

“Life’s about more than just breathing”



Craig Carney (left) and Scott Carney (right) visit with their mother, Fredalene Gowen, at Oak Pointe in Monett, from the approved social distance.

Sheila Harris

Imminent death, whether it’s our own or that of a loved one, is not something most of us want to think about, let alone *talk* about. But Jill Strother, of Eagle Rock, is just being realistic when she states that her 92-year-old mother and other residents of care facilities are going to die anyway, whether they get COVID-19 or not.

“Mom is going to die soon enough,” Strother said, “and I know her well enough to know she wants to live until she dies. For mom, living means seeing her kids and grandkids. We’re the people who make her feel alive. Living does *not* mean being cooped up in her room without company.”

With her mother and other residents of Missouri’s long-term care facilities in mind, Strother is driving a

local and state effort to generate enough signatures on a petition to catch the attention of Missouri Governor Mike Parson, as well as the head of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Director, Dr. Randall Williams. The petition is written and promoted by Missouri Caregivers for Compromise, a Facebook group advocating for the rights of residents of long-term care facilities, people who, according to the group, were never asked if they wanted to be socially isolated under the premise of protecting them from COVID-19.

The petition’s request of the governor is simple: That one family member or friend of each resident be designated as an “essential caregiver,” and have the same rights to

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Pre-COVID-19, Jill Carney Strother posed with her mother, Fredalene Gowen, who is now a resident of Oak Pointe Assisted Living facility in Monett. Submitted photo.

From one sheriff to another



Above, Sheriff Gary Davis (left) discusses upcoming issues the county faces with sheriff-elect, Danny Boyd (right).

Sheila Harris

Residents of Barry County should count themselves fortunate. The upcoming transition of sheriffs on January 1, 2020, promises to be a smooth one, as far as the exchanging of responsibilities. According to historical accounts, such has not always been the case.

Incoming sheriff, Detective Danny Boyd, of the Cassville Police Department, will be taking the place of current and outgoing sheriff, Gary Davis.

“I really appreciate Gary’s

graciousness,” said Boyd, who was elected to the position of sheriff in the August 4 primary. “All through the campaign, we had a good rapport. He even approached me in the street in front of the courthouse to shake my hand and congratulate me after the election results were announced. And he’s since extended an invitation for me to stop by his office as often as I’m able to, so I can start learning what’s in store for

me when I take over his position in January. It’s an offer I’m already taking advantage of.”

Fundamentally, Boyd says, he wants to learn Davis’s routine.

Davis laughed.

“The poor boy’s got a lot to learn,” he said, shaking his head.

The two main challenges facing Boyd in 2021 will be the plans in the works for a jail renovation and the bud-

get for the sheriff’s office, which will be due Monday, January 4, 2021.

“The biggest difference Danny will find when he becomes sheriff,” Davis said, “is that he will discover there’s no one above him. He’s it, the one in charge. Although the county commission sets the budget for the sheriff’s office, the commission doesn’t have

See SHERIFFS 3A

Mt. Vernon stuns Cassville, 21-13

Lee Stubblefield

In a season opener that had to be, two top tier teams from the Big 8 played a game to remember. An instant classic unfolded at Mt. Vernon on Friday night, as the Mountaineers defeated the Cassville Wildcats with a miracle finish, 21-13.

It was a disappointing loss for a senior-laden Cassville team intent on replicating the success of the 2019 season when the Wildcats advanced all the way to the Class 3 state title game. Conversely, it was a statement game for Mt. Vernon, the team that swept through the regular season undefeated but lost to Seneca in the district semifinals.

With so many intriguing storylines, this game came down to one simple axiom.

See FOOTBALL 6A



Cassville quarterback Hayden Sink runs for a first down in second quarter action at Mt. Vernon. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

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Commission distributes CARES Act Funds

Sheila Harris
 At their Thursday, August 13, meeting, the Barry County Commission approved the dispersal of \$320,119.01 in COVID-19 CARES Act funds to eight organizations. The recipients of the funds had filled out prior applications which listed the specific purposes for which the funds would be used. The beneficiaries of the funds and the amount of money they received are as follow:
 • Cassville Area YMCA: \$4,349.66
 • Central Crossing Fire District: \$43,975.22
 • City of Monett: \$18,110.69

• Cox Monett Hospital, Inc.: \$232,846.22
 • Drury University, Monett Campus: \$1,491.27
 • Monett Area YMCA: \$16,688.75
 • Monett Chamber of Commerce: \$1,639.40
 • Purdy R-II Schools: \$1,017.80
 According to Barry County Presiding Commissioner, Gary Youngblood, the above organizations were the only ones that had applied for the funds.
 “Upon receipt, each entity signed a contract pledging that the funds will be used for the purposes they had

previously stated,” Youngblood said. “Copies of the signed contracts will be kept on file in our offices, so we can follow up to ensure the funds are used as indicated.”
 Also in the August 13 meeting, the commission voted to approve court orders requested by the treasurer to issue checks, one for July TIF #2 in the amount of \$18,084.80, and another to Graham’s Excavating Co., LLC, in the amount of \$1,560 for road work in the Liberty Road District.
 The commission also opened the single sealed bid received for the construc-

tion of a storage building at the judicial center. Superior Metal, Inc. submitted a bid for \$18,408.27. The bid was reviewed until the August 17 meeting of the commission, at which point commissioners voted to accept it.
 During the August 17 commission meeting, a motion was put forward, seconded and approved to increase the compensation of Deputy Coroner, Gary Swearingen, to the budgeted coroner salary through the remainder of the year, due to his added responsibilities after the passing of Coroner Jim Fohn.

Couple spot bear near Golden



The black bear caught on a game camera (left) was spotted near Golden. It was previously seen in a tree (right) on the property of Mary and Dennis Melancon, who live near the location of the first sighting. They believe it’s the same bear.
 According to the Melancons, their dog alerted them to the presence of the visitor in the tree. Dennis Melancon estimated it to be about the height of his wife and to weigh about 200 pounds.
 According to the MDC, the bear population in southwest Missouri is on the rise.

SHERIFFS from FRONT

oversight of this office. We’re all elected officials, and have our own areas of responsibility.”
 In his current position with the Cassville Police Department, Boyd oversees ten employees. According to Davis, when Boyd assumes his new role, he will take on the oversight of 41 full-time and four part-time payroll positions in the sheriff’s office, although they’re not all currently filled. Of that number, there are 22 deputy positions, including 12 road deputies and three detectives. Administrative and jail staff are also included in those numbers.
 “The biggest problem for Barry County,” Davis said, “is keeping our deputies. Because of our budget, we cannot afford to pay our depu-

ties as much as surrounding counties do, so Barry County is often used as a training ground for people who end up leaving and going elsewhere.”
 While Barry County has many things to commend it to prospective new residents and businesses from other areas of the state and country - including lower real estate taxes, good highways and schools and fast fiber-optic network in certain areas - the budget for law enforcement is a potential drawback if it’s examined closely, Davis thinks.
 In matters related to a jail renovation, N-Form Architecture in Springfield, the firm the sheriff’s office has been consulting with, suggested they wait until after the first of the year before opening up the jail project for bids.
 “N-Form thinks there’s a chance lumber prices will go down by then, so I decided to follow their advice and wait, and just hand the whole project over to Danny,” Davis

said.
 “Of course, there’s a chance the jail renovation will never happen if the bids come back too high,” he continued. “Everything boils down to funding.”
 According to Davis, the current jail has been added onto several times and has outgrown its capacity and outlived its use-by date.
 Plans for renovation include keeping some parts of the existing jail and tearing down others.
 “The architects are drawing up plans for a new booking room, kitchen, laundry room and road officer section,” Davis said.
 Davis believes the budget

should also play a part in area municipalities’ recent and upcoming utilization of the circuit courtroom at the judicial center, something the sheriff’s office currently provides security for.
 According to Cassville City Administrator, Steve Walenski, in light of safety concerns with COVID-19, some surrounding towns have begun using Cassville’s judicial center courtroom because it provides more space for social distancing. Cassville will begin holding municipal court there, too, in October, he says.
 Davis’s concern is that providing security for extra court-time will use more of

his office’s man-hours on a budget already stretched thin. His hope is that the city can provide part of that security.
 “These are all things Danny will have to take into consideration when he becomes sheriff,” Davis said. “Of course I was hoping to win the election because I had projects I wanted to finish, but I wish Danny all the best. Since I plan to continue living in Barry County, I

want this transition to go as smoothly as the next person does.”
 After retiring, Davis plans to become a hired hand on his wife Mary Jane’s Cassville farm.
 “If I have any questions, Gary told me I could call him anytime,” Boyd said. “That gives me some peace of mind about the transition.”
 Boyd and his wife Francis currently live in rural Purdy, where they plan to remain.

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Notice:

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Monday, September 7, 2020, for Labor Day.

Craft Fair at Benny's Barn will be held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. There will be crafts, swap meet items, food vendors and more. Benny's Barn is located at 29867 Hwy. 37, Seligman. Call (479) 381-2133 for more information.

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 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,

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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.

Cassville Branch Library's Virtual Story Time begins in September. Participants can access the live sessions on a tablet, computer, or smart phone. In-the-library programming has been suspended for now. Families of preschool children ages five and under will receive registration information via email. Please send child's name, caregiver's name (the person watching the story time with the child) and email address to verna@blrlibrary.org.

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.

Sept. 4th


Cassville Senior Center will have a hot drive thru meal from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The meal will be a choice of grilled hamburgers or BBQ fried chicken, with potato salad, cucumber salad and ice cream with chocolate chip cookies. The suggested donation for those 60+ is \$3.50 and the price for those under age 60 is \$6.00.


Sept. 12th

The Purdy Craft & Vendor Show will be from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at The Gathering Place in Purdy, 100 Old Hwy. 37 and Hwy. C. there will be food vendors and 70+ booths available. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at (417) 236-4139.

The Monett Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet on Saturday, September 12, at 10:30 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Monett. The program will include installation of new officers, honors for constitution week, and welcoming of new members. The meeting is open to the public. For questions. please call (231) 343-2727.

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





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Sept. 23rd

Flu shots will be given by the Plaza Pharmacy at the Central Crossing Senior Center in the Arvest Room from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. All those wanting the shot are asked to park by the Mercy Clinic end of the building and use the Melba's Garden Door. The owners of Plaza Pharmacy, Cong and Hoang, are providing a free meal to seniors again this year. This year, the spaghetti and meatball meal will be available for pick up from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Central Crossing director can be reached by calling (417) 858-6952 from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Oct. 3rd

A Fall Fest is being planned by the Seligman Chamber of Commerce. There will be a craft show, auction, swap meet, business booths, bake sale, music and dance. Outside booths will be open from 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. The Chamber is taking donations for the auction. More information will follow in future in upcoming Community Calendar listings. For more information now, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (417) 662-3612.

Cancellation

Apple Butter Makin' Days 2020 is officially canceled this year. The committee will now start planning for the festival's return in 2021.

Southwest All School Reunion has been cancelled for this year.

School Menus: Sept. 7 - Sept. 11

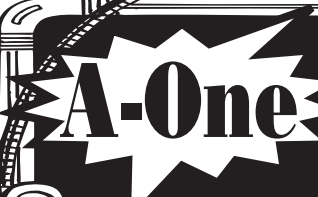
All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Southwest: Mon: No School. Tues: B: scrambled eggs, bacon, cereal, mandarin oranges, juice. L: cheese pizza crunchers, romaine salad, ranch dressing, peaches, chocolate chip cookie. Wed: B: strawberry mini bagels, bananas, cereal, juice. L: chicken nuggets, corn muffin, green beans, rosy applesauce. Thurs: B: biscuits & gravy, apple slices, cereal, juice. L: tacos, lettuce, cheese, diced tomatoes, Spanish rice, salsa, pears. Fri: B: breakfast sausage pizza, tropical fruit, cereal, juice. L: cheeseburger, pickles, dill, leaf lettuce, carrots, ranch dip, tropical fruit.

Cassville High School: Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, mandarin oranges or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, apple. L: general's chicken, rice, carrots, egg roll, pineapple or chicken nugget or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or cinnamon bun, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, granola bars, pears. L: soft taco, salad, corn, applesauce or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, Pop-Tart, peaches. L: cheeseburger, Sun Chips, baked beans, juice or popcorn chicken meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, toast, orange. L: chicken sandwich, nachos, pinto beans, veggie mix, fruit cocktail or pizza meal or salad meal.

Cassville PR-IN-Middle: Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancakes, sausage patty, blueberries or cereal, cinnamon toast, pears. L: corn dog or fish sticks, mac & cheese, carrots, juice. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, strawberries or cereal, Teddy Grahams, applesauce. L: country steak or pork chopette, green beans, potatoes, gravy, fruit cocktail. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, peaches or cereal, graham crackers, fruit cocktail. L: soft taco or crispito, corn, salad, cookie, pears. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, orange or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: chicken sandwich or burrito, nachos, broccoli, applesauce.

Purdy: Mon: No School. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, french fries, fruit. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup, cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: spaghetti, meat sauce, ww breadstick, romaine salad/tomato, ranch, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, fruit. L: chicken fried steak, wg roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit. Fri: B: eggstravaganza, toast, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: hot ham & cheese, baby carrots, Sun Chips, broccoli, ranch, fruit.



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Initially, Ronnie was unaware of my vision loss, as I was unaware of his hearing loss. When he found out about my vision loss, he stuck to me like glue. I remember him saying, “If you need anything or need to go anywhere, call me.”

I learned Ronnie told *everybody*, "If you need anything, call me" - and many did. I realized he truly was everyone's friend.

He pulled many a car out of ditches and loaded cars on his car-hauler to take them to repair shops.

As our friendship grew, I learned more about him. He was born in California, worked for his dad in the trucking business and owned his own 18-wheeler. Later, he gave that up and moved to Clever, Missouri, and then to Eagle Rock.

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I remember asking him, “Why did you do that?” His simple reply was, “I wanted to help and I thought I could make a difference.” For this, he came in contact with Agent Orange and it affected him adversely the rest of his life. I know in my heart he *did* make a difference. He didn’t like to talk about

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his experiences, but I was intrigued with his stories of his unit chopping their way through jungles with bullets flying over their heads and sleeping in rice paddies.

Laura recently graduated from College of the Ozarks.

My former wife and I got involved with the Eagle Rock Community Center. We also got Ronnie to join. As time progressed, I was put in charge of the center. Problem was, it was ten miles from my house. Guess who came to my rescue! You're right. Ronnie.

Back to the fire department... You probably wonder how Ronnie, with his hearing loss and respiratory issues, and me, with my vision loss, could function. We had our limits and recognized them. We often did jobs no one else wanted to do, like washing dishes at the community breakfasts. But we also worked many, many traffic accidents, med calls and fires.

and me on the radio. We knew we could depend on each other.

I could go on and on about what an inspiration he was to me. He was never looking for a pat on the back or an attaboy, though! He always wanted to be a part of whatever was going on to help people.

In the last five years, Ronnie's health deteriorated to the point where he couldn't help much, but his heart wanted to be there.

Ronnie served his country and his community and shared his friendship with all. I already miss my silent hero. Our community will miss him, too. They just don't know it yet, nor how much I love ya, man!

John Stilwell
Eagle Rock

Are you registered to vote
in Barry County?

- Last day to register to vote is Wednesday, October 7, 2020, for those who are not current registered voters of Barry County and who wish to vote in the November 3, 2020, General Election.
- You may register to vote at the County Clerk's Office; the Monett Chamber of Commerce; or the Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce.
- Please notify us if you have moved and have not updated your address or had a name change.
- Absentee voting starts Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- If unable to vote in person, you may send a written request to the office of: Jill H. LeCompte, 700 Main St.

Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to: 417-847-5311. We will need: name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four (4) digits of social security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee, and signature. If you live in the Shell Knob or Monett area, you can go by the Shell Knob Chamber or Monett Chamber Office and fill out the absentee application. They will fax it to the Barry County Clerk's office for you. Absentee applications are also available at sos.mo.gov.

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FOOTBALL from FRONT

Great players make great plays.

Cassville took the opening kickoff and unveiled the new look offense for 2020. Hayden Sink, at 6-4 and 230, took over at quarterback to start the season after transferring from Bentonville, Arkansas.

The Wildcats punished the Mt. Vernon defense with a seven-minute, ball control drive to take an early 7-0 lead. Sink hit Brett Cooper with a center screen for 38 yards down to the Mt. Vernon 18 yard line. Then Jericho Farris capped the 15-play, 91-yard drive with a one-yard plunge, and Drake Reese added the PAT as the Wildcats moved in front.

Cassville's big offensive line owned the field for much of the first half. But the Cats squandered two more prom-

ising drives. Following an anemic Mt. Vernon punt, Cassville drove to the cusp of the red zone, where a high snap led to a missed 41-yard field goal attempt on the third play of the second quarter.

Mt. Vernon answered with an 80-yard drive. A face mask penalty gave the Mountaineers a first down at their own 48-yard line. Then Mason Ballay hit Rafe Darter with a simple flat pass, and the senior wideout eluded defenders for 35 yards to the Cassville 17-yard line.

Two plays netted one yard, but Ballay found Darter loose for a 16-yard scoring strike on third down as the Mountaineers climbed into a 7-7 tie.

The Wildcats threatened again late in the half, but Sink was denied on a fourth

down run at the Mt. Vernon 18-yard line.

The Mountaineers stormed down the field to start the third quarter. Ballay directed a balanced attack, and finished the 80-yard sojourn with a 15-yard flip to running back Justin Moore. Moore released late out of the backfield, and scored easily against blown coverage.

A missed PAT left Mt. Vernon's lead at 13-7 with 5:47 left in the third quarter.

The game seemed to be slipping away from Cassville as the night went on. The two teams traded punts, and then the Wildcats wasted a trip into Mountaineer territory. After reaching the Mt. Vernon 44-yard line, Cassville stumbled through a sack, penalty, incompletion, and interception as the Mountaineers reclaimed possession with 10:39 on the fourth quarter clock.

Then Cassville's Sink was injured on an out of sync three and out series, and Reese punted the ball back to Mt. Vernon.

But the Wildcats were not done.

Reese intercepted a rare poor throw by Ballay to give Cassville new life midway through the quarter.

With Sink injured, junior Cutter Hicks took over at quarterback for the Wildcats, and Jericho Farris took over the offense.

Great players make great plays.

Farris carried eight times on a ten-play, 71-yard drive, and tied the game with a one-yard dive with 2:12 remaining to play. But the PAT went awry, with the snap eluding both holder and kicker. The score remained tied at 13-13.

Clock management was key for the Mountaineers down the stretch. Mt. Vernon's Tom Cox wisely burned a time out when Cassville reached the one-yard line to conserve precious seconds for his team's last gasp possession.

After Reese boomed the kickoff for a touchback, Ballay led the Mountaineers to the win with seven straight completions. Six throws placed the ball at the Cassville 38-yard line.

Great players make great plays.

Then Ballay took a deep drop and launched a Hail Mary over the secondary. A lot of things can happen on those long 50/50 balls. Incompletions. Ricochets. Interference. But sometimes

they end with an Immaculate Reception. Darter made an improbable catch in the midst of three defenders with just 12 seconds on the clock to give Mt. Vernon the lead.

The Mountaineers converted a two-point conversion to push the lead to 21-13.

With the odds table tipped inexorably in Mt. Vernon's favor, Hicks completed a 20-yarder to Cooper to keep Cassville's hopes alive. But the clock ran out on the following play as Mt. Vernon claimed the victory.

Keys to the game

Cassville had plenty of opportunities to win this game. Penalties, miscues, and a turnover were all costly. But give the Mountaineers credit for making big stops on defense, and big plays on offense.

Mt. Vernon's defensive line sacked Sink three times in the second half, knocking him out of the game with the third hit.

The Ballay to Darter passing combo was unstoppable. Darter's uncanny route running produced lots of social distancing in the Cassville secondary.

Stats

Farris led Cassville in

rushing, carrying 25 times for 149 yards and two touchdowns.

Sink completed 4 of 8 passes for 73 yards, and threw one interception. Hicks completed one of his three passes for 20 yards.

Cooper caught 5 passes for 93 yards.

Moore led Mt. Vernon on the ground, rushing 12 times for 49 yards.

Ballay was deadly from the pocket, completing 17 of 22 throws with one interception. Mt. Vernon receivers totalled 191 yards and three touchdowns.

Darter caught 12 balls for 154 yards and two scores.

The Wildcats will entertain Marshfield in their home opener on Friday night at Wildcat Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 PM.

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Hosting Family Weekend events at this time would run counter to university policies and procedures aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19, such as those policies limiting events to no more than 20 people and limiting travel for all community members, said Bill Stackman, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

“This was not an easy decision to make, and we know it is disappointing for Mizzou families,” Stackman said. “We are hopeful that we will be able to reschedule the event for the spring so our students and families can enjoy this special Mizzou tradition.”

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COVID-19 numbers jump in Barry County

Sheila Harris

As of Tuesday, September 1, the Barry County Health Department reports 372 cases of COVID-19, a number that's up 36 cases from a week ago. Of those cases, 368 are confirmed, one is presumptive, and three are antibody-positive.

Of the positive cases, 44 people are in isolation; six people are hospitalized; 322 people have recovered; and there have been four deaths.

There are currently 187 people quarantined at home after being exposed to a positive case.

The majority of cases continues to be in the "Under 25" age group.

Local employers with an increased number of positive cases are George's Processing with 28, Tyson's with 9, and Marck Enterprises with 3.

The rate of positive test cases in Barry County is up 5.26 percent.

Barry Electric customers without power

Some Barry Electric customers in Cassville and Exeter were without power for about three hours Tuesday morning, a surprise that greeted many people showing up to start their workdays.

According to Barry Electric spokesperson, Laura Holycross, a substation experienced problems which affected three areas of coverage.

Crews were immediately on scene to make needed repairs, and electricity was restored as quickly as possible.

When West Moved East

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Maria West, agent with Remax Lakeside, in Shell Knob.

Sheila Harris

Maria West, of rural Cassville, a new sales agent for Remax Lakeside in Shell Knob, knows the meaning of adventure. Instead of going west, though, she and her husband Jeremy headed east. After selling their home in Phoenix five years ago, the couple packed up their two children, their two dogs and their belongings and drove east without a particular destination in mind, other than knowing they wanted to live in the country, near a small rural town with trees.

"We wanted out of the city," West said. "Our son, Colter, and daughter, Tanlie, who were then 13 and 11, would soon be starting high school and we had concerns for their well-being in the urban environment."

"Settling east of Oklahoma City was my goal," West said,

"I wanted some place with trees, like Michigan (where I grew up), but warmer. After being in the Marines and stationed in warm areas, then living in Arizona, I didn't want to go back to a cold climate. It's hard to pick out a small town to live in from four states away, so we just loaded up and drove east."

While en route through southwest Missouri, West says she liked the look of the area. She also really liked Cassville's Four Seasons Realty's logo, which she had spotted on one of their signs in passing. After spending the night in Springfield, West called Four Seasons the next morning, based solely on the appeal of their logo. She told the realtor she could be in Cassville in an hour and asked him if he could line up some properties for them to look at. He could. And did. They made an offer on the second home he showed them: a house situated on nine acres that they've now lived in for five years, with - you guessed it - trees!

"We have a small orchard and a garden and I make lye soap to sell on consignment at 'At the River' in Cassville."

As an agent for Remax, West is now helping other people relocate from urban areas and find the home of

their dreams.

"I love houses," she said. "I love seeing people turn them into homes."

With a master's in business, West hones in on details. She put her skills to work as an office admin for Grand Canyon University in Arizona, as well as for West-Tec, her husband's heat, air, plumbing and electrical business - where she also did apprentice work, as she calls it. She believes her experience will serve homebuyers and sellers well.

"I chose to go to work for a Remax broker because the name is well-recognized and Remax has a lot of resources to offer agents, buyers and sellers," West said. "Plus, with 13 other agents in the office, I have a wealth of knowledge and experience to draw from when I have questions."

"It's very rewarding to help people find their new homes," she said. "There's an urban relocation going on right now. People are doing what we did - leaving the city for more rural areas. Because I've been through it firsthand, I can help them make that move as seamlessly as possible."

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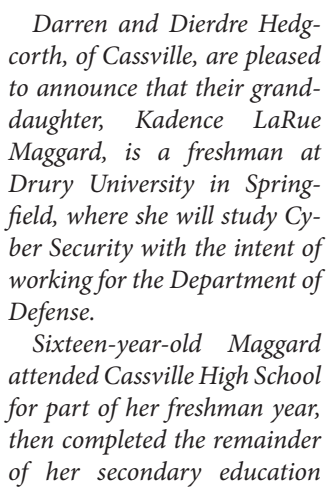
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ROBERT “BOB” CLAYTON DOUGLAS, SR.
Robert “Bob” Clayton Douglas, Sr., age 82, of Seligman, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield. Bob was born on July 15, 1938, in Jackson, Mississippi, to Clayton Dale Douglas and Mae (Douglas) Tilford. He lived in Savannah, Georgia,

until the age of twelve when the family moved to Seligman and made their home for seventy years. Bob was a 1956 Southwest High School graduate and subsequently went to work for Webb Propane. He worked there for forty-three years where many friendships were made; he had seen many changes during that time, including the changing of the name to Empire Gas. Bob’s family is very proud of all his accomplishments during his time with the gas company. He retired from the Seligman branch as Manager in 2003 at which time that branch was closed; Bob was the longest employee Empire Gas had ever had. On November 19, 1970, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Skelton in Oklahoma; she preceded him in death on February 11, 2017. Together they built a wonderful life, along with their seven children. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend who always put others first. Bob’s children meant the world to him and they all knew he would always have their back. He was such a loving man with a big heart who left a lasting

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impression on so many lives and will be forever missed. Bob enjoyed playing his guitar in his younger years and loved to tell stories of all the great people he met while working for Empire Gas; his stories would make you laugh so hard and make you wish that time back then was like that now. Bob loved his wife, kids, and grandkids all dearly. If you asked the kids though, they would say they came second to his beloved dogs over the years- his “Chachi” and “Booger Bear” were very especially important to him. Survivors include one son, Danny Smith and his wife, Melissa, of Seligman; five daughters, Shirley Ramsey and her husband, Don, of Seligman, Sharon Tate and her husband, Buddy, of Seligman, Bobbi Vanzandt and her husband, Kenny, of Seligman, Cindy Smith, of Jane, and Jane Ann Haggard Douglas, of Seligman; fifteen grandchildren, Rick, Clay, Amanda, Christopher, Ryan, Brandy, Laci, Geannie, Lana, Dakota, Blake, Drake, Shelby, Randall, Robert Clayton “RD”; twenty great-grandchildren; and his significant other, Barbara Webb, of Seligman.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Bob was preceded in death by his son, Robert Clayton Douglas, II; one grandson, Christopher Alan Arnett; and one sister, Ann Douglas. A Celebration of Life for both Bob and Mary Jane will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2020, at the home of Bob and Mary Jane Douglas for family and friends to come and share their memories of Bob and May Jane. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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ROBERT JOHN (BOB) JELINEK
Robert John (Bob) Jelinek, age 76, of Monett, passed away August 25, 2020, in Joplin. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistatt, under direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



BILLY RAY POWERS
Billy Ray Powers, 54, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, August 25, 2020, at his residence in Grove, Okla., with his family comforting him. Billy Ray was born on November 11, 1965, in Springdale, Ark., to his parents, Robert Gordon Powers and Madge Still.

Billy Ray was such a beautiful man. He took care of those he loved. His greatest loves were God, playing pool and spending all his time with his beautiful wife, the love of his life, Calista. His smile could light a room and if you ever heard him laugh you would not soon forget it. Those who took the time to listen knew how smart he was. He was mostly self-taught but held a Master’s License in Plumbing and Welding. If you were lucky enough to be his friend, then he was your friend for life. Not many strangers crossed his path. He was always there to help anyone who needed it. Billy Ray’s sweet smile and gracious beautiful soul will forever be remembered by all who knew him. Billy Ray was welcomed to heaven by his parents, Robert and Madge Powers; two brothers, Roy Powers and Donnie Powers; his sister, Rosella Powers. He is survived by his wife, Calista Skelton-Powers, of the home; two sons, Billy Clois Powers, of Gainesville, Texas, and Kyle Ray Powers and wife, Felicia, of Miami, Okla.; Calista’s sons, Mitchell, Colton and Kegan; four grandchildren, McKayla, Emily, Kenny and

Zander; five siblings, Robert Powers and wife, Jeannie, of Seligman, James Powers, of Sanger, Texas, Barbara Zohn and husband, Lucky, of South Carolina, Pat O’Dell and husband, Ray, of Texas, and Mary Sue Bean, of Berryville, Ark.; his aunt, Joyce Cook and husband, Rudy, of Gravette, Ark.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Billy Ray’s celebration of life was held on Sunday, August 30, 2020, Lawson’s Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Grove, Okla. Arrangements are entrusted to Lawson’s Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, 722 N. 46th St., Grove, OK 74344 with Shaunda J. Lawson, 3rd Generation Owner/Funeral Director and Staff.



SHIRLEY ANN MABBETT
Shirley Ann Mabbett, age 85, of Exeter, passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, surrounded by her daughter and great-grandson. No services are scheduled at this time. A private gathering of family will take place in San Diego, California, with the scattering of her remains. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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entry of the facility as a staff member.

“I can put on a mask and practice the same safety protocol as others who are in the building,” Strother said, “but I would be there to see and take care of the needs of only one person: my mother.”

Strother’s mother, Fredalene Gowen, struggles with dementia and has been a resident at Oak Pointe Assisted Living Center in Monett for the past 18 months. According to Strother, her mother’s condition has deteriorated rapidly since March, when the facility was essentially placed on lockdown because of COVID-19 concerns, with no inside visitors allowed.

“My mother is very isolated now,” Strother said. “The only people she sees are the staff members who come to her room to check on her and deliver her meals. Residents aren’t even allowed to go to

the dining room to eat anymore, so they don’t get social interaction at meal time either.”

While Strother understands the need for precautions in the face of COVID-19, she strongly believes that isolation is killing more residents in these facilities than COVID-19 is.

“There’s a direct link between social isolation and deteriorating mental health,” Strother said, “especially for people with dementia. Interacting with family members can keep them from mentally slipping away altogether, which I see my mother doing right before my eyes.”

Strother and Gowen’s other children, Scott Carney, of Monett, Craig Carney, of Rogers, Arkansas, and Jane Ann Gowen, of Kansas City, are allowed window visits and outside visits with their mother – when they can con-

vince her to come to the window or come outside.

“Some days I can’t even get her to open the blinds when I knock on the window,” Strother said. “She’s off in her own world and either doesn’t hear me, or doesn’t want to be bothered.”

“Likewise with outdoor visits,” Strother added. “With the weather as hot as it’s been all summer, a lot of times Mother doesn’t want to come outside. She tells me, ‘You come in here.’ She doesn’t understand that I’m not allowed to. And even when she does come outside to visit, we’re not allowed to get within ten feet of her.”

According to Strother, residents of Oak Pointe are allowed two visitors at a time, providing that all parties are healthy. When visiting, the 10-foot distancing policy means no touching is allowed. No hugs, no hand-holding, no simple physical gestures that let residents know they matter.

To complicate matters further, said Strother, her mother has difficulty hearing.

“Because she doesn’t hear well, even when we can convince her to come outside,” said Strother, “with the distancing rule, my brothers and I have to shout at her so she can hear us, then we’re told not to yell.”

As evidence of her mother’s deteriorating mental condition, Strother points out that there have been times her mother hasn’t recognized her (Strother’s) brothers when they showed up for outdoor visits.

Strother doesn’t call the isolation her mother is experiencing, “living.”

“She’s dying right in front of us, but we’re not allowed to be close. She’s dying without us, without family to be with her,” she said. “Vendors and employees are allowed to go inside. I could take the same precautions they do and visit with her safely. I just want to be allowed to do that. I’d wear a mask and follow all the rules. I just want to get inside, get close to her.”

Jill Strother is one of a growing group of concerned citizens across the United States who are realizing the negative effect of isolation on their loved ones in care facilities since restrictions due to COVID-19 have been put in place.

“People in hospitals and residential care centers are dying alone, without family members to be with them,” she said. “We’re told that it’s in the name of safety, but whose safety? These are the people who took care of us when we were babies and made sure we grew up safely, and now they’re being forced to die alone.”

Strother feels strongly that many such deaths in nursing homes and assisted living centers are, in part, a result of the enforced isolation. Residential care facilities label such deaths as a “failure to thrive,” a catch-all phrase that angers Strother.

“How can a person thrive without social interaction?” She asked. “We’re wired up for community. When we don’t get it, we become anxious, depressed and give up hope.”

Provision Living, based in St. Louis, owns Oak Pointe

in Monett, plus 17 other residential care centers in the United States. Cindy Sorgea, Marketing Project Manager for Provision Living, understands Strother’s feelings. However, she’s also proud of the guidelines Oak Pointe has in place to protect their residents and employees, guidelines which only allow essential visitors into their community, criteria that family members of residents do not meet.

“Those guidelines – suggested by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – have served us well,” she said. “Up to date, we have not had even one positive case of COVID-19 in our Monett facility.”

According to Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services statistics, while by far the largest number of new cases are appearing in the “20 -30” age range, the largest number of deaths and the largest percentage of deaths per cases are appearing in the “70 and above” age group, a cause for legitimate concern for those who operate congregate care centers.

“We do allow what we call ‘compassion visits’ by family members to residents of Oak Pointe,” Sorgea said.

According to Sorgea, compassion visits are end-of-life visits, when it’s determined that a resident is nearing the point of death.

“We also give family members the option of removing residents from Oak Pointe to care for them at home,” Sorgea added, an option which is not possible for Strother, who has been dealing with health problems of her own.

It was announced August 27 that an increase of \$84

million in COVID-19 relief funding will go to 520 nursing facilities in Missouri, a bump designed to help facilities expand testing capabilities, increase staffing and purchase personal protective equipment. While Missouri’s U.S. Senator Roy Blunt hopes the added funding will help save lives, for Jill Strother, the question remains, “Is it really saving my mother’s life to deprive her of social interaction, to deprive her of visits with her family?”

Strother doesn’t think so.

She is encouraging Missouri residents to sign the online petition being circulated by Missouri Caregivers for Compromise. The petition, in essence, asks that one family member or friend, per resident, be designated as an essential caregiver for that resident. The designated family caregiver could be screened, tested, wear PPE and enter the facility, just as staff members do, and could help fill the resident’s need for emotional and social interaction.

“Other states have already implemented such policies,” Strother said. “Missouri can, too.”

“I’m not going to be quiet about this,” she added. “People have always died; they’re always going to die. But they shouldn’t have to die alone. I’m urging people to contact their state representatives and senators, and, above all, sign the Missouri Caregivers for Compromise petition at the link below. We need to make our voices heard on behalf of those who can’t speak for themselves.”



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Jamie Koehler, the assistant manager at MDC's Cape Girardeau Nature Center, will talk about the wild nuts and fruits that can be found in the outdoors in the autumn – if you can beat the wildlife to them – and will provide a couple of recipes. Though this program is free, registration is required to participate using the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.
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“FSA offers several options for farmers and ranchers to apply for CFAP, including a call center where employees can answer your questions and help you get started on your application,” said Richard Fordyce, Farm Service Agency administrator. “With only two weeks before the deadline, now is the time to check out the resources on our website and contact the call center or your local office for your last-minute questions.”

Over 160 commodities are eligible for CFAP, including certain non-specialty crops, livestock, dairy, wool, specialty crops, eggs, aquaculture, and nursery crops and cut flowers. All eligible commodities, payment rates, and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap.

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Producers have several options for applying to the CFAP program by the Sept. 11 deadline:

- Using an online portal, accessible at farmers.gov/cfap. This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications, and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.
- Completing the application form using our CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at farmers.gov/cfap. This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, then signed, and submitted

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- Downloading the AD-3114 application form from farmers.gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically, or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment.

Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

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All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

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Wheaton youth takes prize at Ozark Empire Fair



Hayden Royer, 14, of Wheaton, showed his crossbred gilt at the Ozark Empire Fair earlier this month and took home the prize for Reserve Grand Champion in the Crossbred Division. Hayden Royer is shown at left (in the yellow shirt) with his prize-winning gilt, Josefine, his parents, Lewis and Deanna Royer, and his sister, Mallory, directly to his left. A fair attendant is feeding Josefine.

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Seller's Statement: After 38 years, the England's have sold their farm and are liquidating their surplus equipment & supplies. They also have owned and maintained a food catering service throughout the years and are selling several concession type trailers & equipment. There will be lots of misc shop items, some farm equipment as well and some 'carnival' type equipment and household type items. There should be something for everyone! Any questions about the items, you can call Mike England at 417-350-0407. SW Auction office at 417-652-7540. We hope to see you here!

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FOOD TRUCK & CATERING TRAILERS & EQUIP:
36' Wells Cargo Trailer w/ commercial catering Kitchen-pull type. 18'x8' Wells Cargo Concessions Trailer w/ comm. hoods, New Ansel System, New Funnel Cake Fryer (gas), Lg. French Fryer, 5 service windows-serves 3 sides, Nice, Flashy signage w/ lg gas bottle & hook-ups-self contained! 14' Wells Cargo Trailer w/ 3 side awning w/ back door-could be used for concession trailer. SS Restaurant Equip, Food warming cabinet, Hot Dogger, Juicer, New restaurant Exhaust Fans, Food Warmers, Restaurant Salad Bar, Hoods & more misc catering truck equipment.
**CARNIVAL: Swing Ride-trailer mounted-needs refurbished, 40' Pony Carousel Top for pony rides.

TRUCK, TRAILERS & FARM EQUIPMENT:
35' Country Aire Travel Trailer-5th wheel gooseneck w/ holding tanks, stack washer/dryer, hide-a-bed couch & Queen Bed. 14' Smoker on trailer, Firebox for smoking or charcoal (will hold up to 12 briskets). 24' WW Cargo Trailer-heavy duty. 30' Dry Box Trailer. (2) 12' Storage Boxes. LS 160 New Holland Skid Steer-pedal operation, good condition. 7' Whopper Bucket-skid steer attachment.
**1952 8N Ford Tractor-All Original! New overhaul, new battery, good rubber, starts & runs great! Jeep Wrangler-hard top & bikini top. JD 2155 Tractor. Intl 424 Tractor. **F350 Super Duty Truck w/ flatbed-powerstroke turbo V8 diesel-150, 215 miles. Good shape! ** 973 LGP Cat Track Loader-1000 hrs on Remand engine. ** Friesen 24' Flatbed Trailer-heavy duty w/ 16k power tilt. Foreman ATV 4-wheeler, Corral panels, hog & cattle panels, freeze proof hog waterers, blue plastic barrels, fence stretcher, barb wire, baling twine, stock tank heaters, draw bars, New 3pt Quick Connect, 9'x 5" steel pipe and much more misc!

MISC SHOP EQUIPMENT: Craftsman Rolling Toolbox, Craftsman 10" Table Saw, Dewalt Chop Saw, Hyd. cylinders, Transmission Jack, Boom chains, Lots of electrical wire & plumbing, several rolls of 1/0 wire, 300' of Copper Well Wire, Air hoses, 2 ton jacks, gas regulators, shop vacs, Large steel storage box, copper wire, tool boxes, misc hand & power tools, grease guns, nails/screws, jack stands, fluid pumps, step rails for pickup, tool bags, cable cutters, hand saws, small motors, elec heaters, Roof Air 13.5 BTU for trailers, Storm windows & doors, Steel Ramp, heavy metal scaffolding, scrap metal, spare wheels for golf cart, concrete blocks, heavy duty black plastic, misc shovels, old Jacuzzi tub, attic fans, rakes, Craftsman Rolling Toolbox, Napa wire feed welder-model 83-319 gas or no gas. Multipurpose lawnmower/ATV jack. Wilton Schiller Park Vice-made in IL, USA # 09-600.

ANTIQUES & MISC HOUSEHOLD: Antique Hay Rake, (2) Horse drawn hand plows, Old Trunk, old wash tubs, Vintage Sherbert bowls, Vintage baby bed, Vintage wooden high chair, Porcelain dolls, primitive Oil Can, Iron Skillet, Insert pans, Revere Ware, bushel baskets, 24" Charbroiler-gas flat top grill, 48" gas char-broiler, Samsung TV's, stuffed animals (New), home interior décor, Star of David dishes, Crystal angels, linens, blankets, quilts, lamps, glassware, fire place set, Red glass, cookie jars, lots of books, Louis LaMour collection, purses, DVD's, Fire King & Pyrex dishes, flower pots & stands, Patio umbrellas, fabric & sewing supplies and much more misc!!

FIREARMS: 12 ga dbl barrel shotgun.

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