pieces of paper that have loving sentiments written on them.
- Write a new email each day with an inspirational quote or special words of love for mom.
- Tackle a task that she may not want to do herself, such as washing the exterior of her car and vacuuming the interior.

Mother's Day gift ideas should come from the heart and can show mothers near and far how much they are appreciated and loved.



Matilda Goodwin

Susan and Christ Goodwin wish to announce the birth of Matilda Kathleen, born on April 8, 2020. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long at birth. Matilda was welcomed home by 3 year old big sister, Mariette Susan, and bigger sister, Samantha. Maternal grandparents are Kenny Taft, of Cassville, and Becky Goodwin, of Joplin. Matilda is also welcomed by some loving uncles and aunts, big cousins and blessed with some very special "stand-in" grandparents, the Tuckers, and "stand-in" great-grandparents, the Blankenships and Bowens.



Engagement Announced



Lynne and Colin Olbertz, of Shell Knob, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sydney, to Dylan, son of Melissa and Steve Williams, of Golden.

Sydney will graduate May 2020 from the Honor's College of Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry. She is currently a Contact Center Specialist with Cox Health.

Dylan attended the OTC Machine Tool Technology Program and is currently a Core Maintenance Technician with Kraft-Heinz in Springfield.

These Cassville High School sweethearts plan a September 2020 wedding.



LESLIE ELDON MCQUEEN

Leslie Eldon McQueen, age 90, of Cassville, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2020, at Freeman Hospital in Joplin. Mr. McQueen, son of Robert Harrison and Sarah (Anderson) McQueen, was born on June 17, 1929, in Wheaton. He graduated from Exeter High School and then enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country proudly. On July 31, 1952, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Kring in Bentonville, Arkansas. Leslie was a natural born farmer who would work endless hours working his farm and cattle. He had a heart of gold

and was always willing to help others. Leslie never met a stranger, was a dear friend, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife of sixty-seven years, Marjorie McQueen, of Cassville; one son, Eldon McQueen, of Okeechobee, Florida; one daughter, LeAnn Standlee and her husband, Darrell, of Joplin; two granddaughters, Melissa Jankoski and her husband, Eric, of Bangor, Maine, and Lauren Peterson and her husband, Will, of Joplin; six great-grandchildren, Alex, Ava, Fred, Georgia, Eloise, and Beatrice; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Leslie was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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We aren't certain when it will be deemed "safer" for seniors to once again congre- gate and won't have answers to that question until we fol- low the success or challenges of other places opening first. Initial guidance advises it may be 30 days or more af- ter businesses and activities begin reopening. We want to ensure that new outbreaks do not occur as people be- gin to once again gather and group. We ask seniors to be patient as we make difficult decisions about 'unknowns.'

We are using the best guid- ance available to us to protect their health and well-being first and foremost.

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"We established this in- formal working group to provide recommendations on the best use of federal COVID-19 aid, and it's im- portant we be as transpar- ent as possible throughout the process," Governor Mike Parson said. "The CARES Act Funds webpage will give Missourians the opportunity to stay up-to-date on these funds and reassure them that we are working hard to en- sure families, communities, and businesses receive the maximum relief available."

On April 10, 2020, Gov- ernor Parson formed an in- formal working group, led by Treasurer Fitzpatrick, to make recommendations for the use of federal funding provided for COVID-19-re- lated costs under the CARES Act. This advisory body will study and analyze the federal relief available to Missouri, its citizens, and businesses and identify best practices and procedures to apply that relief.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has started making payments through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program – Plus (WHIP+) to agricultural producers who suffered eligible losses because of drought or excess moisture in 2018 and 2019. Signup for these causes of loss opened March 23, and producers who suffered losses from drought (in counties designated D3 or above), excess moisture, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms or wildfires can still apply for assistance through WHIP+.

“To date, FSA has received more than 33,000 WHIP+ applications,” said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). “We want to remind producers that we are still accepting applications for WHIP+, and we encourage producers to call our offices for next steps on how to apply.”

To be eligible for WHIP+, producers must have suffered losses of certain crops, trees, bushes or vines in counties with a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Designation

(primary counties only) for qualifying natural disaster events that occurred in calendar years 2018 or 2019.

Also, losses located in a county not designated by the Secretary as a primary county may be eligible if a producer provides documentation showing that the loss was due to a qualifying natural disaster event.

For losses due to drought, a producer is eligible if any area of the county in which the loss occurred was rated D3, or extreme drought, or higher on the U.S. Drought Monitor during calendar years 2018 or 2019. Producers who suffered losses should contact their FSA county office.

In addition to the recently added eligible losses of drought and excess moisture, FSA will implement a WHIP+ provision for crop quality loss that resulted in price deductions or penalties when marketing crops damaged by eligible disaster events.

To ensure an effective

program for all impacted farmers, the Agency is currently gathering information on the extent of quality loss from producers and stakeholder organizations.

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As summer approaches, so do motorcycle riders on Missouri roads. May is National Motorcycle Awareness Month. Because motorcycles don't have the same traction as a vehicle with four wheels, their drivers face unique hazards they'd like others to be aware of.
Motorcyclists ride for a variety of reasons. For some, it's a stress-reliever; for others, it's a great way to spend time with friends and family.

Whether you're a solo rider or a socializer, freedom - and a short escape from the real world - can be found on the open road.
But while trying to escape the real world, bikers can face real-world problems, including distracted drivers, grass blown onto the road from mowers, and materials - including gravel, logs, furniture, even animals - blown from the back of open trailers and trucks.
Distracted drivers are

always on the road, no matter the season, often on their phones and not paying attention. They're a big hazard to everyone, but especially to motorcyclists, primarily because it's much easier to see a car coming than a motorcycle.
"I cannot count how many people I pass or pull up beside on a road who are looking at their cell phones," Russ Pendergraft, of Cassville, said.
Because of its high water content, freshly mown grass can become as slippery as ice for motorcycles when it falls on roadways.
"Many people who cut grass close to the road don't often think of the grass on the road being dangerous to motorcyclists," Rosie Roberts, of Cassville, said. "It's like ice to us motorcycle riders, though. Stops become uncontrollable. Plus, it is hard to look ahead down the road, while focusing on the hazard below us."
Spring is the time for gardening. Prior to hauling a load of gravel, soil or mulch, gardeners should cover and secure it so it doesn't blow into the road way.
"Loose gravel on a roadway is really dangerous when you're coming around a corner, especially after a heavy rain," Russ Pendergraft said.
With yard sales also blossoming, people are cleaning out their houses and garages,

getting rid of clutter. It's important to strap down your loads so your cast-offs don't give someone else a send-off.
When the weather warms, more animals are on the go - including deer, skunks, raccoons, armadillos, opossums, groundhogs and turtles - presenting a menagerie of opportunity for disaster for motorcyclists.
A few years back, Larry and Angie Periman, of Cassville, were coming home from Larry's class reunion around midnight. While driving down Highway 37, a deer ran out and hit their motorcycle. They thought it was a small dog.
A truck coming from the opposite direction saw what actually happened, and turned around to check on them. Both Larry and Angie were taken to the hospital by ambulance, both with serious injuries.
"There have been so many deaths due to deer hitting motorcycles (or vice versa), it's important for people to watch for them," said Angie.
Although there are many hazards in the roadway for everyone, there are a lot of preventative measures we can take to protect others. Even the smallest thing can save a life.
"We are very vigilant about our safety. We pay close attention to other drivers, scan for possible hazards and ride within the con-

straints of our abilities," Kelly Tolbert, of Cassville, said. "We all have stories of near misses and accidents caused by road hazards, but they're worth it, just to feel the wind on my face and feel the freedom that only a motorcycle can provide."
David Holenda, of Cassville, summed it up nicely.

"Riding is a part of who I am; it's not a hobby or something I do for entertainment. I ride because that's where I belong; it's my happy place. Whether I'm by myself or running handlebar -to-handlebar with my family, it's where I belong," he said.



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