

First day of school brings excitement, apprehension



Parents Billy and Stephanie Keener, little sister Izzabel, 3, and baby brother Billy, six months, walk big sister, Abbagail Keener, 7, to her first day of Second Grade at Purdy Elementary School. Photo by Sheila Harris.



Above, Purdy Fifth Grader Chloe Prock (left) strikes a fun first day pose with her cousin, Lorraine Phillips, a Purdy Kindergartener. At far right, Second Grader, Jaylee Campbell, arrives for the first day with a bouquet of flowers for her teacher.



Traffic proceeded in a more orderly fashion than it appeared as parents waited to drop their children off for the first day of class at Purdy Schools Tuesday morning. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Sheila Harris

First day of classes began at most Barry County schools Tuesday, an experience students looked forward to and teachers looked forward to, and some area parents were a bit anxious about.

Sherry Lotufo, of Exeter, whose son Nate Tucker is a senior at Exeter High School this year, admitted to some qualms in light of the status of COVID-19 in the county, but also realizes that life must go on, and kids need the benefits associated with school.

According to Purdy Public Relations Coordinator and District Registrar, Susan Funkhouser, the first day at Purdy Schools was fantastic.

“The staff was all a little nervous going into this,” she said, “in part because of all of the changes required, but the excitement of just having kids back in the building overcame any jitters or concerns.”

Funkhouser credits part of the smooth transition with the re-opening of school to Purdy Superintendent, Mindi Gates, who is beginning her second school year in the position.

“We are so incredibly thankful to have Mindi at the helm as we navigate these new waters,” Funkhouser said. “Since she spent years as a classroom teacher herself, she’s aware of the challenges our teachers will be facing with some of the changes required.”

“We also really appreciate the cooperation of all of the students’ families,” Funkhouser added. “Without them backing us, it would make things more complicated.”

Dr. Richard Asbill, Superintendent of Cassville R-IV Schools, said Cassville’s first day back in classes was great.

“It was outstanding to see students and staff back at school and ready to engage in learning,” he said. “Things went very well and we greatly appreciate all of our parents for being so supportive and helpful. The students were great and our staff was excited to kick off a great school year.

“We are focused on one

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Pre-K aide, Christel Roller, greets Laci Naugle and her son, Ridge Naugle, on Ridge’s first day of class in the new Early Childhood Development Center at Cassville R-IV Schools. Photo by Caden Swearingen.



Parents and students line up for first day of classes at Eunice Thomas Elementary in Cassville. Photo by Caden Swearingen.

Roller named director of Scott Tech

Mary Hagens

Eric Roller, the new director at the Scott Regional Technical Center, believes “Not every young person is meant to go to a four-year college/university, but every student deserves an opportunity to learn, grow, and earn. Every parent deserves to see their child presented with an education and opportunity to be successful. It is our responsibility and duty to ensure that we at SRTC provide that for our students and communities.”

Scott Regional Technical Center (SRTC), one of the Monett R-I School District facilities, is a career and technical educational school hosting 14 area school districts. SRTC instructors prepare students for “real

world” experiences through 16 hands-on career and technical education programs. Scott Tech also serves local citizens by offering a series of Community Education courses in the spring and fall.

For as long as he can remember, Roller says Career and Technical Education has been “a way of life” for him. He grew up on a farm and still operates one. After graduation from Wheaton High School, Roller received his Agricultural Education degree from the University of Arkansas and earned his M.Ed. and Specialist degrees from William Woods University. Like his father, he became an agriculture teacher and taught high school agriculture for 13 years at Clever, Wheaton, and Mc-



Former Southwest High School principal, Eric Roller, takes on directorship of Scott Regional Technology Center in Monett.

Donald County schools. He also served as the principal at Southwest High School

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Barry County announces extension of Phase 2 mitigation rules

Sheila Harris

Due to the continued increases in the number of cases of COVID-19 in Barry County and southwest Missouri, Barry County officials are extending the Phase 2 mitigation rules through September 30, 2020.

Barry County Phase 2 Mitigation rules include required source-control masking of service providers, recommended physical distancing, cloth face-coverings, and enhanced hygiene practices.

“We are not changing any current rules, we are simply extending those rules for one month,” Barry County Health Department administrator, Roger Brock, said. “Continued compliance is

necessary to ensure we manage additional increases in our infection and transmission rates.”

According to the health department, 4.8 percent of COVID-19 tests are positive in southwest Missouri, making it the second highest in the state in its transmission rate. That rate currently stands at 1.041, which means that, for every positive case, 1.041 people are exposed.

According to David Compton, director of the Barry County Office of Emergency Management, that number continues to rise.

“We want to see that transmission rate at 1 percent or below,” Compton said.

“Our goal is to curb any ad-

ditional transmission sources as fall activities increase,” stated Roger Brock, Administrator of the Barry County Health Department.

Compton encourages every individual to wear reusable and launderable cloth masks when in public places, practice physical distancing of at least six feet, and practice frequent hand washing.

“It’s everyone’s responsibility to help reduce the spread of COVID in our communities,” Compton said, “not just the responsibility of our service providers.”

As of Tuesday, the Barry County Health Department reported a total of 336 positive cases of COVID-19, a number which includes one

presumptive case and three antibody-positive cases.

Of the positive cases, 284 have recovered, 48 are in isolation, four are hospitalized and four have died. One hundred, eighty-seven people who have been in close contact with patients who have tested positive are quarantined at home.

The majority of cases (92) are reported in the “Under 25” age group; 88 cases are in the “25 - 40” age range; 81 cases are in the “41 - 60” bracket; and 75 cases are in the “61+” age group.

Local employers and congregate care facilities report the following number of cases:

- Georges Processing – 27

cases

- Bentonview Park Health and Rehabilitation – 30 cases
- Lai Lai Asian Buffet and Dining – 3 cases
- PlayPower – 2 cases (1 Barry County Resident)
- EFCO – 11 cases
- Wal-Mart (Monett) – 1 case
- Lowe’s – 1 case
- Lacoba Homes – 41 cases
- Tyson’s – 8 cases
- Cricket – 1 case
- God’s Little Kingdom – 4 cases
- International Dehydrated Foods – 6 cases
- Regal Beloit – 1 case
- Acambaro – 1 case
- Steak Inn – 2 cases
- Roark Family Health and Medical Spa – 1 case

Counties adjacent to Barry

County report the following number of cases:

- Lawrence – 319
- Stone – 247
- Mc Donald – 980
- Newton – 1,028
- Benton, AR – 5,097
- Carroll, AR – 436

Missouri reports 75,604 confirmed cases and 1,426 deaths. Of the deaths, 1,084 have occurred in patients 70 years of age and older.

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.

See ROLLER from FRONT

for four years. When David Miller, the previous SRTC director, announced his retirement, Roller decided to apply for the position.

Roller has a strong desire to see students succeed in life and wants to support SRTC instructors in their efforts to reach students. His background in CTE and his knowledge of the area schools, their communities, and their students, have made his new job a “natural fit.”

“I believe that SRTC is one of the finest career and technical centers in the state of Missouri,” Roller said. “It is a tremendous honor to serve in this position...Our staff

at SRTC is exceptional, and our students are an incredibly special group of young people.”

Roller’s goals for the new school year are not complicated. He plans to continue the established quality programs taught by instructors who foster strong relationships with their students.

“This year is an opportunity to learn and grow with my staff,” he said. “By being new to this position, I have a tremendous amount to learn... We want to see our programs continue to grow. I want to support our staff to make students successful, not only today, but 30 years from now.”

The biggest challenge faced by Roller and the staff is figuring out how to operate Scott Regional Technology Center during a pandemic with students from 14 different communities.

“Quite honestly, with the programs that we have, it is basically impossible to do a virtual only option and ethically state that students are prepared for post-secondary instruction or a career. Hands-on, learning-by-doing

methods are the life blood of our center,” Roller said.

The school staff will provide the safest possible environment for their students by frequently cleaning and disinfecting the facility, requiring masks when physical distancing is not possible, and staggering arrival times. Students will have assigned seats and designated lab partners.

“We may be operating during a pandemic, but we still have the highest of expectations of our staff and our students,” Roller added. “We will still continue to teach the right things, the right way. We want to continue preparing students for the careers that you rely on every day. I want the readers to know that we represent 14 schools and 14 communities, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

“Please take a look at our website at www.monett-schools.org/o/srtc, or stop by when things normalize somewhat. We would love to show our communities what we have to offer their kids,” Roller said.

day at a time,” he added.

Southwest High School began classes Thursday, August 13, a bit ahead of other Barry County Schools. Superintendent, Dr.(?) Tosha Tilford, is extremely pleased with how school in Southwest has started.

“Other than a few minor tweaks, our re-entry plan has gone just as it was published,” she said.

David Compton, director of Barry County’s Office of Emergency Management, believes the benefits of sending children back to school far outweighs the risk of doing so, in light of COVID-19.

“Yes, it’s likely COVID-19 will become a factor, simply because kids are social creatures,” he said. “But my office and the Barry County Health Department are working closely with school superintendents for mitigation

plans. We are asking principals and classroom teachers to make lists of the names of students in various clubs and team sports - and even make lists of names in classroom seating arrangements - so if we need to quarantine students due to a positive case of COVID-19, we’ll know who has had the closest contact

with that student.

“Although children are susceptible to contracting COVID-19,” he added, “based on statistics, they are not vulnerable to having a negative reaction to it.”

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Cassville High School will be purging the cumulative school records for the graduating class of 2015. If you would like to have your records, you must pick them up in person at the high school between 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. in August. If you are unable to pick them up in person and would like someone to do it for you, we must have a signed request from you before we can relaease them.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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 25th

Southwest Band Boosters will meet at 6:30 P.M. outside the band room. New officers will be elected and upcoming events will be discussed.

Aug 29th

62nd Annual Wheaton BBQ will offer free rides for the kids, FFA petting zoo, Wheaton Street Machines car event, grandstand entertainment, arts and crafts for sale, and food.

Sept. 12th

Edwards Family Reunion will begin at noon at the Butterfield Community Center.

Sept. 13th

Cole-Still Reunion will be at the Brattin Park in Thomas Hollow at 12:30 P.M. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish and lawn chairs. Tableware and drinks will be furnished.

Cancellation

Apple Butter Makin’ Days 2020 is officially canceled this year. The event has been held for more than 50 years, every fall, on the square in Mt. Vernon. Mt. Vernon Area Chamber of Commerce sites the decision was made for the protection of schools, nursing homes and general public health. The committee will now start planning for the festival’s return in 2021.

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Purdy School Board met August 17

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The Purdy School Board met Monday, August 17.

Special guest, Marine Corps Sergeant Terry Billingsley, presented a plea to the Board requesting they not enforce a student mask ordinance.

Superintendent Mindi Gates announced that the new gym floor is complete, with the girls' volleyball team scheduled to be the first to use it.

She also added that this year's audit was completed in July. It took only one and a half days, a much shorter window of time than in years past.

According to Susan Funkhouser, enrollment for the 2020 - 2021 school year was still in progress as of August 17.

Tax rates for the Purdy R-II School District for the 2021 school year were set as follows:

- Fund 1, General Fund: 2.7642
- Fund 2, Special Revenue Fund: 0.0000
- Fund 3, Debt Service Fund: 0.7719
- Fund 4, Capital Projects Fund: 0.0000

Total: 3.5361 percent

A motion was made by board member, Ken Terry, and seconded by board member, Reuben Henderson, to set the Operating Levy at \$2.7642, per Amendment 2 of Missouri State Statutes.

A substitute teacher list was approved for the upcoming year; an increase in meal prices was approved in order for the school to be in compliance with DESE requirements; and DESE's model compliance plan for Special Education was adopted as presented.

The first day of classes for the 2020 - 2021 school year was August 25.

Cassville School Board met August 20

Mary Hagens

The Cassville Board of Education held its annual Tax Rate Hearing and regular school board meeting on August 20, 2020. Highlights of the meeting included amending the agenda to accommodate an additional closed session, announcing the move into the new Early Childhood building, adding virtual options to the school year, and making a change to the Return to Learn plan.

The Tax Rate Hearing is part of a yearly process to approve the tax levies for the new fiscal year. Dr. Asbill reported the assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2021 as \$191,562,816 and recommended tax levies of \$2.9906 for operating; \$0.00 for teachers; \$0.4747 for debt service (unchanged); and \$0.00 for capital projects, a total of \$3.4653.

Students will find changes in procedures and facilities when they return to classes. The Early Childhood wing is now open. Water fountains have been replaced with water bottle filling stations. Students will have assigned seats on the bus, in the classroom, and in the cafeteria. Lunch times will be staggered.

Teachers have made preparations for both online and seated instruction. The staff is taking additional steps in sanitizing the buildings and equipment, and all employees will be required to use face coverings.

District transportation services, grants, and Summer School reports were provided to the Board. In other business, the minutes and the administrative, financial, and vendor reports were approved. Director of Learning Traci Mitchell reported that 69 students requested online instruction. Director of Learning Eric White said Emmy's Lemonade Stand donated \$150 to the Bright Futures Program, and the school was approved for a grant from the Department of Agriculture's No Kid Hungry program. The Board accepted the resignations of Brandon Burns, high school Communication Arts instructor, and Debra Roberts, food service. At this point, the Board went into Closed Executive Session to review personnel matters.

After the closed session, the Board voted to employ Patrick Ritchie as a custodian and Jamie Lee and Jenalyn

Ray in food service. They approved a new substitute list and adjustments to the rate of pay for substitutes--\$100 per day for regular substitutes and \$110 per day for retirees. Substitutes must be over the age of 21, and they must complete a 20-hour course and pass a test.

The Board approved transportation routes, amendments to the budget, the annual Secretary of the Board report, and the 2020-2021 tax levy rates. Additionally, they approved easements requested by the City of Cassville for sewer line improvements and voted to establish a scholarship fund with the Cassville Community Foundation--the Cassville Community of the Ozarks Fund--made possible by the J.D. Riddle Trust.

District trustees approved a change in the re-entry plan, requiring all employees to wear face coverings in response to the increased number of COVID-19 cases in Barry County. After receiving updates on board policy revisions and the Vision 150 Projects, the Board went back into closed session and adjourned the public meeting.

Area traffic accidents cause injuries

Sheila Harris

Tuesday L. Rickson, 33, of Washburn, escaped with minor injuries after her north-bound 2001 Chevrolet Suburban struck a cow in the roadway three miles north of Exeter on Highway CC, at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, August 20.

Rickson was wearing a safety device. She was transported by ambulance to Mercy Cassville.

Her vehicle was totaled and was towed from the scene by Brice's Towing of Cassville.

The accident was investigated by Corporal J. E. Givens, of the Missouri Highway

Patrol.

At 10:33 p.m., Friday, August 21, Dominick G. Clevenger, 19, of Aurora, suffered serious injury after the 2016 Polaris Razor he was driving overturned on Farm Road 1165, eight miles east of Purdy.

It is unknown whether he was wearing a safety device.

Clevenger was transported by a private party to Mercy Hospital in Aurora.

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Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats will open the 2020 football season on the road at Mt. Vernon on Friday night. Despite all the craziness of the past five months, and the jarring changes at the college and professional levels, Missouri high school football is back. So are the Wildcats. With the Republic jambo-ree in the rear view mirror, Lance Parnell and his staff have the Wildcats positioned to make another deep playoff run. After reaching the state championship game in 2019, this Cassville team is ready to build off the success of last year.

Expectations are high

for the Wildcats. Preseason state rankings have Cassville ranked as high as second in Class 3. Monett, Seneca, and Mt. Vernon are also listed in the Top 10. After starting the season at Mt. Vernon, Cassville will face Monett and Seneca back-to-back in weeks 6 and 7. A lot of questions will be answered in a tough opener at Mt. Vernon. The Wildcats will be starting a new quarterback again this season. A number of holes created by graduation create opportunities for other players. At Cassville, the tradition is to reload, not rebuild.

Because of seating restrictions at Mt. Vernon,

the Wildcat Nation's presence will be limited by the ticket allocation of the host school. Make sure you have your ticket before you go. No ticket, no admission. Kickoff is set for 7 PM. Are you ready for some football? Cassville Wildcats 2020-2021 football schedule

- 8/28 at Mt. Vernon, 7 p.m.
- 9/4, Marshfield, 7 p.m.
- 9/11 at Nevada, 7 p.m.
- 9/18 at Logan-Rogersville, 7 p.m.
- 9/25, Lamar, 7 p.m.
- 10/2, at Monett, 7 p.m.
- 10/9, Seneca, 7 p.m.
- 10/16, at East Newton, 7 p.m.
- 10/23, McDonald County, 7 p.m.

Plan A Safe Labor Day Weekend, says Highway Patrol

EMPHASIS: Your Missouri State Highway Patrol Wants You To Plan A Safe Labor Day Weekend. Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, encourages everyone to plan for a safe 2020 Labor Day weekend. Whether you are on the water or on the road, it's everyone's responsibility to travel safely and observe all Missouri laws. It is also important to observe social distancing and other CDC guidelines related to the coronavirus, and stay home if you are ill. As you plan your Labor Day weekend, incorporate safety into every facet-choosing your route, making sure your equipment is in good working condition, being aware of and following Missouri's traffic and boating laws, driving your vehicle or vessel courteously, and wearing a seat belt or a life jacket. Help ensure a safer Labor Day weekend for everyone. In Missouri, nine people died and 431 were injured in 1,021 traffic crashes over

the 2019 Labor Day holiday. This means one person was killed or injured every 10.6 minutes. Troopers arrested 116 people for driving while intoxicated during last year's holiday weekend. The Labor Day holiday is also a busy boating weekend. In 2019, there were 11 boating crashes which included four injuries, and no fatalities. There were no drownings over last year's Labor Day holiday. Troopers arrested 10 people for boating while intoxicated during last year's counting period. The 2020 counting period for the Labor Day holiday will be from 6 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2020, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 7, 2020. The Highway Patrol will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness & Reduction Effort) over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Speed, inattention, and impaired driving are leading causes of traffic crashes. All available troopers will be patrolling Missouri's roads and waterways. Troop-

ers on the roadways will be enforcing Missouri's speed limit, seat belt, and impaired driving laws, in addition to being available to assist motorists. Marine enforcement troopers will be working to make our waterways safer during the holiday weekend. Missouri's boaters are asked to do their part by remaining alert for other boats and swimmers, and being courteous on the water. With more boats on the water, it is even more important to pay attention when operating a vessel. Remember: Smaller vessels should yield right-of-way to larger vessels. Boaters should avoid overloading their boat with too many passengers and always pay close attention to the boats around them. Causing harm to another person or their property with an excessive boat wake may subject you to enforcement action or civil liability. Treat other boaters and property owners as you want to be treated. Life jackets save lives. Wear one when you are on or around water. Never operate a vehicle or vessel while you are impaired. Alcohol consumption slows reaction time. The public is encouraged to call the Patrol's Emergency Report Line (800) 525-5555 or *55 on your cellular phone if they witness criminal activity or experience an emergency. These emergency numbers are operational for both highway and water emergencies. If your celebration includes alcohol, designate someone else to drive whether you are in your boat or your car. Please don't become a statistic. Too many people die in traffic crashes each year in Missouri. The choices you make when you're behind the wheel matter. Make good choices, so you'll never have to say, "If I could just go back ..."

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Addendum to mail-in, absentee voting questions

Sheila Harris

My August 19 article regarding voting questions neglected to mentioned the requirement for notarizing the envelopes of absentee and mail-in ballots. Here follows an addendum to that article, which will hopefully shed some light on the complicated requirements for mail-in ballots in Missouri.

According to the Missouri Secretary of State’s website, the envelopes of all mail-in ballots must be notarized. There are no exceptions.

However, voters in “at-risk” categories may choose to vote using an absentee ballot and

the notary requirement will be waived.

The Barry County Clerk’s office emphasizes that, although the forms requesting a mail in ballot may be returned to the clerk’s office in person or by mail, the ballots themselves must be mailed in and notarized in order for them to be counted.

Absentee ballots, however, may be either hand-delivered to the clerk’s office or mailed in.

Requests for a mail-in or absentee ballot may be mailed to 700 Main Street, Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625,

or emailed to kdeal@barry-countyclerk.com.

All ballot requests must contain your full name, your mailing address, your date of birth, and the last four numbers of your social security number. Or, preferably, a printed ballot request form from the Secretary of State’s office may be filled out and mailed to the same address shown above. Forms can be found at www.sos.mo.gov.

Shown below is the text contained on the ballot request form found on the Secretary of State’s website.

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Address to which ballot is to be mailed (if different than above): _____

Address: City, Zip Code

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- Religious belief or practice
- Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place
- Incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting
- Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681, RSMo., because of safety con-

cerns

- I have contracted or am in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome . . . coronavirus 2 (COVID-19), pursuant to Section 115.277.6, RSMo. (No Notary Required)

At-risk voters are individuals who:

- Are 65 years of age or older
- Live in a long-term care facility licensed under Chapter 198, RSMo.
- Have serious heart conditions
- Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Are immunocompromised
- Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis
- Have liver disease
- Have diabetes

If you request an absentee ballot, this form may be returned to your local election authority in person, by mail, by fax, or by email.

MAIL-IN BALLOT REQUEST: (NOTARY REQUIRED FOR ALL MAIL-IN BALLOTS)

Any registered voter can request a mail-in ballot. If selecting this option, this form must be delivered to your local election authority in person or by mail only.

Signature of Registered Voter / Date (required)

Return this completed form to your local election authority. Contact information can be found on the Missouri Secretary of State’s website. Missouri law requires that requests for ballots to be mailed to you must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2020.

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Purdy City Council met Monday, August 17

Sheila Harris

Acting Mayor Brian Bow-ers, Aldermen Robert Moser, Scott Redshaw and William Hughes, and Public Works employees, Lonnie Lowery and Kevin Cook, were present for the August 17 Purdy city council meeting.

Hughes was recently voted in to fill the vacant seat left by West Alderman, Dan Musgrove, who died June 25.

An ordinance was passed setting the city’s 2020 general revenue tax levy at .3972, per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable, tangible real property. The 2020 tax rate, beginning August 17, is the same as that set for 2019.

Public Works employees, Lonnie Lowery and Kevin Cook, gave updates on the progress of sewer repairs and water valves replacements.

According to Lowery, because of the age of some of the water lines, a few valves and water mains are proving difficult to locate. He believes pavement may have been poured over a water main on Front Street, between Highway C and Washington.

An exploratory dig will soon begin at Highway C and 4th Street to locate a leaky valve and discover what parts need to be ordered for its repair.

Options were discussed for the best way to cut service to waterlines to Ahktar Estates - which will be served by wells in the future - without disrupting water service to Young’s Insurance Specialties, located next door.

A mutual aid agreement for cooperation among Monett and Purdy Police Departments was discussed. It was decided that the city’s attorney will be asked to draw up a general contract form to be used as a mutual aid agreement between Purdy and other municipalities so a legal document will be available to keep on file.

All present agreed that such an arrangement between Purdy and Monett would prove beneficial to both parties.

Police Chief Jackie Lowe presented a written report of July police calls.

Multiple calls were made to Autumn Woods Apartments, which included a report of trespassing, a drug overdose, a suspicious vehicle and an accusation of indecent exposure.

A vehicle was reported stolen from a parking lot at Third and Washington, which had been left unlocked with the keys inside. The vehicle was later found abandoned in Monett. The case is

still under investigation.

The theft of a wallet and cash were reported stolen from a locked vehicle at 4th Street. The incident occurred in June, but was not reported until July 22, when the stolen credit card was used to purchase gasoline in Sarcosie. A possible suspect was identified, but the investigation is ongoing.

On July 15, Lowe responded to a call from the cellular tower on N. 7th Street, where a repairman was trapped inside the switching station. The door to the building shut while the repairman was inside; the lock jammed and he was unable to open the door from the inside. The lock to the door had to be drilled out and removed in order for the repairman to get out, a process which took some time.

Two high-grass complaints were received, one in reference to a property owner at 200 N. Caledonia, who had been mowing his front yard, but had left the fenced backyard to grow unchecked.

In other matters, a city-wide clean-up date will soon be chosen and announced for September.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 6 p.m.

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Proceeds from Emmy's Lemonade Stand provide school supplies



Cassville preschool student, Emmy Clevenger, started a not-for-profit lemonade stand at the young age of 4 years old! Sales from the lemonade stand benefit different organizations in our community. During the month of August, Emmy opened up her stand and gave the proceeds to local school districts and asked that

the money be used for school supplies. Pictured, Clevenger presents Mr. White, Director of Learning at Cassville R-IV, with a check along with various school supplies. Funds will be donated to the district's Bright Futures program. Bright Futures, established at Cassville Schools in 2011, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing community members together to focus on the success of children.

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Heather Newton typically begins running the four-station embroidery machine at 3 a.m. on weekdays.

Sheila Harris Heather Newton and Philip Clark, of Aurora, label their new business a “lifestyle company.” “With our custom embroidery, screen-sprinting and sewing capabilities, we’re personalizing lifestyles for businesses and individuals,” Newton explained. The duo, who purchased the business in June, then changed the name to Ozarks Rustic Living, are excited to expand their services beyond what the previous owner had offered in the same location on the west side of the square in Aurora.

Newton, who had operated the business from her home for the past four years as a sideline to her full time position as a science teacher at Verona High School, discovered, quite by accident, that previous owner, Carla Fran-

cisco was looking for a buyer. “I sent my husband Earl in to inquire about some thread for face masks and he came back with the news the business was for sale,” Newton said. “I immediately contacted my brother-in-law, Phil, because I knew he’d been looking for an investment opportunity, and we were able to swing the deal to purchase Carla’s business. In fact, Carla was looking for a particular type of buyer: someone who would essentially take up the business where she left off.” Phil Clark, who moved to Aurora from Colorado, installed floor-covering in his previous life. “The only stitching I’d done before running this four-station embroidery machine was sewing two pieces of carpet together by hand,” he said.

Newton calls Clark the business’s “freehand specialist.” “Phil can draw any design by hand,” she said. “I’m a graphic artist and create digital designs. We work together to make whatever a customer wants, in whatever quantity they want. We’re not just a cookie-cutter business. We personalize your lifestyle.” Newton, who has degrees in art and education, also has a certificate in Print Technology, which she puts to full use.

In addition to custom embroidery, Ozarks Rustic Living offers printing using high-grade vinyl on cloth, in which the vinyl is actually infused into the cloth, leaving no raised surface. Sewing is another of Newton’s specialties. “I can make items from scratch, or make alterations as required,” she said. A unique service she offers is “mobile-tailoring.”

“Mobile tailoring comes in really handy for weddings,” Newton said. “I make myself available to be an onsite seamstress for your wedding, just in case there’s a need for emergency alterations or repairs.” Newton and Clark are currently filling orders coming in from around the world, as well as from local customers. “We’re committed to quality,” Newton said. “We stand behind our work. We want our customers to be satis-



Heather Newton and Phil Clark, above, purchased the customized sewing and embroidery business in June 2020.

fied.” The front room of their business, located at 321 S. Madison, Aurora, contains the booths of local artisans, with gift items ranging from handcrafted jewelry to items made with alpaca wool. There is no additional charge for gift-wrapping. Newton also sells a line of essential oils and goat’s milk soaps which she makes onsite.

According to Newton, the business plans to expand to a full time print shop in the near future. They are an authorized Carlson Craft retailer. They may be reached by telephone at 417-678-6714 or online at www.ozarkrusticlivingllc.com.

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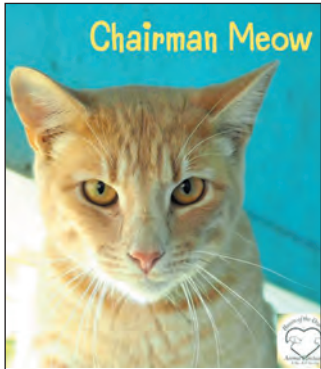
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Stop, Drop & Go Event was a success



Above, sixth grade students and parents wait in line during the Stop, Drop and Go event at Cassville Middle School.

At left, fourth grade teacher Rachel McEwen snaps a photo with the Cox family during the Stop, Drop and Go event at Cassville Intermediate. Pictured left to right is Molly, Hale and Johnnie Cox.

At right, Jobs for American Graduates students Ryder Schell and Makenzi Dilbeck, both members of the junior class, visit with the incoming freshmen class during the district Freshmen Orientation.



Cassville Intermediate teacher, Jamie Bond, carries school supplies inside during the district Stop, Drop and go event.



Crowder presents “Employee of the Year” awards

Three employees of Crowder College received “Employee of the Year” awards for the 2019-2020 academic year. There was one employee selected from each employee category: faculty, professional staff, and classified staff. Employees were nominated by their peers and/or students and winners were selected by area Chambers of Commerce.

The Gold Star award for faculty went to Terry Clarkson, Construction Technology/Advanced Manufacturing Technology/Apprenticeship Instructor. Sentiments received in the nomination process from co-workers and past students illustrated what a wonderful man that Terry was. He passed away in April of this year after a sudden illness.

“Terry worked hard in all the things he did and was well liked by his students and by his colleagues. Students always felt seen and heard when they were being

instructed by Terry and they appreciated his soft-spoken leadership and his experience. Terry Clarkson was the human embodiment of Servant Leadership.”

“Terry Clarkson’s gift was his true compassion for others. He also learned names fast, and he used them. Mr. Clarkson would look his students in the eye, often shake their hands, and genuinely greet them by name. He clearly cared and when a teacher cares, students excel. Terry’s positive attitude brightened the days of his co-workers and friends as well.”

“How you make others feel, says a lot about you.” Terry made every single student, staff, and person he came in contact with feel important, cared about, loved, and a genuine JOY for life. Terry was a mentor for his students, but also for his co-workers.”

This award is selected and presented by the Neosho Area Chamber of Com-

merce. Accepting the award on Terry’s behalf was his daughter and son, Cheyenne Clarkson and Ray Hailey.

The Professional Staff Employee of the Year award was presented to Helen Hale, Student Success Center Director. Helen was nominated based upon her generosity and giving nature which is displayed not only in her role at Crowder but within her

community. Helen is a model Servant Leader, she is humble, kind and caring. Helen is seen as a leader amongst her peers and co-workers and is often the liaison between faculty and advisors. Helen works tirelessly to provide students with guidance and direction as they pursue their educational goal. This award is selected by the McDonald County Chamber of Com-

merce and presented by the President of the Crowder College Professional Staff Association.

The Classified Staff Employee of the Year award went to Jane Gray, Office Manager - Joplin. Jane was nominated based upon her ability to make every op-

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Clell L. "Pete" Hendrix, age 87, of Wheaton, passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at Cox-Monett Hospital in Monett.

He was born April 19, 1933, in Gate, Oklahoma, the son of Oden and Beulah (McLeod) Hendrix. On April 19, 1963, in Miami, Oklahoma, he was united in marriage to Judith Ann Brumberg, who preceded him in death on January 25, 1999. Also preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Marvin.

Surviving are two sons, Joe Hendrix and Jerry "Tig" Hendrix and his wife, Mari, all of Wheaton; one daughter, Jill Pyle and her husband, Chad, of Wheaton; one brother, Ed Hendrix, of

Wheaton; three sisters, Zona England, of Wheaton, Betty Frank, of Springfield, and Nova Schwandt, of Monett; a sister-in-law, Virginia Glinsmann, of Loup City, Nebraska; three grandchildren, Steven Hendrix and his wife, Raschelle, Payton Pyle and Evan Pyle; and two great-grandchildren, Will and Cain.

Pete received his education in Wheaton, where he graduated from high school. During the Korean War, he served in the United States Army. For twenty-five years, he owned and operated Wheaton Tractor and then Wheaton Grain for another twenty-five years. He was a member of Wheaton Southern Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge and Wheaton Community Club. For several years, he served on the Barry Electric Board and was a school board member.

Services were held Friday, August 21, 2020, at Wheaton Southern Baptist Church under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul Wahlert conducted the services. Burial was at Rocky Comfort Cemetery in Rocky Comfort.

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GEOFFREY FLEM "JEFF" LAY
Geoffrey F. Lay, age 58, of Seligman, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, in his home.

He was born on August 13, 1962, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of George F. and Ruth (Bruton) Lay. Preceding him in death were his parents; one infant brother, Dale Allen Lay; and his best friend, Jerry Harding. Surviving are one daughter, Amanda Slaughter, of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; three grandchildren, Gabriel Slaughter, Raylea Ruth and Aubree Ann Johnson, of Seligman; one sister, Deborah Lay, of Seligman; one son-in-law, Josh Slaughter, of Seligman; two nieces, Shannon Duncan, of Pineville, and Tara Green, her spouse, Casey, of Eagle Rock; one nephew, Nathaniel Murray; two great nieces; and seven great nephews.

Jeff received his education at Southwest High School.

He was an avid Raiders Fan. He loved Nascar and Jeff Gordon. He loved to watch and play golf. He loved softball, playing it and being a coach for his grandson and team. He loved his grandson and two granddaughters more than life itself. His best friend in the world was Jim Burns.

Jeff was a member of Mission Baptist Church for 50 years.

A celebration of his life will be held from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. There will be a graveside service at King Cemetery in Seligman at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 29, 2020.

Contributions may be made to the Building Fund of Mission Baptist Church in memory of Jeff Lay.

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LARRY DALE HENBEST
Larry Dale Henbest, age 74, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at his home.

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1946, in Cassville, the son of Roger and Clarice (Wooten) Henbest. On December 3, 1976, in Rolla, he was united in marriage to Vicky Riley, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Dale Henbest, of Republic; one daughter, Jan Robidou and her husband, Bruce, of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Deanna Jenkins and her husband, Jim, of Springfield; and three grandchildren, Duncan, Lucas and Meredith Robidou.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Larry grew up and received his education in Cassville and was a 1964 graduate of Cassville High School. He was a life-long farmer, a brick mason and was pastor of Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church in Cassville for twenty-one years. Larry enjoyed Southern Gospel music and was a concert promoter for several years. He loved his family, farm and church.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 24, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Bob Gaddis, Brother Larry Lovvorn and Brother Billie Chesshir conducted the services. Burial was at Horner Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church mission program in memory of Larry.

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MARJORIE ANNE (JOHNSON) AHART
Marjorie Anne (Johnson) Ahart, age 96, of Monett, passed away Saturday, August 22, 2020, at Oak Pointe of Monett.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, August 29, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Ringsted, Iowa, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 2:30 at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to "United Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund" 208 W Maple St, Ringsted, Iowa 50578.

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CAROLYN S. FORD
Carolyn S. Ford, age 56, of Monett, passed away Saturday, August 22, 2020, at her home in Monett.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

RICKEY E. WRITER
Rickey E. Writer, age 65, of Butterfield, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at his home.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29, 2020, at Sparks Cemetery in Butterfield under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Lee Beck and Brother Virgil Beck will conduct the services.

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EMILIE DELORES CHASTAIN
Emilie Delores Chastain, age 78, of Shell Knob, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.

Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Emilie.

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The Community Foundation of the Ozarks awards grants

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is awarding \$100,000 to nine agencies in its second round of monthly COVID-19 Regional Recovery Grants.

These grants are intended to help sustain valued nonprofit services and programs through the downturn in fundraising and other financial resources during the pandemic. This grantmaking is open to nonprofit agencies across the CFO's 58-county service area, which is also served by 50 regional affiliate foundations.

The nine grants awarded this week, with local affiliate foundations listed in parentheses, include:

All Aboard Learning Center: \$5,000 to support its child-care program in Cuba for children ages 6 weeks to 13 years (Crawford County Foundation)

Art Feeds: \$5,000 to support its operations providing trauma-informed care through art therapy for elementary schools in Carthage (Carthage Community Foundation)

Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri: \$15,000 to support its physical and mental health programs in Joplin and southwest Missouri (Joplin Regional Community Foundation)

Isabel's House: \$10,000 to support its operations providing crisis care to children in the Springfield area

Lake Area Helping Hands: \$5,000 to support care for

homeless women, children and men in Camden, Miller, Morgan and Laclede counties (Community Foundation of the Lake)

SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging: \$10,000 to support its operations providing meals, support and services for seniors in southwest Missouri

Springfield Ballet: \$20,000 to support its operations after the cancellation of many income-producing events

United Way of the Ozarks: \$20,000 to support its operations as it assists other nonprofit agencies with COVID-19 response in Springfield and southwest Missouri

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks: \$10,000 to support its operations to keep the Springfield community's water clean through projects and education

The grants follow a first round totaling \$100,000 awarded in July. The next round of recipients will be announced in late September. Agencies can apply for up to 25 percent of their annual operating budget, with awards capped at \$20,000. Agencies can begin the application process at cfozarks.org/applyforgrants. This program is open to 501(c)3 nonprofits and IRS-equivalent organizations like education, faith and civic agencies. The CFO does not make grants directly to individuals.

The COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund was estab-

lished in March with an initial \$1 million commitment by the CFO and its 50 regional affiliate foundations, Missouri Foundation for Health and the Coover Charitable Foundation. Generous donors have since contributed more than \$712,000 to support this grantmaking. The CFO is committing an additional \$1 million to COVID-19 discretionary grantmaking in the 2021 fiscal year with support from MFH, the Coover Charitable Foundation and additional donor support.

Since launching the fund, the CFO has granted more than \$1.6 million through various discretionary programs. Total COVID-related grantmaking by the CFO, including grants from donor-advised and employee benevolence funds, is more than \$2.6 million.

The CFO encourages all who are able to donate to a nonprofit in need or the CFO's COVID-19 fund. Gifts can be made at cfozarks.org/donate.

OBITUARIES

SUSAN G. ROSS

Susan G. Ross, age 65, of Federal Way, Washington, passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at Avalon Care Center in Federal Way.

Graveside services will be held at 12:00 noon Friday, August 28, 2020, at King Cemetery in Seligman, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Glenn Erwin will conduct the services.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until service time Friday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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DONALD B. "DON" ARAZMUS

Donald B. "Don" Arazmus, age 85, of Marionville, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, at Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home

in Cassville.

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JOHNNIE RAE LOUDER

Johnnie Rae Louder, age 75, of Exeter, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2020, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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BEVERLY KAY HILTON

Beverly Kay Hilton, 76, passed away Monday, August 24, 2020.

A private graveside service will occur at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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The family of Brandon Owens and the family of Chasity Rook proudly announce their engagement. A November wedding is planned. The couple plans to reside in Barry County.

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New Arrival

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Health Department July 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.

*Corrected on spot

Rapid Roberts, Shell Knob
Routine, 7/2/20

Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 2
Dollar Tree #6069, Cassville
Routine, 7/2/20
Priority Violations: 1
1. Hot dogs are 48°F instead of 41°F or below.
Core Violations: 1*
Bryan & Neta's, Purdy
Routine, 7/4/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Taqueria El Rancho, Monett
Routine, 7/4/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
El Jalisciense, Monett
Routine, 7/4/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Cassville Discount Grocery, Cassville
Routine, 7/6/20
Priority Violations: 1*
1. Three cans on the display shelf had lost their seal.*
Core Violations: 1*

Casey's General Store #3068, Cassville
Routine, 7/6/20
Priority Violations: 4
1. No one ServSafe certified on duty.
2. Numerous foods were not labeled with their discard dates.*
3. Eggs with a discard date of 4/5, burrito mix dated 6/28, scrambled eggs, beef and sausage dated 7/4 and beans dated 7/5 were not discarded.*
4. Two whole pizzas and thirteen hot food grab 'n go items were held by time as a public health control but had no documented discard time.*
Core Violations: 4
SS Dockside Café & Pub, Shell Knob
Routine, 7/6/20
Priority Violations: 3*
1. Sanitizer in server station was too strong.*
2. Raw shell eggs were stored above produce.*
3. Can opener blade had dried food debris on it.*
Core Violations: 1*
Dock N Eat, Cassville
Routine, 7/6/20
Priority Violations: 1*
1. Bowl of partially eaten sherbet with a spoon in it was in the reach-in freezer.*
Core Violations: 2*
Sunrise Family Restaurant, Cassville

Routine, 7/7/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 2*
Walmart #48, Monett
Routine, 7/7/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Kum & Go #492, Monett
Follow-up, 7/7/20
All priority violations were corrected.
Plaza Mexico, Monett
Routine, 7/7/20
Priority Violations: 1
1. No one on duty was ServSafe certified.
Core Violations: 0
The Steak Inn, Shell Knob
Routine, 7/8/20
Priority Violations: 2*
1. Spray bottle of clear liquid was unlabeled.*
2. Utensils were stored in a container that has food debris in the bottom.*
Core Violations: 2*
Taqueria El Rancho #2, Mobile
Permit Issued, 7/13/20
Modern Variety, Monett
Routine, 7/15/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Ruby's Liquors & Gas, Seligman
Permit Issued, 7/15/20
Approved for Food Preparation.
Lucky T's, Seligman
Routine, 7/15/20
Priority Violations: 0

Core Violations: 0
The Hillbilly Cafe, Golden
Permit Issued, 7/15/20
Dollar Tree #6069, Cassville
Follow-up, 7/20/20
All priority violations were corrected.
Farmer's Cafe, Monett
Pre-opening, 7/22/20
Brick House BBQ, Mobile
Pre-opening, 7/22/20
Braum's, Monett
Routine, 7/21/20
Priority Violations: 3*
1. Cleaner in a spray bottle was stored above single use silverware.*
2. Sanitizer was too strong.*
3. Bun toasting machine was soiled by grease accumulation. Containers for utensils were soiled by bacteria growth.*
Core Violations: 3
Dollar Tree #06458, Monett
Routine, 7/23/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 1
Mi Rancho Restaurant, Monett
Permit Issued, 7/23/20
Pizza Hut, Cassville
Routine, 7/23/20
Priority Violations: 3
1. Two containers of sliced tomatoes with discard dates of 7/21 were not discarded.*
2. Cups of marinara sauce held by time as a public health control did not have a documented discard time.*
3. No one on duty was ServSafe certified.
Core Violations: 4
Mercy Hospital, Cassville
Routine, 7/23/20
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0

Fastrip, Cassville
Routine, 7/23/20
Priority Violations: 7
1. No one on duty was ServSafe certified.
2. Egg patties, chicken salad sandwiches and other foods in the deli case were held at 49°F, cheese and sliced tomatoes on the sandwich line did not have time or temperature control.
3. Previous inspection was hidden behind beer display.
4. Ice bagged on site was not properly labeled with the content information or establishment name (3rd repeat).
5. Employee preparing food was not wearing a hair restraint. (3rd repeat).
6. Hose was left in the mop sink creating a cross connection.*
Core Violations: 4
White Oak Station #18, Seligman
Routine, 7/28/20
Priority Violations: 1*
1. Numerous foods in the hot hold case held by time as a public health control were not labeled with discard time.*
Core Violations: 1
Ruby's Liquor & Gas, Seligman
Routine, 7/28/20
Priority Violations: 3
1. No one on duty was ServSafe certified.
2. Mini cooler with deli express sandwiches were not labeled with their discard date.*
3. Thermometer was not sanitized or cleaned when checking the temperature between batches of chicken.*
Core Violations: 2
Fastrip, Cassville
Follow-up, 7/28/20

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Priority Violations: 1
 1. No one on duty was ServSafe certified.
Jami Lynn's, Monett
Routine, 7/28/20
 Priority Violations: 0
 Core Violations: 0
Cubs Cafe, Monett
Routine, 7/28/20
 Priority Violations: 2
 1. Most recent inspection was not posted in a conspicuous place for customers to read.*
 2. The hand sink faucet and faucet in the dish room were leaking.
 Core Violations: 5
Acambaro Mexican Restaurant, Monett
Routine, 7/28/20
 Priority Violations: 0
 Core Violations: 1
Cassville Senior Center, Cassville
Routine, 7/28/20
 Priority Violations: 0
 Core Violations: 0
BBQ Station, Cassville
Routine, 7/28/20
 Priority Violations: 2
 1. No one on duty was ServSafe certified.
 2. Spray hose at the three compartment sink is hanging below the flood rim of the sink.
 Core Violations: 0



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L & L Stores, Eagle Rock
Routine, 7/29/20
 Priority Violations: 0
 Core Violations: 2
Taqueria Carlito, Eagle Rock
Routine, 7/29/20
 Priority Violations: 4
 1. Spray bottle of liquid was unlabeled.*
 2. Whole pork was stored below ground beef.*
 3. Bulk salsa for sale in Coke reach-in was not labeled as required.*
 4. Numerous potentially hazardous foods were not labeled with discard dates.
 Core Violations: 3*
Kona Ice of Barry County, Monett
Permit Issued, 7/29/20
Southern Standard, Monett
Routine, 7/29/20
 Priority Violations: 5
 1. Upon inspection, there was an employee eating in the kitchen.*
 2. Calamari, fish, chicken, ham, turkey and roast beef were not labeled with the discard date (repeat).*
 3. Sliced ham and turkey

deli meat with a discard date of 7/22 were not discarded.*
 4. Three spray bottles of chemicals were not clearly labeled with the name of the contents.*
 5. Current permit and most recent inspection were not posted for the public to read.
 Core Violations: 2
Farmers Café, Monett
Permit Issued., 7/29/20
Sublime Hippie Bar & Market, Monett
Routine, 7/29/20
 Priority Violations: 2*
 1. Most recent inspection was not posted for the public to read.*
 2. Numerous food items were not labeled with the discard date.*
 Core Violations: 3*
Omario's, Monett
Routine, 7/29/20
 Priority Violations: 1
 1. Hot foods on the counter and in hot wells held by time as a public health control, did not have a documented discard time.
 Core Violations: 0
Monett Senior Center,

Monett
Routine, 7/29/20
 Priority Violations: 0
 Core Violations: 0
Happy House, Monett
Routine, 7/29/20
 Priority Violations: 3*
 1. Servers were not washing their hands after busing tables, coughing and sneezing, or cleaning tables.*
 2. Two spray bottles of chemicals were not clearly labeled with the content.*
 3. Sanitizer was too strong.*
 Core Violations: 2*
Casey's General Store #2258, Monett
Follow-up, 7/30/20
 All priority violations were corrected.
Southern Standard, Monett



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Follow-up, 7/30/20
 All priority violations were corrected.
Kum & Go #492, Monett
Routine, 7/30/20
 Priority Violations: 2*
 1. Four beef broil hamburgers with a discard date of 7/27 were not discarded.*
 2. Burrito and chicken strips were past their discard time and four pizzas held by time as a public health control did not have a documented discard time.*
 Core Violations: 2
Casey's General Store #2058, Monett

Routine, 7/30/20
 Priority Violations: 2*
 1. Container of gravy, burrito mix, and egg patties with discard dates of 7/29, sausage patties and egg white patties dated 7/23, 13 pre-made burritos and sandwiches with a discard date of 7/24 were not discarded.*
 2. Half a pizza held by time as a public health control was not labeled with a discard time.*
 Core Violations: 0



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AUTOS – HONDA ATV – ANT TRACTOR – TOOLS – FURNITURE
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES – HOUSEHOLD – MISC






Autos: 2012 Kia Soul automatic only 108xxx miles – 1972 Triumph Spitfire project car. **ATV:** 2010 Honda 350 Rancher, 4x4, low hours. **Tractor:** Early 30's John Deere B project tractor. **Tools:** Large Oil 6 Vice – Craftsman vice – Rock Island vice – assorted vices – Mach Force 6000 E Generator – Sioux Valve grinder – torch set – engine stand – old jack hammer – old large metal lathe – floor mdl steel blast cabinet – South Bend metal lathe – Grizzly Industrial G 1006/1007 mill/drill – old metal lathe – 6" tool grinder – large hook & pulley – misc pulleys – old generator on wheel kit (like for chicken house) – 12v sprayers – alum ext ladder – misc long handle tools – misc hand tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, sockets, pliers, tap & dyes, grease guns, oil wrenches, assortment of clamps – lots of drill bits, hand saws, etc – misc sm power tools such as screw shooter kit, porter cable sander, Craftsman paint gun, drills, etc – grinder wheels – air & sand blaster – sm torpedo heater – Hobart Beta mig 200 welder – sm shop vac – work bench – metal work table – nuts, bolts, screws, etc – car ramps – several belts – gas cans – many more tools not listed, a shop full of all kinds of tools, misc VW parts and misc motors. **Antiques & Collectibles:** old wood chicken coop – old red wagon – old 10 gal milk cans – SS cream can – old wood crate – oil lamp – old butter mold – old decorative box – Daisy churn – silver plate silverware – sev cast iron skillets – wood utensils & nut bowls (From Guam) – old oil bottle (From a station in Wheaton) – old milk bottle carrier – child's wood high chair – some collectible glass such as China, Nocturne China, glass bowls, Corning ware, 1 piece of Carnival, green bowl, sure to be more oldies as we unpack & get ready for the auction. **Furniture & Appliances:** (2) Queen bed – oak modern wash stand – oak chest of drawers – TV stand – sofa – dining table & 4 chairs – lift chair – coffee table – hutch – end table – (2) wood rocking chairs – TV stand with glass doors – oak chest of drawers – book case – Samsung flat screen TV – Blue Ray – pictures – modern mantle clock – 4' folding table – wood cabinet – Klipsch stereo speakers – 4 drawer metal file cabinet – **Appliances:** Kenmore washer & dryer. **Misc:** misc quilts – misc kitchen ware such as utensils, silverware, roaster oven, GE microwave, etc – Canon copier – Singer sewing machine – fruit jars – misc elec heaters – Eden Pure style heater – misc handicap items, walker, etc – misc household – misc farm related items – misc scrap iron – misc old bicycles. **Note:** Mr. Lacey liked to fix most anything and liked to work on VW bugs. His shop was full of tools & misc parts. There are several lathes so come prepared to load heavy items. Bring a truck, trailer & a friend or two & spend Saturday Aug 29th with us in Wheaton MO. Catering & restroom on site. **Terms:** Cash or good check w/2 forms of current ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidders' card apply. All sells as is where is w/no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. **No debit or credit cards.**

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Monett's Repurposed Faire saw good turnout



Above, Desiree Aceves (left) and Mayra Guerra (right), of Monett, sell candies covered in their own blend of chili seasonings. The candies are marketed under the name Picante.

According to Repurposed Faire Festival organizers, Cheri Davidson and Ann Saunders, of Monett, this year's event had a better turnout than in years past.

"I think people were just ready to get out," Davidson said.

The popular annual event, held Saturday, August 22, hosted multiple craft, artisan and food vendors at Monett's downtown pavilion.

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portunity a positive, rewarding, and learning experience. Jane has served in a variety of roles at Crowder and her work ethic and attention to detail has left an impact on each one. Jane takes time to reach out to others and help whenever and wherever needed. She takes the extra moment to stop and say "Hi", share a smile, or ask how someone is. Jane truly cares about Crowder as a whole – from the students, the faculty, the staff, and the guests visiting campus. Jane sets the standard high for employee morale and work ethic, she is incredibly deserving of the award and recognition. This award is selected by the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce.

Cassville Women's Golf Association hosted invitational



On Thursday August 20, the Cassville Women's Golf Association hosted their annual invitational at the Cassville Golf Club. Eighty-eight women from the surrounding area met to compete against one another in teams of two.

First place winners in each flight are shown above, left to right. Champion Flight: Robin Riley, Kelly Trahan; A Flight: Candace Raudenbush, Terry Telford; B Flight: Lynne Blanke, Cheryl Ludwig; C Flight: Jeanette Skorupski, Becky Ryder.

Plant a pollinator-friendly lawn

University of Missouri Extension offers a session on pollinator-friendly lawns 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2.

MU Extension horticulturist Tamra Reall says the one-hour webinar tells how lawn owners can have it all – pollinators and beautiful lawns.

"Studies show that pollinator populations are in decline because of a loss of feeding and nesting habitats, pollution and misuse of pesticides," she says.

Michelle Wisdom from the University of Arkansas Department of Horticulture will tell how to plant attractive, low-growing plants, including bulbs, for blooms in lawns on a year-round basis. "These plants can even increase the health of your turf," Reall says.

Wisdom, author of "Systems to Attract and Feed Pollinators in Warm-Season Lawns," owns a native plant and pollinator business in addition to her position with the university.

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