

First COVID-19-related death reported in Barry County

Person had underlying health conditions

Sheila Harris
Tuesday, July 28, the Barry County Health Department reported the first death of a Barry County resident due to complications of COVID-19. The man was 71 years old with other underlying health

issues.
Brock extends his condolences to the man's family and friends.
"We are extremely saddened to have learned this person has succumbed to complications related to the

COVID-19 infection," Brock said. "COVID-19 is a threat to every corner of our county and every resident in our county."
According to the health department, recent numbers in Barry County show 61

percent of the COVID-19 cases in Barry County have occurred in persons 40 years and younger.
"However," Brock said, "the greatest risk of complications and death continues to be with people 60 years

and older. All persons must practice physical distancing, masking and good hand-washing to slow the spread of the disease."
Emergency Management Director David Compton added his sympathies

to the grieving family and friends.
He reminds residents that masking continues to be our best defense against the spread of COVID-19.
Some have questioned

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Crowder College nursing students, instructors face unique challenges



Above, student Dakota Ellis (left) places a nasogastric tube while student Scott Aldridge (right) looks on.

Sheila Harris
Sandy Wilson, Director of Nursing over Crowder College's nursing program, said things got interesting in a hurry for both instructors and students when COVID-19 broke out in the

spring.
"We had to switch to virtual classes, which was a transition in itself," she said. To add to the challenge, we were immediately knocked out of 'clinicals' - the hands-on training students receive

when participating in real-life hospital and other medical settings. When hospitals closed their doors to visitors for health and safety concerns, that included nursing students as well."
Kimberly Smith, Nursing Program Coordinator for Cassville's Crowder campus, agrees with Wilson's assessment.
"Our program was dramatically affected by COVID-19," she said. "In fact, our first-semester nursing students have not yet participated in any in-person clinical experiences."
Crowder's four-semester nursing program offers highly sought-after training for students on the path toward Registered Nurse licensure.
"We have space for about 27 new students at the beginning of our spring semester, which starts in January," Smith said. "We typically have about twice that many applicants for the spots."

According to Smith, prospective nursing students do not appear to be put off by the inherent risks associated with choosing nursing as a career during the challenges presented by the outbreak of COVID-19 across the nation.

"The number of applicants for our spring semester appears to be on par with years past," she said. "The deadline for submitting applications is September 1, so we'll know more as we get closer to that date."
Smith, a Kansas City native, now living in Mt. Vernon, has been working with Cassville nursing students since 2011.
"I taught clinicals for several years here before acquiring my Master's degree in 2016, after which I accepted the Program Coordinator position."
Smith, whose grandfather died during a seven-bypass heart surgery performed, is particularly intrigued with cardiac function.
"During my own nursing surgical clinicals," she said, "I remember praying for a pa-



Student Anna Richardson, above, completes a head-to toe assessment in simulation lab.

tient undergoing open heart surgery, that his heart would begin re-beating after it was artificially stopped by the surgeon for a short period of time. The heart is an amazing

organ and its function never ceases to amaze me."
Smith brings empathy and experience to her role as

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Barry-Lawrence Library receives CARES grant



Verna Fry, of the Cassville branch of Barry-Lawrence Regional Libraries, demonstrates story-hour, which is now a virtual performance made possible with equipment provided through a CARES Grant to Missouri libraries.

Sheila Harris
The Barry-Lawrence Regional Library has been awarded a \$25,066 grant from the Missouri State Library, according to Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft. Funds were made available through the CARES Act and Library Services Tech-

nology Act (LSTA).
According to Barry-Lawrence Regional Library director, Gina Milburn, because the funds must be used in a specific way - for the purpose of digital inclusion and technical support in the face of COVID-19 safety concerns - the Barry-Lawrence

Regional Library applied for the grant for the purpose of purchasing 30 mobile hotspot devices, which could be checked out by patrons.
"With the devices - with wireless service provided through T-Mobile - patrons

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Cassville School Board Met July 16

Mary Hagens
 In the Cassville Board of Education meeting on July 16, board members focused on plans for returning to school, along with regular and annual business matters. After amending the agenda in order to provide ample time for a discussion of the Return to Learn Re-entry plan, the Board approved the consent agenda. Highlights of the administrative reports included the recognition of high school administrators, faculty, and staff, as well as Dusty Reid and Mindi Artherton, for their work on the memorable 2020 graduation ceremony. The Board offered congratulations to the senior AP English students, who earned an exceptional passing rate of 90% this year, and recognized the efforts by Michael Hall and the Communication Arts teachers in preparing students for the AP exam.
 In other business, the Board voted to hire Jamie Porter as a secretary in the high school counselor's office

and renewed the Conflict of Interest Statement (Board Policy BBFA). They approved a five-cent increase in breakfast and lunch prices; set the tuition rate of \$6,500 for the new academic year; renewed the Launch Virtual Learning agreement; accepted the Program Evaluation Schedule for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022; approved the Special Service agreement for online speech services; and set the Tax Rate Hearing Notice for Thursday, August 20th.
 Additionally, the Board agreed to a technology lease-purchase agreement for Chrome Books which will provide 1:1 access to all students in grades K-12. In order to fill the need for the virtual Spanish I and II courses, the Board approved hiring Sonya Brown as a per course instructor.
 The next review item involved a proposal to change the Board of Education meetings to the third Thursday of each month. After discussion, the Board voted to approve the new meeting

schedule. Dusty Reid then presented information and updates on the Vision 150 Project.
 Finally, the Board of Education read and discussed draft documents from the Re-entry Committee pertaining to the Return to Learn plan. Dr. Asbill announced that on August 3rd, the school districts in Barry and Lawrence Counties will meet with the Health Departments for guidance, recommendations, and requirements. Subsequently, a special Board of Education meeting may be scheduled in order to approve the new guidelines. Additional information will be provided next week.
 The Board then went into closed session to consider personnel matters.
 Anyone who is interested may view the Board's discussion of the Return to Learn plan on the school's Facebook page at time mark 36:00 on the video of the meeting.

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will be able to access the internet from home, or any other location they need to work from," Milburn explained. "We foresee that the devices will really be beneficial for students.
 "However," she continued, "they won't be available for check-out until probably the end of August. We'll have to determine a policy for their use - age limits, length of check-out time, etc. - so we'll have to wait for a library board meeting in order to work out all the details. We'll probably come up with some type of contract for patrons to sign saying they agree to bring it back and will be responsible for its replacement if it's damaged. There are quite a few details to work out."
 In addition to the wireless hot-spots, the Monett and Cassville library branches each received a laptop, camera and green screen, providing them with the ability to record professional-quality virtual presentations - especially beneficial for children's

story hours.
 Cassville Youth Services Director, Verna Fry, has already put the new equipment to use with the recording of "The Princess and The Pea," a fairy tale which follows this month's theme of "Imagine Your Story."
 In pre-COVID-19 days, Fry held two in-person story times per week at the Cassville Library. Now, since everything must be done virtually, she's had to become creative.
 "In May," she said, "I did a virtual presentation I called 'Rainy Day Storytime,' with one episode in honor of 'World Turtle Appreciation Day' on May 23."
 Although the library reopened for patrons on June 1, children's in-person story time is still on hiatus.
 "All our toys and props have been put in storage in our story theater until further notice," Fry said. "But, with the library now open, I created a make-shift virtual story-time studio in a downstairs storage closet.

There are no windows nor telephones to distract with unwanted light and sound, so it works out really well, especially with our new studio equipment."
 The closet-studio is decked out with an enchanted forest backdrop, from where Fry reads to an imaginary audience.
 "It's a little harder to present virtually," Fry said, "since I don't have the visual cues from the children, but I've read enough stories that I know when to pause, and how much time to allow for my pretend audience to respond."
 Fry said she loves reading to the toddlers.
 "Little kids are just so genuine," she said. "I miss them so much. I'll be glad when we can do in-person sessions again."
 To tune in to Verna Fry's virtual story presentations, visit the Cassville Branch Library's Facebook page. Sessions are geared toward four-year-olds and are 12 to 15 minutes in length.

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nursing program coordinator. "I'm proud of my students," she said. "For the past three years we have had 100 percent licensure pass rate for those who have taken state board exams for the first time."
 According to Smith, it has been possible to actually participate in virtual clinical experiences while students have been denied access to hospitals.
 "In some ways, the virtual classes have been better," she said. "Part of the nursing program involves just teaching students how to *think*, and the online courses do a great job with that. We teach students to watch for the possibilities of what *could* occur with patients under certain circumstances. They learn to watch for those signs and be proactive in situations. Reasoning skills are a major component of the nursing program.
 "Virtual labwork is much like a video game," she said. "We'll be glad to get back to the real thing, though."
 Smith said they anticipate getting back to in-person classes in the fall, although that's subject to change depending on the situation with COVID-19.
 "As of right now," she said, "Mercy Northwest Arkansas, CoxHealth and Mercy Cassville have told us they will allow students to come back into their hospitals. Residential care facilities have not yet opened back up, but we typically don't do a lot of training on their sites, anyway.
 "We conducted a survey of our nursing students after the spring semester," Smith added. "Even with the unique challenges the program faced, the students said they'd never felt so supported. They felt their instructors were readily available, even in a virtual setting.
 "We did find ways to meet their needs," Smith concluded.

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Domestic assault charges filed

According to a probable cause statement issued by Deputy Thaddaeus Harris of the Barry County Sheriff's Office, a warrant was issued for the arrest of William Rodney Moore, of Aurora, on July 27.
 According to Harris's statement, in an alleged incident which occurred at the Old Jenkins Bridge south of Aurora on July 26, Moore knowingly and deliberately used his vehicle, a 2007 Dodge Caravan, to ram into his wife's 2002 Mitsubishi in an alleged attempt to push her vehicle into the water. Her children were in the car with her.
 According to the statement, the victim was able to get her vehicle free from the alleged assault, but inadvertently backed into a ditch, where Moore blocked her escape with his van. He then allegedly exited his vehicle, wrapped his arm in his shirt and began striking the driver's side window in an attempt to gain entry. When the victim called emergency services, he fled the scene.
 According to Harris's statement, the victim feared for her life and those of her children.
 According to the probable

cause statement, Moore is currently on parole for Murder in the 2nd Degree, for which he was convicted in 1992 in Wright County.
 Moore was apprehended and is being held in the Barry County Jail on charges of Domestic Assault - First Degree. His bond is set at \$100,000.


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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:

Barry County Farm Road 1135 over Flat Creek will be closed until the end of October for bridge replacement.

Barry County Health Department would like to announce that we will be shifting Covid-19 testing days to Thursday and Fridays only for July and August due to our WIC program moving to EWIC cards and back to school shots. If you need to be tested for Covid-19, please contact your physician or utilize telemedicine for a referral to be tested as well. For testing at Barry County Health Dept., call (417) 847-2114.

Seligman Chamber Dance will be held every Saturday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Chamber Event Center. Guests are asked to bring a dish for potluck.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market runs every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Items for sale include produce, eggs, jellies, relishes, baked goods, cut flowers, and handmade crafts. Visitors are asked to please follow the health guidelines and wear face coverings and practice six-foot physical distancing while shopping. Old Church Gallery is located on Farm Road 1240, Shell Knob, and can be reached for questions or information by calling (417) 858-2510.



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Cassville Library is open. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The first hour Monday through Friday is reserved for senior citizens and the medically compromised patrons. Call (417) 847-2121 for more information.

Cassville Branch Library's summer reading program has gone virtual. If you would like to know more, please contact the library at (417) 847-2121. Ask to speak to Verna Fry for information about the youth programming and Donna Lawson for the adult programming.

Farm Road 2140 will be closed beginning June 24, 2020, for low water crossing repairs. Road will be closed 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.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano and is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Saturday and Tuesday, and also 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

Questions for the pantry can be answered by calling 417-271-1301 or visiting at 32685 State Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock. (Just 1/4 mile east of the Hwy. P intersection).

Blue Grass in The Park is a family friendly free outdoor event every Friday evening - weather permitting - from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the amphitheater at Roaring River State Park. These bluegrass performances will take place until September 27.

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service, however, face masks are required on the bus due to COVID-19. Please call the OATS Transit office at (417) 887-9272 or (800) 770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about service in your area. Visit our website at www.oatstransit.org and click on the bus schedules tab for your county to see the full schedule. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

Aug 6th

Oakhill Cemetery Association will hold the 2020 business meeting and election of offices at 6:00 P.M. at The Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. The Oakhill Cemetery Association thanks all the people who made donations to the cemetery, without which care for the cemetery could not be done.

Aug 7th

Benefit Yard Sale for Loren Lowe the Third will be held at The Gathering Place, Purdy, August 7, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., and August 8, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. If you would like to donate items for the sale, contact via text, Kathryn Lowe, (417) 342-2728 or Denise Warren, (417) 669-4000. Donations may also be dropped off after 5 P.M. on August 5th and 6th at the benefit location.

Pickup & Go Special Lunch for seniors will be served at the Central Crossing Senior Center for 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The special will be Reuben sandwiches, chips, and dessert. Meals are no cost to those 60 and over. Donations will not be refused.

Aug 8th

The Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Barry County will be holding their annual silent auction at the Family Life Center in Cassville from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. There will be BINGO as well as silent auction items from local businesses, plus Branson Attraction Gift Cards. Tickets will be \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 and \$20 for an arms length. Hotdog meals will be \$5. All proceeds go to helping the Habitat build new homes locally.

Aug 10th

The Barry County Democrats will meet on Monday, August 10, at 7 P.M. The monthly meeting will be in Golden at the Golden Community Center, 28686 State Hwy. J, Golden, MO 65658. For questions, please contact Maella Blalock at (231) 343-2727.

Southwest High School will begin fall sports practices on Monday, August 10th. Baseball practice will start at 3 P.M. at the baseball field. Volleyball practice will start at 3 P.M. in the high school gym. Cross Country will start at 3 P.M. in the commons area. Junior High practices will begin Monday, August 17th. If you had a Sports Physical last school year, it is good for this year also. MSHSAA sports physicals are now good for two years. If anything changes, Southwest School will make an announcement. If you have any questions, please contact High School Principal/Athletic Director Kenny Ferguson at (417) 826-5413.

Aug 11th

Corn Silage Production Workshop for Beef Cattle Operation is being offered as a virtual class by the University of Missouri Extension at 7 P.M. Register online by August 10 at <https://extension2.missouri.edu/events/corn-silage-production-workshop-for-beef-cattle-operations> or contact Patrick Davis at (417) 988-0287 or davismp@missouri.edu. The cost is \$16 per person.

Aug 15th

Troutfest will be at the Aquatic Center in Cassville from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. There will be food, live music, conservation education, and free swimming. This event is open to the public.

The Depot Auto Show will be in Exeter from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. Vehicle registration is free at the event. There will be food, free admission, activities, and awards.

Kids Free Fishing will be at Roaring River State Park from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. Shell Knob Shriner's Club will have a duck race from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. This event is open to the public.

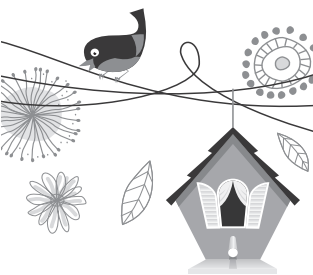
Aug 16th

Master Gardeners Virtual Class registration is due by August 16. For more information, visit: mg.missouri.edu.

Cancellations

Clio music is cancelled until further notice.

The Annual Stones Prairie Picnic has been cancelled.





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CBCO says all blood types needed

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO), the sole supplier of blood and plasma to patients at more than 40 area healthcare facilities, is making a plea for anyone who is eligible to donate blood to do so. “There are simply not enough donations coming in or mobile blood drives on the schedule to keep pace with the increase of local patient needs,” CBCO Executive Director Anthony Roberts said. “While we have been able to maintain stock levels at our hospitals, our reserves on our shelves are below a comfortable level and we need the help of our generous community donors who always step up in times of need.” Since the COVID-19 shutdown in March, more than 280 blood drives have been cancelled in the CBCO

service region, resulting in more than 9,000 potential blood donations being lost. As a result, CBCO is in a critical appeal for all blood types. Blood usage for patients in area hospitals has returned to near normal levels, while area donations have not been able to keep pace. Multiple mobile blood drive cancellations are still occurring. The downturn in donation rates means that reserve levels have not been able to recover. And with the uncertainty of school or college blood drives for the fall and spring, the future of the community blood supply will be heavily dependent on first-time donors and community donors giving more frequently. “This is a very challenging time for blood centers across the U.S., and Com-

munity Blood Center of the Ozarks is no exception,” CBCO Executive Director Anthony Roberts said. “As we try to navigate the way forward, we are asking area blood donors to support the only blood service that supplies all of our area hospitals. In return, we promise to fulfill area needs in a way that meets our mission standards; a healthy blood supply, delivered in a timely manner, with an unwavering emphasis on remaining accountable to the patients we serve.” Donors who give at a CBCO donor center or mobile blood drive will receive a five-dollar gift card redeemable through CBCO’s Life-Points Local online store. They will also receive a colorful T-shirt. Although many mobile blood drives within the

CBCO service region have been canceled or postponed, some community-based drives are still planned in the coming weeks. These drives are critical in helping to keep inventory levels at sufficient levels. To find a listing of those blood drives, log on to www.cbco.org/donate-blood. Appointments are strongly encouraged to maintain social distancing guidelines and improve the donation experience. Masks are required for all donors and staff. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. On behalf of local hospital patients, CBCO thanks blood donors from across the region for giving life to your community.

Residents Asked to Report Unsolicited Seed Shipments

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has received reports from residents of unsolicited seeds being delivered from foreign countries such as China and surrounding areas. Missouri’s announcement follows several states who have also reported packages of these seeds being delivered across the United States. Consistent with nationwide reports, the packages were labeled as jewelry, specifically stud earrings, bracelets and other accessories. It is important to take steps to prevent the introduction of invasive species into Missouri to ensure safety of the environment, livestock and plants. The full risk associated with the seeds in question is unknown at this time. However, the seeds

could be an invasive species that has the potential to destroy native plants and damage crops. Invasive species can also introduce diseases to plants and may be harmful to livestock. If Missouri residents have received unsolicited seeds, the following guidance applies: • Do not open the seed package. • Do not plant the seeds if you have opened the package. • Submit an online report to USDA verifying you have received unsolicited seeds. • Do not dispose of the seeds, packages or envelopes until USDA provides further guidance. The Missouri Department of Agriculture is playing a cooperative role in USDA’s in-

vestigation; however, USDA is leading the effort from the federal level. USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is also working closely with the Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protect U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

If opened, place seeds in a sealed bag and contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture’s Plant Industries Division by phone at (573) 751-2462 or by email at info@mda.mo.gov. To learn more about the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs, visit Agriculture.Mo.Gov.

Pavement sealing planned in southwest Mo. counties

State routes in five (5) southwest Missouri counties are scheduled to be sealed with a mixture of rock and oil beginning the week of August 3, the Missouri Department of Transportation said. **Here’s a look at the locations:** **Barton County** – U.S. Route 160 from the Missouri/Kansas state line east to I-49 (17.5 miles) **Jasper County** – Route E from near Missouri Route 571 east to Missouri Route 37 (9 miles) **Jasper County** – Route V from I-49 south to Missouri Route 96 (2 miles) **McDonald County** – Missouri Route 43 from Route DD south to Route B (5 miles) **Barry County** – Route F from Missouri Route 112 east to Missouri Route 86 (5 miles) **Barry County** – Missouri Route 112 from Route F north to Missouri Route 86 (5.5 miles) **Newton/Barry counties** – Missouri Route 86 from U.S. Route 60 near Neosho to Missouri Route 76 south of Wheaton (24.5 miles) Drivers also can expect flaggers and pilot cars direct-

ing them through the work zone. Drivers should wait for the pilot vehicle before proceeding through the work zone or before entering the work zone from a side road. Signs and message boards will alert drivers to the work zone. Weather and/or scheduling delays will alter the work schedule. A chip-seal is not an alternative to an asphalt overlay, but is planned for these roads as an economical way to maintain and preserve the roadway. The treatments keep a road from deteriorating and will extend its life. **Project information:** Contractor: Hutchens Construction, Cassville Total cost: \$1.6 million Completion date: September 1, 2020.

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Notice of Public Hearing

A hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M., August 11, 2020, at the Southwest R-V School District Board of Education Room at the Central Office. At this time, citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by Southwest R-V, a school district located in Barry and McDonald counties. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues, which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation. (*Estimates reflect the most accurate information at the time of posting. Changes can be made by the Board of Education at the Tax Rate Hearing and finalized by September 1st)

Assessed Valuation (by categories)	Year 2020-2021	Year 2019-2020
Real Estate	\$30,544,558	\$29,963,303
Personal Property	\$10,412,843	\$10,719,323
Total	\$40,957,401	\$40,682,626

The following Tax rates are Proposed:
Assessed Valuation: \$40,957,401

Fund	Amount of Property Tax Revenue Budgeted	Proposed Tax Rate Per \$100
Incidental	\$1,126,329	\$2.75
Teachers	\$0	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$348,138	\$0.85
Total	\$1,474,467	\$3.60

Total New Revenue (operating funds only): \$355,702
New Revenue New Construction and Improvements: \$ 14,275
New Revenue from Reassessment: \$341,426
Percentage of New Revenue from New Construction: 4.01%
Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment: 95.99%

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Republicans rally at Cassville BBQ

Photos by Caden Swearingen



Republican candidates, office holders and supporters gathered Saturday night, July 25, at Cassville’s Memorial Park for a full-course BBQ dinner sponsored by the Barry County Republican Central Committee and cooked to perfection by John Sullivan of Cassville. According to Purdy resident, Rachel Luebbering, attendance was a bit smaller than usual for the annual event, but the food was delicious, as always, and the event was enjoyed by all.

Shown above, left to right: David Cole, District 29 state senate candidate; Scott Fitzpatrick, Missouri State Treasurer; Mike Moon, District 29 state senate candidate; Danny Boyd, sheriff candidate.

Shown below, left to right: Wade Hermansen, candidate for southern commissioner; Travis Hilburn, sheriff candidate; Gary Davis, Barry County sheriff and candidate for re-election; Gene Robins, candidate for southern commissioner.



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Habitat for Humanity Restore, D&D Discount Grocery host Customer Appreciation Day



Above, Charles Sartin of the Habitat for Humanity Restore grilled hotdogs for customers.



Above, Canine to Five sold homemade dog treats. Left to right: mother Stacy Delcour, owner Gracie Delcour, and brother Blake Baldwin.



Emmy's Lemonade Stand workers making lemonade, front to back: Kaylee Tichenor, Brianna Birchfield and Trya Sturgell.

On Tuesday July 21, 2020, Cassville Discount Grocery and Habitat for Humanity Restore held a customer appreciation day. They provided free hotdogs, water and chips to customers, while Emmy's Lemonade Stand sold lemonade. Photos by Caden Swearingen.

Cassville Middle School hosts volleyball camp



Cassville Middle School Volleyball Camp, July 13-17; front row: Liberty Hilburn, Lyryk Rutledge, Kyla Bowling, Claire Reuter, Kennedy Truman, Makenzie Thompson. Middle row: Riley Stumpff, Keirstyn Kalbaugh, Laramie Reynolds, Jessica Marlowe, Neveah Johnson, Mallery Cornell, Langston Mitchell, Makayla Hollingsworth, Kimberly Hang. Back row: Jon Horner (Security Bank Representative), Lorelei Vanderhoef, Courtney Wall, Rebekah Fry, Makaiden Boles, Melody Stephens, Kamryn Smith, Rylee Quinlan, Joe Blankenship. Absent from photo: Grace Hurst, Hailey Bryan, Gwen Harmon, and Sara Stockton. Thank you to Security Bank for sponsoring the camp.

Summertime is always the best "of what might be."
- Charles Bowden

Travis Hilburn is a man with a mustache, wearing a black t-shirt with 'veteran' and an American flag patch on the sleeve.

TRAVIS HILBURN

FOR BARRY COUNTY SHERIFF

- 13 Years in the Marine Corps
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SAMPLE BALLOT
PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 4, 2020
BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that the Primary Election will be held in the County of Barry on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 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 PARTY

FOR GOVERNOR
(Vote for ONE)

☐ RALEIGH RITTER

☐ MIKE PARSON

☐ JAMES W. (JIM) NEELY

☐ SAUNDRA McDOWELL

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for ONE)

☐ ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF

☐ MIKE KEHOE

☐ AARON T WISDOM

☐ MIKE CARTER

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
(Vote for ONE)

☐ JOHN R. (JAY) ASHCROFT

FOR STATE TREASURER
(Vote for ONE)

☐ SCOTT FITZPATRICK

REPUBLICAN PARTY

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for ONE)

☐ ERIC SCHMITT

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7
(Vote for ONE)

☐ ERIC HARLEMAN

☐ KEVIN VanSTORY

☐ STEVE CHENTNIK

☐ BILLY LONG

☐ CAMILLE LOMBARDI-OLIVE

FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 29
(Vote for ONE)

☐ MIKE MOON

☐ DAVID COLE

REPUBLICAN PARTY

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 158
(Vote for ONE)

☐ SCOTT CUPPS

FOR NORTHERN COMMISSIONER
(Vote for ONE)

☐ GARY SCHAD

☐ KYLE FORGEY

FOR SOUTHERN COMMISSIONER
(Vote for ONE)

☐ GENE ROBBINS

☐ WADE HERMANSEN

FOR SHERIFF
(Vote for ONE)

☐ GARY DAVIS

☐ TRAVIS HILBURN

☐ DANNY BOYD

FOR ASSESSOR
(Vote for ONE)

☐ SHERRY SMITH

FOR CORONER
(Vote for ONE)

☐ JIM FOHN

FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
(Vote for ONE)

☐ SAM MADSEN

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FOR GOVERNOR
(Vote for ONE)

☐ NICOLE GALLOWAY

☐ JIMMIE MATTHEWS

☐ ANTOIN JOHNSON

☐ ERIC MORRISON

☐ ROBIN JOHN DANIEL VAN QUATHEN

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for ONE)

☐ GREGORY A UPCHURCH

☐ ALISSIA CANADY

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
(Vote for ONE)

☐ YINKA FALETI

FOR STATE TREASURER
(Vote for ONE)

☐ VICKI LORENZ ENGLUND

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for ONE)

☐ RICH FINNERAN

☐ ELAD GROSS

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7
(Vote for ONE)

☐ TERESA MONTSENY

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 158
(Vote for ONE)

☐ BRENDA McKINNEY

FOR SOUTHERN COMMISSIONER
(Vote for ONE)

☐ WAYNE HENDRIX

POLLS OPEN SATURDAY
FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

- Barry County Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, August 1, 2020, for absentee voting for the Primary Election. 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.
- Absentee voting in person continues through Monday, August 3, 2020, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- You must present one form of identification to vote. For example: Driver's License or Voter Registration Card.
- If you have moved and have an address change, you need to contact our office or come into our office and have your information updated, before Election Day. If you wait till Election Day, you will hold up the line.

- Polls open at 6am and close at 7pm on Election Day.
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whether deaths on a national level are being falsely attributed to COVID-19, when another cause may have actually been the triggering factor.

According to Compton, in such situations, much depends on the verdict of the coroner or medical examiner who declares the death.

“If a person has underlying health concerns, the contraction of COVID-19 can certainly exacerbate them. If a person dies due to cardiac complications of COVID-19, the verdict could go either way. In some cases, it's obvious that COVID-19 is

the primary cause of death; in others, not so much so,” Compton said.

Barry County Phase 2 Mitigation Rules began June 26 and remain in effect until August 31, 2020. Those rules include required source-control masking of service providers, recommended physical distancing, cloth face-coverings, and enhanced hygiene practices. For more information about COVID-19, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), call the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114, or the Missouri DHSS 24-hour hotline

number at 877-435-8411.

According to the latest Department of Health and Human Services report, as of Tuesday, Missouri had reported a total of 44,823 cases of COVID-19, with 1,213 deaths. Those numbers included an individuals day's jump of 1,773 cases on Tuesday, with 12 deaths.

According to Compton, Barry County's numbers were approaching the 200 positive-case mark as of Tuesday, although current local statistics were not made available by the health department at press time.

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Proposed by Initiative Petition

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- prohibit placing greater or additional burdens on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies or practices on persons covered under Medicaid Expansion than on any other population eligible for Medicaid; and
- require state agencies to take all actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance under Medicaid Expansion?

State government entities are estimated to have one-time costs of approximately \$6.4 million and an unknown annual net fiscal impact by 2026 ranging from increased costs of at least \$200 million to savings of \$1 billion. Local governments expect costs to decrease by an unknown amount.

YES

NO

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

FOR GOVERNOR

(Vote for ONE)

RIK COMBS

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(Vote for ONE)

BILL SLANTZ

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

(Vote for ONE)

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FOR STATE TREASURER

(Vote for ONE)

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(Vote for ONE)

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FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7

(Vote for ONE)

KEVIN CRAIG

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FOR GOVERNOR

(Vote for ONE)

JEROME HOWARD BAUER

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(Vote for ONE)

KELLEY DRAGOO

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

(Vote for ONE)

PAUL LEHMANN

FOR STATE TREASURER

(Vote for ONE)

JOSEPH CIVETTINI

CONSTITUTION PARTY

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

(Vote for ONE)

PAUL VENABLE

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Butterfield/McDonald:

Butterfield Fire Station

Cassville City:

Family Life Center

Cassville Rural/Mineral:

Courthouse

Exeter:

Exeter Fire Station

Golden:

Golden Community Building

Jenkins:

Jenkins Fire Department

Kings Prairie/Pleasant Ridge:

New Liberty Methodist Church

Monett City:

Monett City Park Casino

Monett Rural/Capps Creek:

New Site Baptist Church

Ozark/Crane Creek:

Madry Christian Union Building

Purdy/McDowell:

Purdy City Hall (New Location)

Roaring River:

Eagle Rock Community Building

Seligman:

Seligman Community Center

Shell Knob:

Shell Knob/Viola 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 or her ballot.

Ballot Certification

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)

) ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY)

I, Jill H. LeCompte, 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 9th day of July.

Jill H. LeCompte

Barry County Clerk

NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACCESSABILITY FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that no less than one-half of the sites provided for voter registration shall be accessible to handicapped persons (RSMo 115.140). In addition, a disabled or elderly citizen may register to vote by alternative means, including registration by mail and curbside registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND VOTING: Persons may contact their election author-

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The Missouri Secretary of State's Office provides a toll free number for persons with hearing impairments who have access to a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) TDD users may call 800-669-8683 to obtain information on voter registration, polling place location, and accessibility, absentee balloting, and other election-related services available in their local jurisdictions and from the State of Missouri.

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DEBORAH J. “DEBBIE” CARLSON

Deborah J. “Debbie” Carlson, age 69, of Heber Springs, Arkansas, formerly of Cassville, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2020, at home.

She was born January 24, 1951, in Wichita, Kansas, the daughter of Verlin and Emeline “Emmy” (Blackwell) Cook. On November 20, 1970, in Abilene, Kansas, she was united in marriage to Jim Carlson, who preceded her in death on April 13, 2014. Also preceding her in death were her parents and two sisters, Linda Sue Cook and Barbara in infancy.

Surviving are one son, Jimmy Carlson and his wife, Jamie, of Cassville; one daughter, Candi Richie and her husband, John, of Heber Springs, Arkansas; one sister, Shirley Munoz and her husband, Richard, of Florida; six grandchildren, Austin, Taylor and her husband, Nick, Lexi, Summer and her husband, Jonathan, Laken and her husband, Jess, and Lacey and her husband, Steven; two great-grandchildren, Kason and Akaiah; two great-grandchildren on the way; and her beloved dog, Chewy.

Debbie grew up and received her education in Kansas and graduated from Salina Central High School. She received her associate degree in Cosmetology from Salina Beauty College. In the early 1970’s, she moved to Missouri and worked at Fasco and also Abel 2. Some of her favorite pastimes were crafting, cooking, sewing, especially Barbie clothes, boating and fishing. Most of all, Debbie loved being a mom and she loved her grandkids and all her family.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 28, 2020,

at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Haven of the Ozarks in memory of Debbie.

Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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OBITUARIES

GAYLEN W. TAYLOR

Gaylen W. Taylor, age 66, of Monett, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at Rocky Comfort

He was born August 10, 1953, in Shell Knob, the son of Lewis and Zelma (Periman) Taylor, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was one brother, Randall Taylor.

Surviving are one son, Gaylen Taylor, Jr. and his son, Layton, of Highland, Illinois; one daughter, Katie Neely and her children, Kali, Har-

ley and Conner, of Monett; one stepdaughter, Bobbie Jo Weiss and her husband, Chad, of Highland, Illinois; and two sisters, Annitta Latshaw and her husband, Michael, of Monett, and Janice Ann Greek and her husband, Larry, of Cassville.

Gaylen received his education in Cassville. He became a truck driver and continued that profession his entire life. He attended Chapel of Grace Church in Monett. One of the things he loved was to “Wheel and Deal” and he enjoyed life and telling tall tale stories. The most important thing in his life was his love for his grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, July 27, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jimmie Copley conducted the services. Burial was at Mineral Springs Cemetery in Cassville.

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DARRELL AUSTEN SMITH

Darrell Austen Smith, age 57, of Cassville, passed away at his home on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Mr. Smith, son of William and Rose (Woodell) Smith, was born on December 2, 1962, in Harrison, Arkansas. He was employed by Justin Boots in Cassville for many years. Mr. Smith enjoyed the outdoors such as fishing and hunting, going to the casino, pawn shops, and flea markets. He never missed a chance to watch the Dallas Cowboys and Nascar, and loved spending with his grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, Austin Smith, of Shell Knob; two daughters, Stephanie Carlson, of Washburn, and Rachel Wagner, of Dallas, Texas; twelve grandchil-

dren; one brother, Donnie Smith and his wife, Kandi, of Berryville, Arkansas; three sisters, Cindy Leftwich and her husband, Bill, of Clifty, Arkansas, Lisa Todd and her husband, Allen, of Clifty, Arkansas, and Angela Smith, of Nome, Alaska; his sister in-law, Beverly Smith, of Jenkins; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Darrell was preceded in death by two brothers, DeWayne Smith and David Smith, and one sister, Kathy Farmer.

No services are scheduled at this time. A private family burial will be held at Clio Cemetery, Jenkins, at a later date.

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

CHRISTY LYNN (FLEER) KRUEGER

Christy Lynn (Fleer) Krueger, 50, of Monett, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020, in her home.

A visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2020, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Buchanan Funeral Home of Monett. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

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Cox Family Medicine of Monett welcomes new physician



Dr. Tobin Crow, D.O.

Cox Monett Hospital is pleased to announce that Dr. Tobin Crow, board-certified family practice physician, has joined the team of experts at Cox Family Medicine of Monett.

Dr. Crow, who is a lifelong resident of Oklahoma, comes to Monett from the Tulsa area. He attended medical school at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

Medicine is a family affair for the Crow family. Tobin's

father is a family practice physician, and his son is currently attending medical school at his alma mater.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know my patients and building lasting relationships with them," said Dr. Crow. "Of course, the new hospital and clinic was a draw, but I find it very fulfilling to care for the entire family, so that is probably what I am looking forward to the most — providing the best

care to my patients."

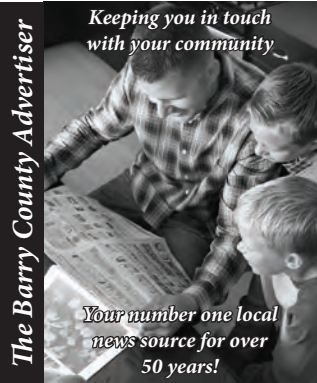
Dr. Crow says he is already enjoying life in Monett and has met some great families since he started seeing patients on June 22.

"My patients often tell me that I'm easy to talk to and a good listener," he said "As a provider, I find it very fulfilling when I can see progress in the health of my patients. That is such a great feeling."

In his spare time, Dr. Crow enjoys tennis, photography, art, and piano.

Dr. Crow will join family nurse practitioners, Deborah Blinzler, Susan Bounous and Hailey Tettenhorst, in seeing patients at the clinic located at 307 W. Benton St. in Monett.

All providers at the clinic are currently accepting new patients. To make an appointment, please call 417-236-2410 or visit coxhealth.com.



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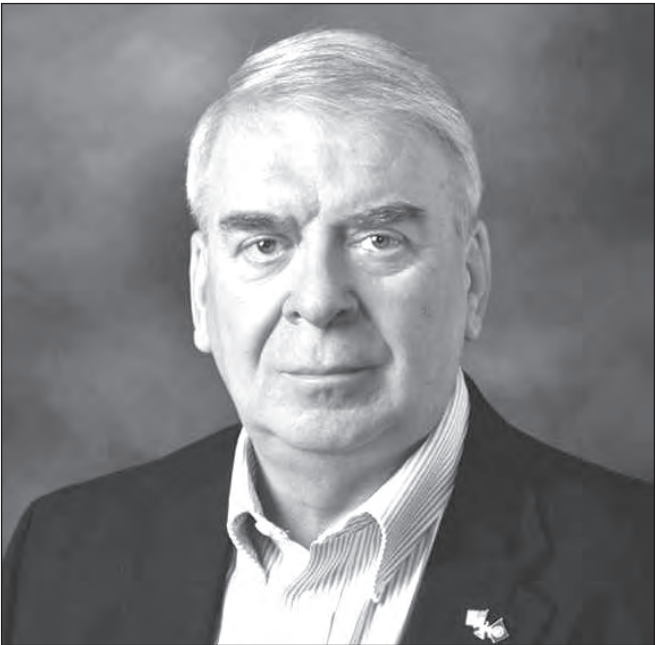
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Meet the Candidates, Round Two: Barry County Sheriff



Incumbent and sheriff candidate: Gary Davis (R)



Sheriff candidate, Travis Hilburn (R)



Sheriff candidate, Danny Boyd (R)

5. With mental health issues becoming more prevalent, what types of special training, if any, does the sheriff's department provide in dealing with mental illness? Do you think more training is needed, and would you be willing to provide for it?

All personnel have access online to mental health related training provided by the Missouri Sheriffs' Association. This is very basic training. I am in favor of increased in-depth training which will require additional training funds and the ability to have a deputy unavailable for their assigned duties for a week.

6. How would you handle accusations of police (deputy) brutality in your department?

All allegations of wrong doing by a member of this department are investigated internally. If it is determined that the accusation has merit and cannot be resolved internally, it is referred to either the Missouri State Highway Patrol or the Federal Bureau of Investigation for further investigation.

7. Do you think it is necessary for rural law enforcement agencies to have military equipment from the Department of Defense available for their use? If so, why, and how would you en-

sure that it's used with discretion by your deputies, if at all?

The use of military equipment by local law enforcement immediately brings the picture of AR assault weapons to mind. In Barry County where a majority of the citizens own either an AR style rifle or a deer rifle, I believe it is an operational necessity that our deputies be as well armed as those who may confront them. It is to be noted that military equipment is not limited to weapons. Access to this program allows us to also access other equipment that could be utilized by law enforcement. It should also be noted that this equipment is provided free of charge by the Federal Government. All deputies are provided training in the proper and legal use of any equipment assigned to them.

8. With jail capacity often at or over its limit, what do you feel a workable solution would be?

I have been working with the County Commission to renovate the Barry County Jail. We are currently finalizing plans for a \$2.5 million dollar jail renovation that will start this fall. Details to come in a formal press release at a later date.

5. With mental health issues becoming more prevalent, what types of special training, if any, does the sheriff's department provide in dealing with mental illness? Do you think more training is needed, and would you be willing to provide for it?

Mental health training is available through POST (Police Officer Standards and Training). Officers are required to complete mental health training yearly. If problems are identified additional training will be mandatory.

6. How would you handle accusations of police (deputy) brutality in your department?

Any accusation will be investigated thoroughly either internally or by another Law Enforcement agency. Substantiated accusations will be dealt with firmly and fairly.

7. Do you think it is necessary for rural law enforcement agencies to have military equipment from the Department of Defense available for their use? If so, why, and how would you ensure that it's used with discretion by your deputies, if at all?

February 28, 1997, North Hollywood, California officers were involved in a shootout with two bank robbers who had just committed a robbery. These two men were fitted with homemade body armor which effectively stopped the 9MM and .38 Special weapons the police were equipped with.

The robbers were equipped with four fully automatic 7.62 MM weapons, one fully automatic 5.56 MM rifle and one Beretta pistol. Officer had to commandeer an armored car to retrieve wounded officers and civilians. Officer fired ineffectively at the men while the two men expended approximately 1100 rounds of ammunition at the officers. Officers finally gained control and neutralized the men after they acquired AR-15 rifles, most commonly used by the US Military. All the automatic weapons used by the robbers were illegally modified to fire fully automatic. Officers must be able to prevent crime, subdue the criminals, and protect the public. Without these "Military style" weapons and equipment, this cannot be done. This could happen in rural areas as easy as in North Hollywood. Military equipment should be monitored and all officers should be properly trained and certified to use such equipment.

8. With jail capacity often at or over its limit, what do you feel a workable solution would be?

Jail expansion is a possible option with the approval of the residents of this County. An inmate work program would be an option but may not be possible due to personnel limitations. Lastly, a closely monitored house arrest program could aid in the overpopulation problems but again, personnel and equipment would have to be acquired.

5. With mental health issues becoming more prevalent, what types of special training, if any, does the sheriff's department provide in dealing with mental illness? Do you think more training is needed, and would you be willing to provide for it?

I have been trained in and am a member of the Crisis Intervention Team, which is a specialized law enforcement response to individuals in serious mental health crisis. As a CIT officer, I am specially trained to respond to reported incidents, where mental health is a potential factor. If elected, I would expect the Sheriff's Office employees to be trained in CIT. Continuous training is a must and there is training available to law enforcement agencies that needs to be taken advantage of.

6. How would you handle accusations of police brutality within your department?

Officers need to be trained and certified in all equipment issued to them and know the policies in place regarding use of force. However, every case will be looked at and body cam video will be reviewed to see if use of force was justified. Policy regarding force should be reviewed often to see if any changes need to be made.

7. Do you think it is necessary for rural law enforcement agencies to have military equipment from the Department of Defense available for their use? If so, why, and how would you ensure that it's used with discretion by your deputies, if at all?

The excess property program is a means of acquiring much-needed equipment from the federal government that they currently have sitting in storage, unused. The

list of equipment available is endless. It includes everything from trucks and boats to gloves and socks. I would be neglecting my duty of serving the people of Barry County if I didn't make every effort to use this program at an agency which is operating on a tight budget. If I can supplement the purchase of much-needed items by using the LESO program, you can bet I will. Usage of the equipment by deputies would depend on the type of item being used. Obviously, there must be policy in place for obtaining, using, and maintaining items acquired through the LESO program. Every item acquired in this program is subject to an annual inventory and must be kept in optimal working order. Vehicles, firearms, and similar items that are available would require additional policies and procedures before being considered.

8. With jail capacity often at or over its limit, what do you feel a workable solution would be?

Overflowing jails is a problem that facilities across the nation are facing. The U.S. incarcerates more people per capita than any other nation. It would appear that mass reform is needed within our criminal justice system. However, my position as sheriff would be to enforce the laws as set by our lawmakers. Offenders who are violent, commit crimes against people, using and manufacturing illegal narcotics need to be incarcerated. I would work with all agencies within our county to ensure that we are meeting the statutory requirements for all arrests and not filling the jail through unconstitutional arrests.

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Monday August 3, 2020 • 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Cassville, MO. (1501 Mystic St.) From Main St. next to the Dollar General Store, go west on 11th St. 3/10 mile, then go right on County Rd. 2/10 mile. Go left on West 14th St. 1/10 mile, then right on Array St. 1/10 mile, then left on Lake Road Dr. 2/10 mile, then right on Mystic St. (1501 Mystic)

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES – FURNITURE – TOOLS – TRAILER – AUTO – GUNS – GENERAL HOUSEHOLD
CRAFT ITEMS – POOL TABLE – MISC



Guns: Remington Game Master mdl 760, 30-06 pump w/scope – Springfield mdl 67, 410 pump – Remington The Field Master mdl 121 .22 cal pump short or long rifle – Stevens mdl 22-410 over & under – Winchester mdl 1300, 12 ga pump (like new) – Remington Wing Master 870 12 ga pump – Daisy BB Gun Special Edition, The Fire Fighter w/box – (2) Daisy Red Ryder BB Guns w/the box & BB's – Daisy mdl 188 BB or pellet air pistol. **Ammo:** 30-30, 30-06 & .22 cal – misc hunting items. **Tools:** UST 7500 watt generator (like new) - miter saw – old table saw – work mate table – misc long handle tools – old chain saws – sm battery charger – air hose – ext cords – seeder – Ryobi cordless tools – Husky Roll around tool chest – B & D hedge trimmer – portable air tank – router table – misc hand saws – misc sm hand tools – aluminum ext ladder – parts bin – Dremel – chain booms – misc old hand tools. **Trailer:** 5'x 10' tilt trailer. **Auto:** 2012 Hyundai Elantra, 4 door, 4 cyl, one owner, only 94xxx miles. **Pool Table:** Southern Legacy oak billiard table w/curved legs & leather pockets. (very nice) Pool cues & racks. **Antiques & Collectibles:** Ant cast iron kettle – lg #15 Red Wing crock – old mantle clocks – lg crock – Big Ben alarm clock – ant Marvel separator – old milk strainer – old George Ray & Sons yard stick – several old 10 gal milk cans – old nail keg – old wood ammo box – ant metal bed frame – old croquet set – old sleds – Coca cola crates & bottles – sm Vess bottles – misc collectible glass & dishes – old pitcher, hen on nest, several glass pitchers, USA cookie jar, crock bowls, Red Wing bowls, vases, & misc Red Wing, grape shaped bowl, oriental Red Wing statue, Carnival glass candy dish, Green Norman Rockwell mugs, bowl & pitcher, Mikasa dishes, Corelle dishes, stoneware, Corningware, cannister set, head vase, etc. – Bronze look sm cowboy statue & misc western décor, sm statues & figurines – old #8 crock – old Hawkins Dairy 9-55 wood crate – several oil lamps – old food grinders – Jadeite juicer – granite ware – Cobalt blue juicer & sm pitcher – sm old scales – meat cleaver – crock #3 water cooler – old copper boiler – (2) old churns – sm bowl & pitcher – old window – old doll – old glass juicers such as Sunkist, Cress Cross, Jadeite, clear, green, cobalt blue – Holiday & limited addition Barbies still in the box – shaving mugs – old tobacco tins – old cigar boxes – old Whiskey crocks – old hand held corn planter – old chicken waterers – old spurs – cast iron tea kettles – old glass insulator – sm Coca Cola tray – old covered wagon canvas bows – old wagon hubs – old brass spittoon – horse hames & collar mirror – old wood strawberry crate – old oil lamp holder w/reflector – sm steel trap – walking canes – sm old bee smoker – old crème can – old hand torch – old cotton scale – old metal Tonka fire truck – old water dippers – sm well bucket (Salesman sample?) – old Sunshine coffee jar – old butter churn – New Perfection No 31 made in USA stove – old well pulley – Rustic wood shelf – old Dynavox turn table – lg glass jar – old washboard – old mirror – old records – Regulator wall clock – misc jars – ant baby bed – misc deer antlers – tractor sprinkler. **Furniture & Antq Furniture:** Hand crafted cedar furniture such as King size bed frame & matching dresser, chest of drawers & 2 night stands, cedar TV stand, cedar end tables, cedar shelves/cabinets, cedar lamp – sm roll top desk – elect leather recliner – Western décor floor lamp – 12 gun glass door cabinet w/storage drawers – old treadle stand table – sm entertainment center – old vintage western arm chair – bakers rack – (4) old cane bottom chairs – wood rocking chair – office chairs – full size bed w/western head board (nice) – old Singer treadle style base made into table – old trunk (nice) – metal kitchen cabinet w/glass upper doors – old wood bench – (2) bar stools – dining table & 6 chairs – old double seat school desk – old buckeye tractor seat stool – old wash stand – metal cabinet – wood TV trays – cedar chest – sm book shelf – old chest of drawers – mag rack – table lamps – old oak chair – office desk – sewing desk – misc wall hangings – glider w/ottoman – bathroom cabinet – old Ball & Claw sq top table – 2 drawer metal file cabinet – old claw ft oak dining table & 4 chairs – curio cabinet – Sony flat screen TV – Apex TV – Polaroid flat screen TV – Vizio flat screen TV. **Appliances:** GE compact refrigerator – GE microwave – sm kitchen appliances. **Craft Items:** Quilting frame – lots of material & misc craft items. **General Household & Misc:** Ford Sport Trac tail gate extender – golf cart winter cover – golf bags – used golf balls – BBQ grills – golf clubs – fish cooker – portable radio – some chicken wire – some woven wire – men & women's bicycles – concrete bird bath – Stanley Thermos – Handicap toilet seat – partial roll of copper – elec heaters – Pet taxi – puzzles – VHS tapes – misc vac's – HP Computer tower & keyboard – desk lamp – misc linens – kitchen items, plates, glasses, baking pans, etc – double SS sink – misc seasonal décor – Eden Pure heater – pressure cooker – coffee URN – 3 burner crock pot – metal shelving – misc rod & reels – VHS/DVD player – misc western décor, many more items not listed. Note: Reason for sale, sellers are moving to be closer to Dr's. Everything in this auction is neat, clean & good quality. Something here for everyone so bring a friend & come join us on Monday, Aug. 3rd. We will start promptly at 10 AM. Catering & restroom on site. **Terms:** Cash or good check with 2 forms of current ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. All sells as is where is with no warranty expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. **No debit or credit cards.**

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AUGUST 24, 2020

The citywide clean-up is week of August 24th on normal scheduled service day and is only for Residents inside the City of Cassville. This program is being offered with the intent of providing opportunity to clean out their garage, basement or closets, and get rid of old worn out and broke items. CURBSIDE PICK-UP

- Citizens must have their acceptable items at the curb (where the trash cart normally sits) no later than 7:00 a.m. the morning of your normal schedule service day for pick-up.
- Any non-acceptable items will be left at the curb for disposal by the resident.
- Crews cannot access personal property to assist in moving items to the curb.
- Clean-up will not take place

at businesses, apartment buildings or at vacant homes.

- NO CONSTRUCTION/LARGE REMODEL PROJECT

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Tires/ Wheels
- NO Construction /Large Remodel-
- Brush/Limbs/Yard Waste
- Items over 6' ft. Length
- Rocks, bricks, concrete
- Bulk Liquids
- Propane Tanks
- Fluorescent/CFL/HID Bulbs
- Batteries
- Hot Tubs /Large Pools
- NO Large lumber or landscaping ties.
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Breakfast and Lunch available • Reason for sale: moving out of state

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COVID-19 can mimic
Lyme Disease

Local health experts are sounding the alarm about a disease with similar symptoms to Covid-19 – Lyme Disease - a tick(ing) time bomb that poses a serious threat to families here and nationwide. Health pros are especially concerned about Lyme Disease because a new survey finds more than 40% of Americans are eager to enjoy the great outdoors because of cabin fever from lockdowns. Plus, Lyme disease weakens the immune system, making you highly vulnerable to COVID-19 – especially if you don’t catch it right away.

What is Lyme Disease?

Lyme disease is an infection you can get from a tick bite and the CDC, says cases spike in July and August. Just like coronavirus, Lyme is an illness that can lead to body aches, fever and fatigue.

That’s why the local experts at ANY LAB TEST NOW are issuing a health alert about the similarities between COVID and LYME so local families are not caught off guard. The company is of-

Lyme
Disease
Fast Facts

- Approximately 300,000 people contract Lyme disease each year in the United States, but only one in ten cases are reported to the CDC.
 - Lyme disease is caused by the bite of an infected black-legged tick, sometimes called the deer tick.
 - How to Avoid Ticks**
 - Cover your skin while outdoors. Wear shoes, long pants tucked into your socks, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat, and gloves.
 - Treat clothing and shoes with products designed to repel ticks. Look for products containing permethrin.
 - Do a tick check before heading indoors. Check your pets and any gear, too. Ticks can hitch a ride into the home on clothing, gear like backpacks, and pets, then attach to a person later. Deer ticks are often no bigger than the head of a pin, so you may not discover them unless you search carefully.
 - Wash clothes in hot water and dry clothes in a dryer on high heat. You can also kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors by putting them in the dryer on high for ten minutes.
 - Shower within two hours of coming indoors to reduce your risk of getting Lyme disease.
- There are three stages to Lyme disease. If caught early, it can be cured.
- Treatment involves two to four weeks of antibiotics.

fering a specialized blood draw called the Lyme disease test performed by certified lab technicians to measure the bacteria that causes the LYME infection.

Test results are usually available within 24–48 hours. The sooner you get tested, the sooner you can start treatment if you test positive.

Got the tick? Put it in a plastic bag, bring it in and they’ll test that too to determine if the tick is carrying Lyme or another tick-borne illness.

Clock is Ticking for Testing

If you mistake Lyme disease for COVID-19, you could unknowingly delay necessary medical treatment, and that can lead to severe lifelong problems, including vertigo, brain fog, insomnia severe fatigue, heart issues and painful arthritis.

Major Differences in COVID and LYME

- COVID -19 patients have breathing issues, like shortness of breath and often lose their sense of taste and smell – symptoms Lyme patients usually never experience.
- Lyme disease patients usually have a rash shaped like a bullseye or target – a symptom you don’t have with COVID-19. Although as many as 30% of LYME patients never have that bullseye rash, and that makes it difficult to diagnose.

Respect the Load.
Share the Road.

Beginning August 3, a statewide awareness campaign will remind Missouri motorists to drive safely around big trucks and buses. In turn, commercial motor vehicle drivers will be reminded to obey traffic laws, use their seat belts, slow down and pay attention.

Commercial motor vehicles make up 20% of Missouri’s interstate traffic, carry goods from coast to coast, and are essential workers to our nation’s economy. When crashes involving large trucks and buses happen the disproportionate size of the large truck versus a car means those crashes can often involve serious injuries, or worse. Research shows that, in the majority of these crashes, drivers of passenger cars unnecessarily endanger themselves by not paying attention and driving recklessly around large trucks and buses. That’s why it’s so important for all motorists to drive safely around these larger vehicles. Respect the load. Share the road.

There’s no room for taking chances around big trucks and buses – they require big room. “We can all do our part by driving safely around big trucks,” said Jon Nelson, MoDOT assistant to the state highway and traffic engineer. “Be patient, give them room to operate and please put your phone down.”

Don’t cut off large trucks or buses. Make sure you can

see the truck’s cab lights in your rearview mirror before moving back into your original lane.

Stay out of the “No Zone.” Large trucks and buses have large blind spots on either side and up to 200 feet behind a vehicle. Pass only on the left side.

Large trucks and buses take longer to stop.

Watch your following distance. Keep a safety cushion around large trucks and buses. Can you see the truck’s side mirrors? If not, the driver cannot see you.

Sharing the road with commercial motor vehicles is a necessary part of travel. For more information on the Commercial Motor Vehicle Awareness Campaign, visit www.saveMOLives.com.

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Stephen Gari, of Republic, has claimed one of five \$77,777 prizes offered in the Missouri Lottery’s “Triple Red 7s” Scratchers game. He purchased the winning ticket at Casey’s General Store, 33 S. Main St., in Cassville.

“Triple Red 7s” is a \$10 Scratchers game with more than \$15.5 million in remaining prizes, including a top prize of \$777,777 and two other \$77,777 prizes, after Gari’s win.

In FY19, Missouri Lottery players in Barry County (where the ticket was purchased) won more than \$5.9 million in prizes. Retailers in the county received more than \$600,000 in commissions and bonuses, and an additional \$2.8 million went

to educational programs in the county. For a detailed list of programs that benefitted, visit MOLottery.com.

About the Missouri Lottery (MOLottery.com)

When you play the Missouri Lottery, you Play It Forward! Lottery proceeds make up approximately 4% of the state’s funding for public education. In FY20, the Lottery generated \$333 million for vital education programs, including A+ scholarships.

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Meet the Candidates, Round Two: Southern Commissioners



Wayne Hendrix (D)

5. What do you think is the biggest concern Barry County faces, and how would you fix it?

Drugs continue to be a problem in Barry County and a majority of arrests are drug related offenses. While serving as Southern Commissioner, I along with the other commissioners implemented the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), in an effort to combat the opioid crisis. The commission is actively working with law enforcement to improve this situation. If re-elected, I will continue to work with the county commission along with local law enforcement to do everything possible to improve this issue.

6. What is your opinion of the present budget and what changes, if any, would you make if (re)elected?

Every January the commission approves a balanced budget. Each office holder submits his or her proposed budget to the commission. We meet with each office

holder and go through his or her proposal. If we feel something needs cut, we discuss it at that time. Each office holder is directly involved in their budget. I believe the Barry County Commission has spent taxpayer's money wisely and conservatively, building a reserve, while maintaining bridges and buildings and taking care of employees. I believe our current budgeting process has served us well.

7. If (re)elected, how will you be sure you're hearing the concerns of all demographics of Barry County citizens?

I believe it is important to be accessible to residents who have concerns or questions. I am always available either by phone or in person. I welcome face-to-face conversations and phone calls, because they lend themselves to better understanding and communication. A listening ear and open communication are important parts of being a public servant.

8. What changes, if any, would you make to the office?

None

9. What is your plan for your first 90 days in office, if (re)elected?

My plan is to continue to serve the tax payers of Barry County in a fair, honest and conservative manner.



Wade Hermansen (R)

5. What do you think is the biggest concern Barry County faces, and how would you fix it?

Barry County leaders need to increase focus on the responsibility of the county's economic improvement. The traditional responsibilities of budgets, roads and bridges will have to be expanded to include economic improvement. I will begin the work of establishing partnerships, relationships and developing strategies that allow the county commission to find resources from Jeff City and elsewhere that could benefit Barry County communities, organizations and businesses.

6. What is your opinion of the present budget and what changes, if any, would you make if (re)elected?

I am concerned over the Sheriff's Department's ability to adequately staff and retain a dedicated work force, that meets the county's law enforcement needs, due to budget limitations. Every successful business, organization or department is built on the dedication and talent of its people and its ability to meet their needs. Efforts toward county economic improvement could be a long-term solution to the Sheriff's

budget. But I feel increased funding considerations may have to be made in the short term to address the county's law enforcement needs.

7. If (re)elected, how will you be sure you're hearing the concerns of all demographics of Barry County citizens?

My family, church family and business community engagement supply a good communication base to hear and understand concerns. There are locations in the southern district where I will engage to improve communication channels. As commissioner I plan to continue my participation in the community and surrounding area. I feel those informal conversations and meetings keep me in tune to the issues my southern district faces.

8. What changes, if any, would you make to the office?

Increased focus of participation in developing the county's economic future. Making sure the necessary work needed gets done to set those foundations for our economic future.

9. What is your plan for your first 90 days in office, if (re)elected?

The first 90 days will be to learn as much as possible about the traditional responsibilities of a commissioner. To experience and understand the components and workings of the county budget process. Listen to how the budget decisions affect the different county offices and services. Meet and visit with the southern road district commissioners to understand road maintenance needs and issues. Learn as much as possible.



Gene Robbins (R)

5. What do you think is the biggest concern Barry County faces, and how would you fix it?

I think our county will be facing several concerns/problems in the near future. I was in a meeting one time and I heard someone describe Barry County as "An Island with a large mote around it." We have been very blessed with such a wonderful way of life. Unfortunately, some of the problems and situations we are seeing on the national level are starting to drift across the mote. We need to be prepared!

- We need to get more businesses to come to Barry County.
- We need more supplemental training for our law enforcement for the challenges they are facing.
- We need to make our roads/bridges as safe as we possibly can without breaking the bank.
- We need to stand together Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike to keep this nonsense we are seeing on tv out of our communities.

6. What is your opinion of the present budget and what changes, if any, would you make if (re)elected?

That is a good question but a tough one to answer, since I'm not one of the commissioners yet and I don't know the reason or the cir-

cumstances as why they delegated the money/budget the way they have, but I'm sure they did what they felt was best. I will say this if elected I will make sure the money is distributed fairly.

7. If (re)elected, how will you be sure you're hearing the concerns of all demographics of Barry County citizens?

In the auction business I am in the rural communities dealing with horses/cattle, farmers/ranchers on a regular basis as well as the businesspeople in town. I hear their concerns and will continue to listen. I will do my best to address each individual matter and to serve the citizens of Barry County from all backgrounds and demographics to the best of my ability.

8. What changes, if any, would you make to the office?

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Some of our smaller communities and road districts have voiced their concerns to me that they feel like at times the county overlooks their needs. This is something that needs to be addressed.

9. What is your plan for your first 90 days in office, if (re)elected?

I would like to shadow some of our county road workers as well as our deputies. Not to judge their job performance or to tell them how to do their job, but to become more educated of the challenges they face daily. Then when we meet with the Sheriff and Road Commissioners, I will be able to supply them with the funding for the tools and equipment they need to keep themselves safe and to protect the citizens of Barry County.

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Meet the Candidates, Round Two: Northern Commissioners



Gary Schad (R)

5. What do you think is the biggest concern Barry County faces, and how would you fix it?
Drugs. Specifically, opioids and meth. Public safety (the Sheriff and the Prosecutor) take up over half of the county budget due to crimes related to drug abuse. The commission continues to fund public safety to the best of our abilities, but with more and more cases it's hard to stay ahead. We also belong to the St Louis Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). This has been a great way to stop prescription drug abuse. The commission also supports our local drug court rehabilitation program. We will continue to lobby our state and federal legislators to pass legislation that will untie

our sheriffs and prosecutors' hands and hopefully give us some teeth in this fight.
6. What is your opinion of the present budget and what changes, if any, would you make if (re)elected?
Yes, I believe we present a fair and balanced budget. Is there room for improvement? Sure. We are not perfect. For the most part the Commission does a good job for our situation and circumstances. As you know, we live and die by the amount of revenue generated by the county sales tax. So, we budget very conservatively. Any economic downturn or pandemic can affect the county drastically. We are so blessed to have a group of office holders who understand this. They might not get everything they want, but we make sure they have everything they need to run their office.
7. If (re)elected, how will you be sure you're hearing the concerns of all demographics of Barry County citizens?
For those that may not know, the commission is available 24/7. Our personal phone numbers are posted on the office door and on the office answering machine. We hold regular office hours and have

an open-door policy, meaning we do not require you to be on the agenda to visit with us. We also attend various monthly and quarterly board meetings. We are highly accessible and in view of the public. This won't change no matter who is elected.
8. What changes, if any, would you make to the office?
Very few to none. We run a very conservative and efficient office. We have great working relationships with the other office holders. If it's not broke don't fix it.
9. What is your plan for your first 90 days in office, if (re)elected?
In the first three weeks we set the county budget for the year. These are pretty intense days. I will do my best to assemble a fair and resourceful budget. After that it's business as usual: tackling problems as they arise, paying bills, working on an array of projects, and serving the citizens of a county I love. There is nothing flashy about the county commission. We are here to ensure the citizens of Barry County have access to the services needed to live a quality life.



Kyle Forgey (R)

5. What do you think is the biggest concern Barry County faces, and how would you fix it?
The safety and security of Barry County residents is of utmost importance. Also, I feel the widespread drug use is the biggest problem facing the county. If elected, I look forward to listening to the taxpayers and working with law enforcement on what is best for the county.
6. What is your opinion



of the present budget and what changes, if any, would you make if (re)elected?
Most importantly, I would like to sit down with the county department heads to learn how they utilize their budgets before I start talking about the things I want to change. If elected, I will work hard to take care of the taxpayer's money in a very prudent manner.
7. If (re)elected, how will you be sure you're hearing the concerns of all demographics of Barry County citizens?
If elected, I will make myself accessible to all demographics of Barry County. I'd like to see communication between the people, towns, and communities within the northern district to set clear goals for the county. As a county commissioner you are elected to serve the people and protect the taxpayer's money.
8. What changes, if any,

would you make to the office?
Barry County is a great place to live, and I believe I can help guide our county as we continue to grow. Our son was born in April and with the stay at home orders due to Covid-19, at this point I'm not willing to recommend changes. I plan to attend regular commission meetings, special meetings, communicate with other county officials, and hear from the citizens.
9. What is your plan for your first 90 days in office, if (re)elected?
The first 90 days will be a review of the budget and educate myself on each aspect of the budget.



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Letter to the Editor

Barry and Lawrence Counties are collectively home to just under 80,000 people. Within our community, we have a diverse rural population, with many unmet needs. Often, in order to meet those needs, an hour-long trip to Springfield, Joplin (or farther) is required.

A group of not-for-profits, businesses and churches have started working together to identify some of these gaps in services.

Our hope for the future is to expand existing services on a local level, plus provide some services locally which are now only available in larger urban areas.

Here are some of the more urgent needs in our area:

- Youth activities and mentorship.
- Education and job advancement programs.
- Advocacy.
- Affordable childcare.

Frederick Douglas said “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

We want to start locally from birth and work our way up in our community to build strong kids so they will turn out to be strong community members.

One issue we have is the lack of adequate and affordable childcare. We have 100 churches and over 80 of them sit relatively empty during the week. These churches incur overhead whether their doors are open or not. Perhaps an affordable, safe, convenient childcare solution can be established within our community by conversations with church leaders and preschool/daycare teachers.

Another deficit in our area is the lack of a formal mentorship program for children under 18, such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Most schools don't have Lunches with Buddies or after-school homework help either, mentoring programs which this area used to support.

There is a Grandparent's as Mentors program, but we only have about 20 adults enrolled. The 2 local YMCAs have a host of programs, but they tend to attract the age 13 and under crowd.

Our 2 counties have about 100 churches but after an informal survey, we only found that about 25 of those churches have an active and attended youth program,

specific to that church.

Our area is ripe with an organic volunteer base but there is no coordination between organizations that rely on volunteers.

If we coordinate kids with experienced adults, a mentorship program will easily be created.”

It has been found that, nationwide, the delinquency percentages goes down when there are programs to keep kids under the age of 18 positively engaged. Missouri's data on juveniles is not up-to-date, but according to statistics found on dds.mo.gov's last reporting, the majority of all the juvenile law violation referrals in 2008, 54 percent were 15 and 16-year-old youths. This age group was most likely to be referred for stealing, assault, property damage, or dangerous drugs. This same pattern was seen among most of the age group 13 - 18.

“In my law enforcement experience in Barry County, I feel there are as many crimes against youth as there are youth committing crimes,” Danny Boyd, Barry County candidate for Sheriff, said. “I

believe to help alleviate this, a mentorship for youth with law enforcement officers and others would be beneficial. I also think that making them accountable for their actions by community service and then mentoring other teens will better prepare them for adulthood,” Boyd finished.

Currently there is not a mandated community service or restitution for the youth offenders, a deterrent statistically proven to help keep juvenile crimes down.

So, why haven't we seen continued positive change in our community if all the resources and solutions are already available to us locally?

Simply put, we need to have a community conversation. If we know what each not-for-profit, community group and church is offering, then we won't need to duplicate services or efforts unless absolutely necessary. The cost saved by not repeating overhead with each non-profit, and offering expanded services instead of duplicated services is substantial. For this reason we are establishing a local “hub” for all not-

for-profits and community groups to be located together. This cuts down on overhead for these groups and, logistically, the clients will benefit from having fewer places to go for services. Those with children, a disabled family member or lack of reliable transportation will benefit from this one-stop-shop idea the most.

The mission of revitalizing and transforming a community begins with the individual, along with the foundational truth, “what a man thinks, he becomes.”

If the way a person thinks can be changed, the person can permanently be changed. This can be a lasting, positive, generational change for our area.

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I believe all of the resources we need are already within our reach.

And with that thought, we formed a new group: a kind of one stop shop for HELP, for both existing not-for-profits, groups and community members: Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities & Community Services. (SWMO CCCS). We are a diverse group of people, with

like-minded ideas of what we want to see for our community, and our children's and grandchildren's communities. We want a lasting, positive change.

Communities are transformed when people invest in others and help them look beyond what they currently see.

Only recently in the United States have we looked to the government to take care of us. For most of this country's history, especially locally, the community took care of itself. Churches, groups and individuals all lent a hand to take care of their own.

With so many government jobs being terminated and grants and funds being unavailable due to big Covid-19 payouts, we feel that we must go back to the pattern of community taking care of its residents.

Please join us for our virtual Community Conversation on Thursday, July 30th, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. We'd love to hear your ideas. To join, go to: <https://zoom.us/join>. Click “join meeting.” The Zoom ID # is 4176691256.

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