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Thirsty horses imbibe in the waters of Flat Creek during the "Saddle Up for St. Jude's" 2019 Ride for Life benefit.

Sheila Harris

If you like camping and horseback riding, this event has your name on it.

The 44th annual Ride for Life, an annual benefit horseback trail ride - now a "Saddle Up for St. Jude's" event begins Friday, September 18, and continues through Sunday, September 20. Although the event is promoted as a benefit for charity, for the 100-plus riders who turn-out annually with their horses for the three-day event, it's mostly about relaxation and

"People come from all over the four-state area," Chris House, of House Handle Company of Exeter, one of the event's organizers, said.

"For some, it's an annual family outing, something they look forward to every year."

The trail ride and related activities will begin and end on the A. T. Smith Ranch, alongside Flat Creek just south of McDowell, near what some know as Bright's Spring (also, Brite's Spring) on the Old Wire Road, now called Farm Road 1142. Whatever you call it, the site of the camp and trail ride is nestled in a historic area in a beautiful Ozark valley.

"People can set up camp and stay overnight, or just show up for a meal or the trail ride," Dusty Long, of

See RIDE 5A



There's no shortage of Ozark scenery on the A.T. Smith Ranch, east of Butterfield, the site of this year's Ride for Life.

Additional COVID-19-related deaths, possible community exposures announced

Sheila Harris

Tuesday, the Barry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management announced the deaths of two more Barry County residents from COVIDcomplications, 19-related

although the final cause of death has not yet been received from the state of Mis-

"The recent victims of the viral complications were both male: one 79 years old, and the other 69 years old.

Both men had underlying health conditions, according to Barry County Health Department Administrator, Roger Brock. "They represent the fifth and sixth deaths in Barry County."

Tuesday, in addition to the

deaths, the Barry County Health Department notified the public of the following potential places of exposure from a COVID-19-positive individual:

• 09/05: Sunrise Family Restaurant in Cassville, 9 a.m.

• 09/06: Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church in Purdy, during morning services • 09/07: Geraldi's Restaurant in Cassville, 6 - 7 p.m.

On September 10, the health department reported that one employee of Taco Bell in Monett tested positive for COVID-19, and an employee at Angus Branch in Monett was presumed to be

positive. The two cases were associated and may have been exposed during recent

on the following dates, during the following hours: • Taco Bell: 9/3 and 9/4, 5

The two employees worked

See COVID-19 6A

One hundred, nine quarantined at Cassville R-IV

Sheila Harris

On Monday, September 14, the fourth case of schoolrelated positive case of CO-VID-19 was reported in the Cassville School system by Superintendent, Richard As-

"The fourth person to test positive was a staff member," Asbill said.

Asbill reports that 95 students in the middle school and 11 students in the high school are now quarantined

at home as a result of possible exposure to positive COV-ID-19 patients.

In spite of the large number of quarantined students, Asbill says he plans to continue with in-person classes.

"At this time, I don't believe our engagement level with the virus indicates that we need to make any changes toward all-virtual classes," he

For parents who are interested in monitoring the

status of the virus among students and staff in the Cassville Schools, a dashboard has been posted on the school's website, which shows statistics. The numbers are updated periodically. The dashboard can be found at the following https://cassville.k12. mo.us/vnews/display.v/

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FFA students take Top 6 honors at state



Shown above, left to right: Riley Still, Laney Moore and Peter Littlefield. Not pictured, Elizabeth Ray. Photo by Caden Swearingen.

Caden Swearingen

The Missouri State FFA Convention looked different this last July. With a virtual convention and virtual LDE contests, four Barry County FFA members placed in the top six. Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to show their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization.

"It has been a unique year for all of us. Having four students place in the Divi-

sion 2, Top 6 in state, speaks volumes for Barry County. Opportunities are endless for our members. In Barry County, we have great chapters, border to border, and it is exciting to watch all of them succeed," said John Lit-

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Cox College Satellite Program to open in Monett

Mary Hagens

Dr. Amy DeMelo, President of Cox College, announced that the college is partnering with Scott Regional Technology Center and Cox Hospital in Monett to offer an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree, beginning in January 2021, through a new night and weekend program on the SRTC campus.

"The community of Monett has been wonderfully supportive of the college in helping us bring our program to Monett," Dr. DeMelo stated.

Located in Springfield, Cox College is a private, nonprofit college established as Burge Deaconess Training School for Nurses in 1907. With a record fall enrollment of 975 this year, the recently renovated campus offers nursing programs to fit reallife schedules. Students can choose traditional classes, night and weekend classes, or an accelerated 16-month nursing program. Underinclude graduate degrees radiologic services, medi-

cal assisting, and Associates, Bachelors, and Registered nursing degrees. Graduate studies include Master of Science degrees in nursing, nutritional diagnostics, and occupational therapy.

According to Dr. DeMelo, "Virtually every student at the college already has secured a job by the time they graduate."

With approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing, Cox College has chosen to expand its undergraduate nursing program from 250 to 400 students over the next few years, increasing by 25 openings per year. At its peak of 400 students, it will be the second largest nursing program in Missouri.

As part of an effort to meet the current state and national shortage of nurses and other medical professionals, the college decided to develop satellite campuses in underserved areas and to offer night and weekend courses for future nurses who were unable to go to school full

time. Cox had previously established a successful satellite program in Houston in 2015, so this was not a new task.

Dr. DeMelo said, "As of right now, our goal is to grow to accept a total of 400 undergraduate nursing students per year. The Monett campus is part of that plan, beginning with 10 students. If there is additional demand in the future, we would look to grow to meet that demand."

Monett is considered a good fit for this program due to its growth in population, the addition of the new Cox Hospital, and the proximity of Scott Regional Technology Center with its excellent facilities.

The establishment of this satellite campus is due to a collaborative effort by Dr. DeMelo, Dr. Amy Townsend, Chief Nursing Administrator at Cox College, and Anessa Garner, Career Service coordinator at SRTC.

The classes will be located in the health occupations department on the SRTC

campus with simulations and clinicals at Cox Hospital.

A selected cohort of ten nursing students will meet nights and weekends with instructors Laura Sperry and Kellie Soles.

The Monett campus will offer an Associate of Science in Nursing degree, and after completing the requirements for the degree, a student can enter the workforce as an Associates Prepared Nurse.

Applications for the January 2021 Monett cohort have already been received, and the Cox College staff is currently reviewing those applications. High school graduates who wish to apply for the next session should do so by March 1, 2021.

Most students are eligible for federal student loans, and approximately 80% of Cox students receive federal aid. Additionally, Cox College awards \$200,000 in scholarships annually.

Absentee voting starts September 22

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.

Are you registered to vote 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.

> For more information, call: the Barry County Clerk's Office at 417-847-2561 or jhlecompte@barrycountyclerk.com or kdeal@ barrycountyclerk.com.

Cox Monett launches tele-hospitalist program

Cox Monett Hospital has partnered with Bryan Health, a premier provider of telemedicine services, for its hospitalist program for evening and weekend hours coverage.

Advanced technology allows doctors to see, hear and speak with patients and their family members. The technology also allows providers to perform clinical examinations via a monitor with the bedside assistance of nursing staff.

"CoxHealth rolled out the telehealth hospitalist program last year to Cox Barton County Hospital, and their patients just couldn't say enough good things about their high-quality online care experience," said Darren Bass, president of Cox Monett. "Based upon that positive feedback, we knew we wanted to expand this innovative model of care here to our hospitalist program,

and just like we thought, it's

receiving rave reviews by staff and patients. I think the best part is we are now able to keep more and more patients close to home - where we know they want to be."

Hospitalists (physicians who care for hospitalized patients) have always been present at the hospital during daytime hours, just as they will continue to be. They will also continue in the ER, where an in-person physician is present 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"For rural hospitals, technology is the key to growth," said Bass. "We are already utilizing telemedicine in a variety of ways, including telestroke care, prenatal care,

and other specialties. The possibilities are endless for what telemedicine can do, especially access of care for people living in communities like ours who may not have the means or resources to

During the daytime, inpatients at Cox Monett are seen in person by Dr. Cliff Ganus and Teresa Jolley, physician

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Community Calendar

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

Notice:

Mineral Springs Road District will be closing Farm Raoad 2155 east of 1170 for two weeks - starting September 7, 2020 - to repair low water corossings. Road signs are there; if violated, you may be ticketed.

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

Free Clothes for Kids and Adults are being offered at God's Closet, Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock - turn at the food pantry and Light House Church. God's Closet has coats and winter clothes and is open every Tuesday from 9 A.M. to noon, and the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:30 A.M. to noon.

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.





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Sealed bids will be received by Purdy R-II School District, at the District Office, 201 Gabby Gibbons Dr, Purdy, MO 65734, until Monday, October 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. CT, for the purchase of Eagles Nest Property located on 104 City Highway, Purdy, MO 65734. Bids will be opened publicly at that time. The building was designed and used as a daycare/preschool facility. The building is approximately 3,408 square feet and includes an open room concept. It includes a kitchen, 2 half bathrooms, a laundry/ storage space, an attached storage accessible from outside only, and an outdoor playground space. The building is double insulated, has central heat and air. For more information or to set up a time to view the property please call the Purdy R-II School District at (417) 442-3215. The Board of Education reserves the right to waive technicalities, to select any bidder submitting a proposal, and to reject any or all bids.

Mindi Gates, Superintendent Purdy R-II School District

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. Visitors are asked to please wear face coverings and practice six-foot distancing. Old Church Gallery is located on Farm Road 1240, Shell Knob. Contact phone number is (417) 858-2510.

Cassville Branch Library's Virtual Story Time begins in September. Participants can access the live sessions on a tablet, computer, or smart phone. 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.

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 COV-ID-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.

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.

Sept. 20th

Friends Sunday will be hosted at Exeter Assembly of God. All are welcome. Service with be from 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. There will be a dinner after the service.

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. 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.

Sept. 24th

The Barry County Republican Club will hold it's monthly meeting on September 24 in Monett at the Angus Branch Steakhouse at 6:30 P.M.

Oct. 3rd

Yard Sale and Car Wash Fundraiser for Southwest Band and Color Guard Boosters will be held at the SW elementary parking lot. Yard Sale will be from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. Car wash begins at 9 A.M.





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.

School Menus: Sept. 14 - Sept. 18

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Southwest: Mon: B: pancake on stick, syrup, mandarin oranges, cereal, juice. L: hot dog, baked beans, chips, tropical fruit, ketchup, mustard. Tues: B: french toast sticks, tropical fruit cup, cereal, juice. L: chicken alfredo, garlic bread, mixed vegetables, peaches. Wed: B: biscuits & gravy, apple slices, cereal, juice. L: cheeese pizza crunchers, corn, rosy applesauce, ranch dressing. Thurs: B: mini pancakes, apple, cereal, juice. L: beef & bean burrito, romaine/chopped tomatoes, salsa, tortilla chips, nacho cheese sauce, peaches. Fri: B: breakfast sausage pizza, apple slices, cereal, juice. L: turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce & tomato, chips, pineapple.

<u>Cassville High School:</u> Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, applesauce or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: pork patty sandwich, Sun Chips, baked beans, fruit cocktail or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or cherry frudel, yogurt cup, tropical fruit or cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail. L: chili/cheese, crackers, green beans, juice, cookie or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrowns, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: general chicken, rice/carrots, egg roll, pineapple or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, sausage, peaches or cereal, Pop Tart, pears. L: chicken alfredo, salad, green beans, breadstick, pears or pizza meal or salad meal. B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, peaches or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: shrimp poppers, mac & cheese, green beans, peaches or cheeseburger meal or salad meal.

Cassville PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or pancakes, sausage patty, orange or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: chicken strips or tangerine chicken, rice, green beans, peaches. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage, toast, blueberries or cereal, cinnamon toast, pineapple. L: BBQ pork sandwich or hot dog, Sun Chips, carrots, juice. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: little smokies or sub sandwich, potato wedge, baked beans, crackers, juice. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, strawberries or cereal, Teddy Grahams, applesauce. L: chicken & noodles or chicken nuggets, potatoes, broccoli & cheese, fruit cocktail. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, peaches or cereal, graham crackers, tropical fruit. L: sloppy joe or country steak, BBQ chips, pinto beans, peaches.

Purdy: Mon: B: pancake/sausage on stick, syrup, cereal, toast, fruit. L: cashew chicken, brown rice, carrots, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, fruit. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup, cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: bowtie pasta, garlic bread, romaine salad/tomato, ranch dressing, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, fruit. L: tacos, refried beans, salsa, fruit. Fri: B: choc. chip muffin, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: sub sandwich, Sun Chips, white hominy, fruit.



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Tues: Street tacos, Mexican corn,

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Wed: Mexican chicken, side salad, brownie bomb bars

<u>Thurs:</u> Chicken fried rice, egg roll, cherry cheesecake

Fri: Zuppa toscana soup with grilled cheese, banana nut bread

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Area school enrollment numbers, COVID-19 updates

Mary Hagens

Barry County schools have been back in session for approximately a month, and the faculty, staff, and administrators are happy to have their students back in the classroom and on the playgrounds. In spite of the CO-VID-19 epidemic, students are, for the most part, back in their classrooms, and school enrollment has stayed close to last year's numbers.

Dr. Richard Asbill of Cassville R-IV Schools reported an overall first day attendance, including Pre-K,

of 1656 with 109 students enrolled in virtual classes. The total enrollment for the district is 1881. The district maintains a dashboard on its web page and is reporting two active COVID-19 cases and a total schoolrelated quarantine of 109, as of Monday. The dashboard is updated as needed to reflect the latest numbers.

According to Principal Tim Jordan, Exeter R-VI School District had an opening day enrollment of 302 students, an increase of seven over the previous year. Six students chose virtual learning. Exeter has not had any students test positive for COVID-19. One staff member was quarantined due to a positive case at home, but the staff member is back at work. A few students had close contact outside of school and were given a blended model of learning in order to keep up in their classes. Of these, only one student was quarantined. All of the others returned to school.

Mindi Gates, superintendent of Purdy R-II District, reported an enrollment of

642 students, including early childhood students, with 344 at the elementary campus and 298 at the high school. Currently, Purdy has had no positive cases of COVID-19. One staff member was in quarantine due to exposure to a positive case, but the case is not school-related and affects no one else within the district.

Southwest R-V Schools Superintendent Tosha Tilford welcomed back a total of 783 students, a decrease of 36 from this time last year. Of those students, 101 are using

the district's online instructional program, PRIDE (Providing Remote Instruction Daily Education), and three are enrolled in the virtual learning platform Edgenuity. Southwest has had one positive case of COVID-19, and that person was not at school while sick. No one else was quarantined after contact tracing.

Wheaton R-III School District's Superintendent Dr. Trish Wilson reported that their opening enrollment was 458 students, an increase of seven over last year, and 58 students chose virtual learning. Fortunately, Wheaton has had no positive cases of COVID-19 among its students or staff. One teacher is in quarantine due to exposure to a positive case.

With options available for both in-class and virtual learning this year, school may be very different. Even though changes could occur later, Barry County schools are back in session and seem to be off to a good start.

RIDE from FRONT

Cassville, another event organizer said. "There's a \$10 donation per person (16 years or older) for camping; the registration fee for the trail ride is \$20 per person. All the money goes to a good

According to Long, gates on the Smith Ranch will open at noon on Friday, September 18, so participants can begin setting up camp.
"Friday night," Long said,

"meals will be available for purchase, and we'll have a bake auction starting at 6 p.m. Afterward, Shock Wave Karaoke will be donating their services for the eve-

"Saturday morning, September 19, we hope to begin our 15-mile trail ride by 8 a.m.," Long continued, "although it's sometimes closer to 9 a.m. After potty breaks and a lunch break, we'll finish up at the same place where we began - probably at about 4 p.m."

Dusty Long participated in his first Ride for Life in 1991 when he was just six years old. He hasn't missed one since. Then, he was six years old and rode alongside his father, Chuck Long, and his mother, Kaye (who passed away in 2011). Nowadays, as part of the planning committee, Dusty Long plays a part in keeping the tradition alive.

"It makes me sad to see the authentic 'cowboy industry' falling by the wayside and people moving away from a western lifestyle," he said. "But I know firsthand that keeping horses requires both time and money. When you consider that a good horse and a new four-wheeler might be comparable in price and serve the same purpose on a farm, you get a better understanding of the reason not as many people are riding horses. You've really got to love them."

Long, the live haul manager for the George's plants in Springdale and Cassville, admits that his horses are nothing fancy.

"We have two old trail horses," he said, "but we enjoy riding them. My wife, Katherine, inherited her horse, Zandy, from her uncle. We call him, 'the old man' and 'the baby-sitter,' because we can put our six-year-old on him and feel good about it."

Long's uncle, Schnake, was one of the orig-

inal participants in the Ride for Life event, which began in 1976. Now 84 years old, he says he hasn't missed a ride yet. Neither has his contemporary, Kenneth Gideon, of Anderson.

"The Ride for Life was originally organized by some men from Joplin to raise money for a friend from Oronogo who needed a kidney transplant," he said. "The ride used to benefit the Kidney Foundation, but now we ride to raise money for St. Jude's. We discovered more of the money we raise goes to the people we are trying to help when we give it to St. Jude's."

According to Schnake, in years past, the Springfield Ride for Life club and the Joplin club - which each had about 600 horses and riders - would ride to Mt. Vernon and meet up for one huge gathering at the end of their fundraising event.

"We always planned a starting point and our route, as well as an overnight camping spot, way in advance of the ride," he said.

"Nowadays," he continued, "each group just does its own thing. Instead of riding from Point A to Point B, we just ride in a big loop from a central location and end up where we started from."

At the event, prizes will be awarded for different levels of solicited donations.

"With a \$50 donation, you'll receive a hat or Tshirt," Chris House, event organizer, said. "With \$500, you'll receive a jacket; and with \$1,200, a saddle or a \$500 gift card from Race Brothers.

"There'll be opportunities to win a Henry 44 Magnum, a saddle and a sorrel quarter horse colt and other items, too," he said.

"Saturday night, there will be a benefit auction featuring items donated by local businesses," Long added. "We have a lot of good items," Long said, "including equestrian needs and western dé-

After the auction, the band "Out for a Ride" will perform until midnight.

Sunday morning, cowboy church will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a shorter trail ride, then an awards ceremo-

A caterer will be available throughout the three-day event to sell meals - including breakfast, lunch and dinner - to hungry equestrians. Sunday's lunch must be preordered, if you'd like a noon meal before the conclusion of the event Sunday afternoon.

For more information about the Ride for Life, visit the group's Facebook page at "Ride for Life," or contact Chris House at 417-847-7761, or Dusty Long at 417-342-1595.

You can find the A.T. Smith Ranch by going east on C Highway from Purdy to FR 1142. Turn right, drive to the T in the road, then go left to the creek. From Cass-

Mike's

ville, take U Highway to its end, from Butterfield, then go north on FR 1142 several miles to the westward bend in the road.

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Purdy Craft & Vendor Fair drew record participation





According to event organizer, Julie Terry, a record number of 87 vendors participated in the well-attended 6th annual Purdy Craft & Vendor Fair, Saturday, September 12. The event, shown above, was held on Business Highway 37 in Purdy, next to The Gathering

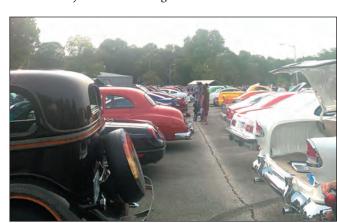
At left, the epoxy mirrorlike finish on Purdy native Scott Redshaw's handcrafted, wood-burl coffee tables reflected the sky and trees. His unique cutting boards appear in the background.

Cassville Cruisers celebrate 10th anniversary



Approximately 112 show cars participated in the 10th anniversary of the Cassville Cruisers Cruise-In on the grounds of the Barry County Museum Saturday night, September 12.

Photos by Caden Swearingen.



Demolition Derby draws large crowd



Shown above, Rusty Newman, of Cassville, tied for first in the super stock class at Saturday's Cassville Rotary Club Demolition Derby, which drew a huge crowd Saturday, September 12, at Bill Hailey Arena in Cassville. Photos by Caden Swearingen.



COVID-19 from FRONT

p.m. to midnight.

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People who visited these locations on dates and times indicated, but who did not have close contact, are at low risk of contracting CO-VID-19. However, they should monitor themselves for symptoms. COVID-19 can appear 2 to 14 days after exposure and include fever

or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, fever, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, or a new loss of taste or smell. If you believe you have symptoms of COVID-19, stay home, call your medical provider, and wear a mask when near anyone who does not live in the same home.

According to the statistics of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, as reported by Matthew Holloway, a statistician from Joplin, on March 21, 2020, Missouri had only 98 cases of COVID-19. Barry County

Friday, September 11, the state's total number of cases topped 100,000.

Tuesday, Barry As of

County reports a total of 453 cases. Of those, 449 have been confirmed, one case is presumptive, and three cases were antibody positive.

Forty-five people are currently isolated with the virus, three are hospitalized, 402 have recovered and six have died.

Two hundred, forty-eight close contacts of the CO-VID-19 patients are quarantined at home.

If a person develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should call their primary care provider or the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114.

Barry County Phase 2 Mitigation Rules began June 26 and remains in effect until September 30, 2020. Those rules include required source-control masking of service providers; recommended physical distancing, cloth face-coverings, and enhanced hygiene practices.

For more information about COVID-19, visit cdc.gov/coronavirus, call the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114 or the Missouri DHSS 24 hour hotline number at 877-435-

Haven of the Ozarks: Pet of the Week

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Wildcats withstand Nevada comeback bid



Cassville's Trey Wilson brings down Caden Denney with a saving tackle in Friday night action at Nevada. Photo by Priscilla Craig.

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats improved to 2-1 on the season with a 47-28 victory at Nevada on Friday night. Jericho Farris led Cassville with 199 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns in a game punctuated by big plays from both teams.

The longest road trip of the regular season brought a big test for Lance Parnell's Wildcats. The Nevada Tigers won their first two contests with impressive performances, a 38-26 victory at Rogersville and a 31-6 home win over Hollister. Much like the Carl Junction teams of old, Nevada has had good players over the years but has underachieved as a team. Now, it looks like the Tigers are learning how to play winning

football.

With all that said, Cassville entered this game as a rare underdog. Not a label that Wildcat fans are used to, but you are what your record says you are.

The game was billed as a clash of conflicting styles. The Wildcats relied almost exclusively on Jericho Farris in their first two games. The Tigers, with a big offensive line and an experienced stable of running backs, showed a multifaceted attack in their two wins.

Wildcats roar.

Cassville took the opening kickoff and jumped in front early. On the third play of the initial drive, Cutter Hicks kept off left tackle, then executed a last second

option pitch to Farris. Taking the toss in full stride, Farris blazed down the left sideline for a 58-yard score.

Three plays. Sixty four yards. Eighty eight seconds. Boom.

Drake Reese drilled the first PAT of the game before many fans had found their seats as the Wildcats jumped in front, 7-0.

But Nevada answered with an 80-yard drive. Caden Denney scored on a 20-yard jet sweep on 4th-and-8 to finish an 11-play drive. Then the Tigers added two points out of the swinging gate formation to claim an 8-7 lead with 5 minutes left in the

Cassville came right back. On the third play of this drive, Hicks launched a bomb over the secondary to Reese for a 51-yard gain to the Nevada 10-yard line. Farris scored with a 6-yard run to put the 'Cats back in front. A missed extra point left the lead at 13-8 with 2:38 on the first quarter clock.

Defensive adjustments helped Cassville hold Nevada to a three-and-out on the next possession. Then another great read and pitch by Hicks on the option created a 41-vard Farris run down to the Nevada 19-yard line. Hicks finished off this six-play drive with a oneyard sneak on the fourth flay of the second quarter. Reese converted the PAT as the Wildcats opened a 20-8 lead at the 10:21 mark.

Nevada drove to the Cassville 27-yard line, but the Wildcats swarmed Denney

for a loss on 4th down to douse the drive.

The Cassville offense took over possession with 6:08 left in the half. A methodical 13play scoring drive burned all but 33 seconds off the clock, as the lead swelled to 27-8.

The Wildcats unveiled the Wildcat formation late in the drive. On 3rd and 9 at the Nevada 24-yard line, Hicks went in motion out of the back field and Farris ran 9 yards for a first down with a direct snap against the confused Nevada defense.

Next play, same thing. Hicks exited the quarterback spot, and Reese burst 15 yards off left tackle with a direct snap to extend the lead.

Reese's PAT was the last point scored in the first half, as Cassville took a commanding 27-8 lead at the break.

That lead would grow midway through the third quarter. Killian Barbee recovered a fumble at the Nevada 34yard line to set up a short -field scoring drive. Hicks drilled a pass to Reese for 26 yards, then Farris cut back on a sweep to find the end zone. Reese's kick was blocked, but the Cassville lead stood at 33-8 with 6:17 left in the quarter.

The scoreboard heated up. Dylan Beachler found Denney for a 75-yard catchand-run to the Cassville 3-yard line, then scored on a quarterback keeper to cut the lead to 33-14.

Cassville responded with a six-play drive. Hicks found the seam in the Nevada zone, hitting Reese in stride on the slant pattern for a 58-yard

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- The March will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Cassville School Rock Gym on North Main Street. March will continue to the Barry County Court House for a short God & Country rally.
- Guest Speaker: Dave Taylor, General Manager and Disc Jockey at KWFC Christian Radio Station in Springfield.
- This event is being held in conjunction with the nationwide rally being held in Washington D.C. on the same date. This is not a political event, but an event to honor God and our country

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

FFA from FRONT

tlefield, CHS AG teacher and FFA Advisor.

Peter Littlefield, a freshman at Cassville High School, now a sophomore, placed 1st in Creed Speak-

"I enjoyed Creed speaking; I grew up watching my father's students memorize paragraphs of the FFA Creed. I learned the first paragraph in sixth grade," said Peter Littlefield.

Elizabeth Ray, a freshman at Cassville High School, now a sophomore, placed 6th in Advanced Public Speak-

Laney Moore, a junior at Southwest High School, now a senior, placed 4th in Entrepreneurship Skills.

"I picked Entrepreneurship Skills to better understand the steps to get a job and learn the aspects of getting a job," said Moore.

Riley Still, a junior at Exeter High School, now a senior, placed 3rd in Public Speaking.

"Public speaking helped me build up my confidence

and made me more social. I am 110 percent more outgoing because of public speaking," said Still.

Rachael Brown, Exeter FFA Advisor and AG Teacher, said,"Riley Still has grown tremendously during the last year and has opened up many opportunities for her future. I cannot wait to see what life holds for her after high school."

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touchdown. Reese's PAT gave Cassville a comfortable 40-14 lead with 2:22 left in the quarter.

Tigers answer.

But that lead dwindled immediately when Eli Cheaney returned Reese's short kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown. A successful 2-point try cut the lead to 40-22.

A fatigued Farris watched from the sideline as his Wildcats struggled through a three-and-out possession. Reese's punt on the final play

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of the third quarter pushed the Nevada offense 85 yards away from a score.

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Those yards disappeared fast. Sanderson ran for 19. Cheaney followed with a 44yard dazzle, Denney gained 7, and Beachler kept for 9 down to the Cassville 6-yard line. Then Sanderson found the end zone to cut the lead to 40-28 with ten minutes left to play.

The defense stands.

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With momentum clearly on their side, the Tigers recovered the onside kick at the Cassville 47-yard line. The beleaguered Cassville defense faced its biggest test of the game.

On first down, a bobble in the backfield led to Denney losing three yards. Then Joston Miller and Jaiden Reibert combined to sack Beachler for a 7-yard loss. Denney gained 7 yards on a jet sweep on third down, but the Tigers still needed 13 yards with 4th down looming.

Nevada had to roll the dice. Trailing by two scores with just eight minutes remaining, the Tigers would concede the game if they punted to Cassville's ball control offense.

Beachler handed to Cheaney running right, and he pulled up and launched a halfback pass for Denney deep in the Cassville second-

Incomplete.

Cassville took over at midfield, and Farris returned to the backfield to spark the offense. Farris carried 5 times on an 8-play drive, adding a fourth touchdown to his game resume' with a 2-yard plunge. Reese converted the PAT to reach the final score of 47-28 with 3:23 remaining.

Jericho Farris carried the Wildcats with 199 rushing yards on 18 carries, and four touchdowns.

Cutter Hicks completed 4 of 6 throws for 147 yards and a touchdown, as the Wildcats showed vast improvement in the passing game.

Cassville rolled up 426 total yards in the game versus 358 for Nevada.

Week 4

After three weeks, Mt. Vernon is the only undefeated team in the Big 8.

Cassville, one of seven Big 8 schools with a 2-1 record, hits the road again on Friday night, making the long trek to Rogersville. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Big 8 scores

- Mt. Vernon 28, Reeds Spring 10
- Cassville 47, Nevada 28
- Rogersville 28, Aurora 6
- Marshfield 49, Springfield Catholic 39
- Monett 21, East Newton 20 (OT)
- McDonald County 42, La-• Hollister 14, Seneca 12
- Big 8 standings
- Mt. Vernon 3-0
- Cassville 2-1
- Rogersville 2-1
- Lamar 2-1
- Aurora 2-1
- Nevada 2-1
- McDonald County 2-1
- Monett 2-1 • Marshfield 1-2
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The bids will be opened at the public meeting of the Board of Directors at 6:30 p.m. at the Water District Office on that same day.

The scope of work includes all labor and equipment needed to: replace and tie-in approximately 5,800 feet of 6" CL250 from Well #1 to the standpipe to a depth of four feet from the top of the pipe to ground level and includes replacement and tie in of 110 feet of existing pipe in existing encasement under railroad and Installation of #14 gauge solid copper tracer wire.

The Southwest Rural Water District shall supply the pipe, couplings, valves, tracer wire and other fittings.

The Bidder shall supply and install all bedding materials and bed all pipe with Class 7, dirty base, or approved equivalent. The bedding shall be at least 6 inches above and below the pipe.

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Along with the Bid, the Bidder shall provide evidence that it has liability insurance of at least \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 per person and Workman's Compensation Insurance as required by the State of Mis-

Bidder shall be required to provide the Southwest Rural Water District with a performance bond and a payment bond in an amount no less than the amount of the successful bid. The Bid Bond shall be provided to the Water District no later than 5 business days after the acceptance of the successful bid.

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SHARON ASH

Sharon Ash, age 73, of Eagle Rock, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehab in Cassville. Mrs. Ash, daughter of Gerald and Naomi (Prier) Thompson, was born on June 29, 1947, at the family home in Eagle Rock. She graduated from Cassville High School in 1965. On October 20, 1966, she was united in marriage to Robert L. Scott and to this union two children were born; he preceded her in death in August of 1972. Mrs. Ash was united in marriage to Elbert Ash on June 4, 1973, in Miami, Oklahoma; he preceded her in death on May 30, 2008.

Sharon was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a born-again Christian who made sure her children were brought up in church hearing the Word of God from birth. She loved to study the Bible and share the "special finds" that she would come across. Sharon loved southern gospel music and would watch The Gaithers with tears streaming down her face.

She was a talented seamstress, gifted artist and so much more! Sharon loved flowers, nature (especially the mountains out west), garage sales, jewelry, and woodworking. She was happiest working at her hobbies, and loved making things for her family. Sharon had a wonderful mischievous sense of humor and was always quick to share in on a laugh. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing

Survivors include her two sons, Mark Scott and his wife, Tina, of Golden, and Shawn Scott and his wife, Terissa, of Cassville; four grandchildren, Logan Scott and Autumn Scott, both of Golden, and Hannah Scott and Rachel Scott, both of Cassville; Victoria Scott, Aria Scott, and Elizabeth June Walker; one brother, Jerry Thompson and his wife, Linda, of Eagle Rock; one sister, Gwen Duvall and her husband, Tom, of Eagle Rock; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and both husbands, Sharon was preceded in death by one brother, Lyle Thompson; one sister, Rosemary Burch; and brother in-law, Phil Burch.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at the Munsey Cemetery, Eagle Rock, with Pastor James Weaver officiat-

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Cancer Resources in Springdale, Arkansas entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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





LARRY LUTHER **JAMES**

Larry Luther James, age 73, of Cassville, left this earth surrounded by all of his family on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at his home.

He was born June 8, 1947, in Sparks, Oklahoma, the son of Elmer and Marie (Wallis) James, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were one sister, Patsy Quinn; a brother-in-law, Mark Melson; one daughter, Lisa Bruton; and a grandson, Dusty Hodge.

Surviving are his siblings,

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Don James and his wife, Marlene, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Carol Melson, of Chandler, Oklahoma, and Jesse James and his wife, Diane, of Davenport, Oklahoma; daughters, Stacy Hodge and her husband, Greg, of Cassville, and Jana Weatherford and her husband, TJ, of Aurora; twelve grandchildren, Lucas, Katelyn, Kylan, Stephanie, Jake, Ke'Alani, Ryan, Casey, Brady, Hailey, Ethan and Kayla; and seventeen great-grandchildren, Blake, Billy, Faith, Breanna, Frank, Jesse, Emma Grace, Ally, Jade, Gabby, Levi, Bodie, Ren, Kypton, Kenlee, Remington and Brantly.

Larry grew up in Sparks, Oklahoma, on the family farm and often spoke of childhood memories. In 1965, he graduated from high school in Davenport, Oklahoma. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. While in Oklahoma, he worked at Worthington Pump in Shawnee and, in 1982, moved to Cassville and worked for Garrett Manufacturing. Later, he worked at Alvey and then George's Processing. In his later years, he became an electrician and worked for King Electric in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Graveside services with military honors were held today, Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at Hogeye Cemetery at Wheaton, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Donnie Spears conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus in memory of Larry.

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

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BELVA LUCILLE SALMON

Belva Lucille Salmon, age 53, of Seligman, passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Mrs. Salmon was born on May 11, 1967, in Denver, Colorado, the daughter of Mary Ellen (Plunk) Craig. Carl Talbott and his late Georgia were very special to Belva as they took her in and loved her like she was their own. For the last 23 years, Belva and her husband Scott have enjoyed each other's company and made many memories together. She was involved in her community of Seligman, was an active member and taught Sunday school at the Seligman New Beginnings Ministries, loved to garden and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Scott Salmon, of Seligman; one daughter, Cori Stepp, of Carl Junction; three sons, Gary Stepp, of Seligman, Joshua Salmon and his wife, Kassie, and Tyler Salmon and his significant other, Jordan, all of Joplin; one brother, Billy Craig and his wife, Ronda, of Archio, Arkansas; and four grandchildren.

Belva was preceded in

death by her mother, Mary Ellen (Plunk) Craig.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at the Seligman New Beginnings Ministries with Pastor Joe Pride officiating.

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





CLARENCE DEAN SPENCE

Clarence Dean Spence, 85, of Seligman, died September 8, 2020, at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Ark.

He was born December 10, 1934, in Elk City, Oklahoma, to Clarence Herbert Spence and Addie Reba Lindsey Spence. He was a US Army Veteran and worked at Hart's Grocery in Eureka Springs, Ark., as a meat cutter. He carried papers for the Democrat-Gazette, fishing and was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Gateway, Arkansas. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Evelyn Spence; two brothers, Kenneth and David Spence; two sisters, Shirley Nielson and Karen

Survivors are his children, Charlie Spence and wife, Missy, of Springdale, Arkansas, Sherry Gundel and husband, Barry, of Washburn, Herb O'Haver and wife, Manuela, of White Horse, Canada; two siblings, George Spence and wife, Helen, of Las Vegas, Nevada; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday September 11, 2020, at Ruddick cemetery in Garfield, Ark. Arrangements are by Sisco Funeral Home in Pea Ridge.

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MICHAEL H. "MIKE" **MERTENS III**

Michael Η. "Mike" Mertens III, age 59, of Shell Knob, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at his home.

He was born December 22, 1960, in De Moines, Iowa, the son of Michael H. Mertens II and Carol (MacLean) Mertens. On August 30, 2002, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Vickie Brungardt, who survives. Also surviving are his father, of Ozark; his two sons, Michael Mertens IV and his wife, Karynda, and Miles

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Mertens; his daughter, Chandice Horine-Mertens and her husband, John; two sisters, Jennifer Mattei and her husband, Lou, of Ohio, and Laura Mertens-Price and her husband, Dean, of Springfield; Vickie's children that he viewed as his own, Heather Hoyer and her husband, Jeremy, Jake Atkinson and his wife, Kathy, David Clark and his wife, Serena; seventeen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his mother and his brother, Owen Mertens.

Mike graduated from Ozark High School and then attended Crowder College and Southwest Missouri State receiving his degree in business and culinary arts. After college, Mike worked in Springfield at various restaurants including Hemingway's at Bass Pro and then moved on to Big Cedar Lodge in Branson. In 1993, he moved to Shell Knob and worked as chef at The Docks at Camp-

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Psalms 37:7

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bell Point, Star Lodge, and was former owner and chef at Tucker's Inn and Icy Maes at Timberoc Village. For the last couple years, he was a chef at Dogwood Canyon.

Mike was very hardworking, an excellent chef, and he showed his love through his cooking. He provided meals for many different events over the years including weddings, the Chamber of Commerce, Shriners, among others. He was charitable to many organizations and people. In addition to cooking, he loved to fish, play golf, and especially enjoyed spending time with his family. In his later life, he discovered his love of doing landscaping in his spare time. Mike was a laid back and generous man with a "quirky" sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A virtual memorial via Facebook will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.

Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and



JIMMIE CARROLL "J.C." BRATTIN

Jimmie Carroll "J.C." Brattin, age 79, of Exeter, passed away Saturday, September 12, 2020, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

He was born October 2, 1940, on the home place in Exeter, the son of Elvin and Erma (Ellis) Brattin. On June 4, 1960, in Butterfield, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Nickle, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Greg Brattin and his wife, Glenda, and Rick Brattin and his wife, Lucretia, all of Exeter; five grandchildren, Jennifer Talbert and her husband, Josh, of Purdy, Justin Brattin and his wife, Jessica, of Exeter, Taylor Blackwell and her husband, Derek, of Lowell, Arkansas, Michael Brattin, of Springfield, and Jarrett Brattin, of Exeter; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death

were his parents; one brother, Cecil Brattin; and a granddaughter, Chelsey Brattin.

J.C. was a 1958 graduate of Wheaton High School and attended Drury and SMS in Springfield. For six years, he was employed at Royal Typewriter and another six years at Litton Industries. For twenty-eight years, he worked in quality control at FASCO, from which he retired. He was also a longtime farmer.

He was a member of Exeter First Baptist Church.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall will conduct the services.

Contributions may be made to Exeter First Baptist Church for the Audio/Visual Department in memory of

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WALTER DAVIS

Walter Davis, age 92, of Cassville, passed through the gates of pearl Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation. He quickly made his way down the streets of gold, past the jasper walls, alongside the River of Life until he came to the Throne of Grace where he knelt at the feet of his Lord and Sav-

Walt (as he liked to be called) was born November 8, 1927, in Guymon, Oklahoma, the son of W. Ed and Ida (Jones) Davis. On July 4, 1955, he was united in marriage to Della F. Henderson, who preceded him in death on September 22, 2013. Also preceding him in death were his parents and his siblings, Edgar, Mary, Ruth, Lillie, Sam, Frank and Jim.

Surviving are one son, Walter Blayne Silva-Davis, of Palm Desert, California; two daughters, Brenda Davis, of Cassville, and Debra Lynn McGuire, of Clovis, California; one granddaughter, Nicole Passler and her husband, Stephen, of Clovis, California; a great-granddaughter, Abigale; and soon-to-be a great-grandson, Ethan.

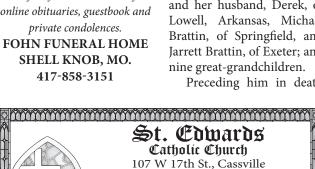
Walter graduated from high school in Bentonville, Arkansas. On May 29, 1946, he joined the United States Navy and served until March 25, 1948. After the War, he married and had the first of three children in Pea Ridge, Arkansas. After a short time he moved to California, where he was employed as a field repairman for Southern California Gas Company. In 1989, he retired and moved to Cassville to enjoy the rest of his days. He was a member of Community Faith Chapel and loved singing Christian hymns, both at church and later in the nursing home. Some of his favorite pastimes were feeding and watching birds and just enjoying na-

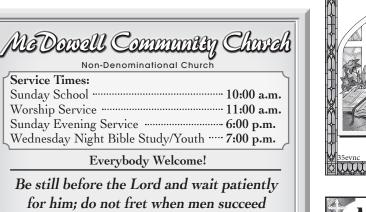
Though our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend will be so very missed, he would not want to return to this place of sorrow. For he so longed to be with the Savior of his soul, Jesus Christ in Heaven. And now that is where he resides forever!

Services were held Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at Community Faith Chapel under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Rick Cooper conducted the services.

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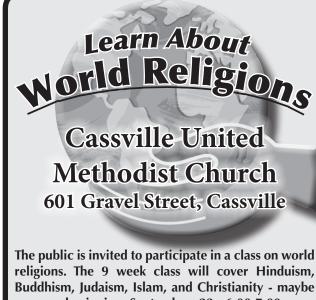
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OBITUARIES



BILLY JOE CORN JR.

Billy Joe Corn Jr., age 46, of Purdy, passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Billy was born on September 24, 1973, in Stella, the son of Bill Corn, Sr. and Sue Frey. He worked many years with his father Bill as a bail bondsman in Cassville. Billy had a keen sense of humor and lived life to the fullest. He loved to watch basketball including Michael Jordan and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Survivors include his mother, Sue Corn, of Humboldt, Nebraska; two sons, Pierce Corn and Michael Corn, both of Butterfield; four brothers, Donald Losch and Steven Corn, both of Humboldt, Nebraska, Brian Spielman, of Huntsville, Arkansas, and Johnny Brewer, of Salem, Arkansas; six sisters, Marian Hart, of Exeter, Doris Chaney, of Avoca, Arkansas, Trish Oxford, of Garfield, Arkansas, Angela Watts

and Cheryl Weimer, both of Rogers, Arkansas, and Marva Mitts, of Skiatook, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

Billy was preceded in death by his father, Bill Corn Sr., who passed away on March 12, 2017.

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

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MARTHA FRANCE FOSTER WIERMAN

Martha France Foster Wierman was born July 20, 1936, to Alfred and Clarabell Foster in Cape Fair. She was united in marriage to Luther Wierman on March 16, 1964, in Benton County, Ark.

She received her education in Stone County, graduating from Reeds Spring High School. She was a waitress, homemaker, and care giver.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther; her parents; brothers, Joe and Weaver Foster; sisters, Wanda Lou and Marie June Foster; and both sets of grandparents. She was the oldest of 12 children.

She was a very caring per-

son and would give a person her last dime or find a way to help them. She loved her nieces and nephews. She loved to cook, fish, embroider, and read. She will be greatly missed by friends and family.

She is survived by her children, Thomas, of Arkansas, Brent, of Springfield, and Denny, of Cassville; her brothers, Tom Foster, of Aurora, Fred Foster, of Paris, Texas, Glen Foster, of Cassville, and George Foster, of Butterfield; sisters, Maebell Lynd, of Butterfield, Debbie Branham, of Aurora, and Anna Wilson, of Mt. Vernon; special friends, Eli and Fred Winkler; numerous nieces and nephews; and one grandson, Denny, of Cassville.

PAUL D. SPENCER

Paul D. Spencer, age 53, of Wheaton, passed away at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, on Saturday, September 5, 2020.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

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PAUL ALVIN HENSON

Paul Alvin Henson, age 85, of Cassville, passed away 3:05 a.m., Monday, September 14, 2020, at his home surrounded by his family.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2020, at Fields Cemetery in Shell Knob, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother David Donaldson will conduct the services.

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WILLIAM "DAYTON" LANEY

William "Dayton" Laney, age 81, of Washburn, passed away Monday, September 14, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17, 2020, at Concord Cemetery in Exeter, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville

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65th Wedding Anniversary



Denny D. Roberts and Marilyn L. Ferris (Giggles) were married on Sept. 23, 1955, in Omaha, Neb. They celebrated last fall in Miramar Beach, Florida, with their daughter and son-in-law, Tara Jo and Tim Stone, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

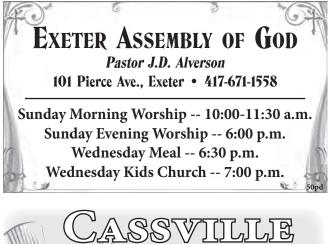




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As various parts of the world begin to slowly reopen, people looking forward to traveling or vacationing should know that many travel insurance policies do not provide coverage for travelers who decide to cancel their plans due to concerns about a pandemic. According to AARP, many insurance companies explicitly state in travel insurance policies that pandemics are excluded as reasons for canceling a trip. Travel insurance providers note that exclusion exists because pandemics are extremely unpredictable, which makes it difficult to properly assess the risk of one happening when determining the cost of a policy. In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, some travel insurance providers expressed a willingness to be flexible, with some even offering refunds to customers who became ill with the virus prior to their trips. However, such flexibility is not uniform, and travelers, such as those who have not tested positive for the virus, may need to find alternative solutions if they do not want to travel but have already booked vacations. Travel agents or others who helped book travel reservations may be willing to serve as intermediaries between travelers and hotels or rental property owners to increase the chances that vacationers are not stuck paying for vacations they have no intention

of taking.







Sickles second at Seneca, girls win title

Lee Stubblefield

Travis Sickles of Southwest earned an elite performance ranking with his silver medal performance to lead local runners at the annual Seneca Invitational cross country meet. Sickles blazed a 16:29 on the 5000 meter course, trailing only Neosho's Kaden Cole, who checked in at 16:21.

A year ago, Sickles finished 17th at this meet, running 18:26. The Southwest senior has shown remarkable improvement. His dedication to a grueling training program throughout the spring and summer when all races were cancelled is paying off handsomely.

Southwest finished third in the team rankings behind Neosho and Lamar, scoring 58 points. Cassville was fourth with 89.

Southwest varsity boys finishers

- Travis Sickles, 2nd 16:29
- Caden Uthe, 11th 18:13 • Christian Long, 16th - 18:24
- Otis Rainer, 20th 18:55
- Lucas Lakey, 40th 20:46 Cassville varsity boys finish-
- Pace Evans, 10th 18:05
- Jacob Martinez, 22nd 19:01
- Caleb Leach, 27th 19:17 • Ethan Bohmke, 34th - 20:16
- Charles Elliot, 50th 21:55
- Purdy varsity boys finishers
- Bryce Osbun, 42nd 20:56 • Westin Ellison, 44th - 21:00
- **Lady Wildcats victorious**

In the pink division, Jordyn Stafford and Annie Hall led Cassville to victory. The Lady Wildcats won the team title with 43 points.

Cassville varsity girls finish-

- Jordyn Stafford, 6th 21:21
- Annie Hall, 7th 21:41
- Jolie Evans, 10th 22:16
- Marianne McCracken, 12th - 22:32
- Madison Bowyer, 41st -
- Ella Reuter, 44th 26:20 Southwest varsity girls fin-
- Cally Bowyer, 18th 23:07
- Allison Corwin, 36th 24:54
- · Alexis Raucstadt, 55th -27:46

Purdy varsity girls finishers

- Jessi Hoppes, 60th 31:17
- Adriana Barrientos, 62nd -
- Evan Butler finished 10th to lead the Cassville MIddle School boys to a 4th place team finish.

Cassville's Kyler Hayward placed third in the middle school girls race.



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By way of clarification...

Thoughts from the editor



Sheila Harris

It was brought to my attention that a few details in last week's article regarding the pending opening of The Cassville Dispensary may have been misinterpreted.

To clarify, The Dispensary, as of the date of last week's publication, was not yet open for business.

When they *do* open, they don't expect to immediately have product available. However, they will be available for preliminary patient consultations, with no appointment necessary.

While the initial part of the dispensary's commencement inspection was conducted September 3, the inspection will not be complete until some minor changes requested by the Department of Health and Senior Services are finished and approved.

For updates on the status of The Cassville Dispensary, please monitor their Facebook page at Cassville Dispensary.

To monitor the progress of other Missouri facilities, you may visit https://health. mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/stats.php.

In a September 11 press release by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Lyndall Fraker, director of the Section for



Medical Marijuana Regulation, says he is confident that medical marijuana will become available for patients in Missouri this month.

"The first testing facility," he said, "is on track to become operational very soon."

In the meantime, we all wait.

I do not have a medical marijuana patient card. Right now, thankfully, I don't have a need for one. Nor, thankfully, do I have a need for any of a litany of prescription pharmaceuticals. Not today, anyway. But that could change tomorrow, especially given the fact that I'm pushing six decades of life.

Which is *one* reason I've been intensely interested in seeing this alternative medicine legalized. If I ever need it for medical reasons, I want to have it legally available as an option.

Marijuana was prescribed by physicians over a century ago, long before the monetary interests of corporations who manufactured competing products made it illegal by the use of scare tactics.

The big thing medical marijuana has going for it, in my book, is that it affects different receptors in the brain than those affected by prescription painkillers (for example). While prescription opioid pain medicines can kill you, marijuana won't.

I'm not out to change anyone's mind about its prospective benefits (now that the votes have been cast, at any rate), but here is a tidbit worth considering: This natural medicine is still being held hostage on a federal level. Why? Because corporate pharmaceutical dollars are still at stake, as well as funds channeled to other entities.

I won't go into a history lesson, but the history is interesting

In Missouri, medical marijuana will generate revenue to serve Missouri veterans. The September 11 press release I alluded to earlier stated that \$2,135,510 is currently in the process of being transferred to the Missouri Veterans Commission, per the provisions of Constitutional Amendment 2 (now known as Article XIV), the medical marijuana initiative approved by voters on the November 2018 ballot. These funds were received from facilities and patients seeking licensing.

Future sales of product from licensed dispensaries will be taxed at a rate of four percent, according to the provisions of Article XIV.

No, I don't believe that medical marijuana is the beall and cure-all for every ailment which could conceivably afflict a person, but, for those who need it, I'm happy its benefits are now available without threat of negative repercussions.

I'm also curious to learn how its sales will impact Cassville and the state as a whole.

We'll soon find out.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the September 9, 2020, issue on page 1B, you – as the editor – wrote about the only hanging to occur in Barry County. You give your personal opinion as to how it was chilling to you because "somebody saw fit to record the deed in a photo, also because throngs of people showed up to witness it."

What you say next I find unacceptable. Next you say, "It goes to show we're a blood-thirsty lot, and I doubt we've changed."

Allow me to say, I am not blood-thirsty; my family is not blood-thirsty; and my friends that I've come to know here in Barry County over 49 years are not blood-thirsty either.

I find your opinion to be negative and based on your speculation. While none of us can explain why, 133 years ago, people would gather to watch a murderer be hung, I ask myself why you find it necessary to write about it today, 133 years later, and go on to indicate we're all bloodthirsty??? You mentioned it "chilled" you, so if it chilled you, why bring it up? Is it being dug back up to chill the rest of us, and be used as a platform to bring negativity into the community in which

Speaking for myself and many other Barry County citizens, we are tired of negativity. If you and your reporters want to dig up things that have happened in our county over the last 133 years, may I suggest you all search for positive things and print them. Instead of chilling us and judging us, you have the power to lift us up and encourage us through positive writings.

Instead of adding fuel to the problems in our world, you could add fuel to the solution our world needs. This is what the majority of the citizens of Barry County and the readers of your paper would prefer.

I challenge you and your writers to move us by writing positive articles and positive news

Jerry James Cassville

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Point well taken, Jerry. I will attempt to rise to the challenge of writing positive stories as often as possible in the future. In fact, I have a couple on the back-burner just waiting to be written

However, writing about the positive does not mean the negative doesn't exist. To turn our eyes away from it, or gloss over history, sometimes allows evil to flourish unnoticed. The study of history has been compared to holding up a mirror in front of ourselves: a measuring stick to see how far we've come, how far we've fallen, or where we might be headed.

I admit, I've been dwelling on the negative a bit too much lately. It's easy to do in these confusing times.

Regarding my remark that we're a blood-thirsty lot: sadly, as humans (and generally-speaking), we have those tendencies in one form or another. I believe it was the Apostle Paul who said, "we're all men of like passion." While most of us wouldn't commit literal murder or relish the sight of someone being killed, we're often quick enough to wound with tongue or pen.

Thankfully, I know several people who I believe are exceptions, but, to my regret, I can't claim to be one of them - thus I include myself in the generality.

Thank you for your letter. It's given me pause for reflection.
- Editor

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online program will be from 10-10:30 a.m. on Sept. 22 and is being put on by the staff of MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center. This program is designed for all ages. People can register for this program at: https://mdcevent-web.s3licensing.com/ Event/EventDetails/174111.

MDC Naturalist Jordanya Raos will talk about the variety of wild edibles that can be found in the outdoors in the autumn - if you can beat the wildlife to them - and

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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 chatbased question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the present-

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Missouri Industrial Hemp **Program receives federal** stamp of approval

The Missouri Department of Agriculture announced federal approval of the state's Industrial Hemp Plan, which sets the regulatory framework through the 2021 growing season and provides the Department with primary oversight of industrial hemp production in the state. With the approval, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Marketing Service affirmed that Missouri's plan complies with federal law and regulations.

"This approval is a testament to the hard work our team has put in to open up a new regulatory framework for growers looking to diversify their operations," said Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn. "We've worked hard to incorporate feedback from growers, industry stakeholders and federal partners over the last several months. We hope that this is the certainty that many in the emerging industry have been looking

The approval of Missouri's Industrial Hemp Plan was made by USDA with no required changes to existing state regulation. As a result, Missouri's industrial hemp producers will continue operations under the existing regulatory framework.

This is the first year that Missouri producers may legally grow industrial hemp within the state. Data from the inaugural 2020 growing season shows 197 Registered Producers, and 75 Agricultural Hemp Propagule and Seed Permit Holders. In total, Missouri growers have indicated 3,696 acres of planned growth for the first year. A hallmark of the state's Industrial Hemp Plan was a pathway for producers to hire third-party certified samplers to collect compliance samples prior to harvest. In 2020, the state has trained and certified 63 industrial hemp samplers.

Since the federal legalization of industrial hemp growth for research purposes in 2014, interested producers in Missouri have seen multiple changes to state and federal laws and regulations. The Department urges producers to anticipate further changes in laws and regulations over the next several years as USDA and all 50 states work to establish final guidelines for the crop.

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GUNS: Japanese 7.7mm bolt action rifle w/scope & modern walnut stock- 410 GA bolt action shotgun w/magazine, good condition- 22 cal. bolt action rifle w/magazine, good condition. TOOLS-OUT-DOOR: Gas leaf blower & weed eaters- misc. tillers & mowers, water buckets, sprayers, shovels, bars, rakes, picks, hand tools, Skil saw grinders, power tools, wrenches, sockets, drill press, air compressor, chain saws, wheel barrow, fence charger, gas cans, jacks, air tank, wooden ladder, Husqvarna chain saw, 350- Scrap metal- wire- antique leg vice- wooden stock racks- dog houses- rabbit & dog penswaterer- chicken coops- wooden/plastic feeders, nest box, metal chicken cans- misc. bee equipment- wash tubs- oil, grease cans- old wooden crates & feed box- side tool box- 2 horse collar & harnessnew roll hog wire- electric fence post- Surge milking pump- stock tank. ANTIQUE & MODERN FURNISHINGS: Old wooden beds-Antique wooden ladder back chairs- 2 antique cane bottom chairs-Nice old dressers- Vintage metal cabinet- Old wooden shelves- Quilt rack- Antique wooden boxes- Kitchen cabinets- 2 antique pie safes, great condition- 2 full size beds, maple chest & dresser- 2 iron beds-Recliners- Sofas- Lift chair- Old solid wood dresser- Burl oak dining table & 4 antique Mission oak dining chairs- Antique tri-tolo vanity- Console sewing machine- Oval kitchen table/4 chairs- Lots linens, tablecloths, etc.- Old clocks, mirrors, figurines- Kerosene lamps & lanterns- Lots tea pots- Corning ware, Fire King- Kitchen utensils- Pots, pans, cast iron- misc. graniteware- New 8qt. Stainless pressure cooker- Gibson refrigerator- 2 Frigidaire chest type freezers- Kenmore washer & dryer. PRIMITIVES- COLLECTIBLES: Lot of wooden boxes & crates w/original advertising, some 100 yrs or older- Primitive wooden table- Antique Spinning Wheel- Old punch tin pie safe- Cast iron stove w/foot kicks- Very old wooden screen doors- Old milk stool- Lanterns- Sad irons- old pop bottles-10 gal. cream cans- old license plates- old metal chains- J.C. Higgins cooler. NOTE: This is the "Old Homestead" auction you have been looking for. Mr. Montgomery is 102 yrs. old & lived on the original homestead where he was raised. Very partial listing! There are many oldies, primitives, antiques & collectibles of every variety- not listed! Really nice clean car & good old pickup & mowers as well. There will surely be something here to interest you! Come see us Sept. 19th. Food & restroom available. TERMS: Statements made day of sale supersede all printed material. ID required to receive buyer number. No debit or credit cards! Cash or good check only Nothing to be removed until settled for. For pictures & complete listing go to AuctionZip.com ID #35501.

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2006 NGC MS-70 50 DOLLAR GOLD BUFFALO—1904 MS-63 20 DOLLAR LIBEFTY HEAD—1882,1901 MS-62, 1906-0 10 DOLLAR LIBERTY HEADS—1912

MS-63, 1928 MS-64, 10 DOLLAR INDIAN HEADS—1988 AND 1991 PROOF 5. DOLLAR GOLD EAGLES - 1999 5 DOLLAR GOLD EAGLE - 1998 5 DOLLAR GOLD MAPLE LEAF —LUCIEN PICCARD 14 KARAT GOLD WATCH — 14 KARAT GOLD GLOBE PENDANT — 14 KARAT GOLD RING WITH CAMEO — 10 KARAT GOLD RING — THE GRAND REGULATOR KEY WIND WATCH WITH ORNATE

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V.F.-25, 1892-S X.F.-45, 1894-0 MS-62, 1896-O A. U.-55 AND OTHER MORGANS.

1923-S NCG MS-65, 1924-S A.U.-56, 1925 MS-64, 1926-S MS-63, 1928-S A.U.

1834-D MS-62, 1893-MS-62 AND OTHER PEACE DOLLARS.—1972-S NTC MS-65, 1925 MS-64, 1926-S MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-64, 1926-S MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-64, 1926-S MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-66, 1925 MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-66, 1925 MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-66, 1925 MTC MS-65, 1925 MS-66, 192 58 SILVER IKE DOLLAR - 1971-S PROOF SILVER IKE DOLLAR - 1971. 1972, 1973 AND 1974 UNC SILVER IKE DOLLARS

HALVES 1803 V.F. DRAPED BUST - 1811 V.F. AND 1818 A.U.-53 CAPPED BUST - 1859-O A.U.-53, 1865-5 V.F.-35, 1873 A.U.(NO ARROWS) SEATED LIBERTY — 1907-D X.F., 1908-0 V.F., 1911 V.F.-30, 1913 V.G., 1913 FINE, 1915 V.G. 10 BARBERS — 1929-0 X.F., 1929-S X.F., 1916-D, 1917-S OBV, 1936 MS-62, 1937 B.U., 1938-D MS-63, 1938-D X.F., 1942-D MS-64, 1946 MS-64, 1944 MS-65, WALKING LIB-ERTYS - 80 MISC WALKING LIBERTYS - 20 FRANKLINS - 60 SILVER HALVES

QUARTERS
1836 A.U.-58 CAPPED BUST - 1843 A.U.-50, 1854 A.U.-50 (WITH ARROWS). 1876-CC X.F.-40 SEATED LIBERTY - 1895-S V.F.-25, 1896-C V.G., 1898-O X.F. 45, 1899 A.U.-58, 1914-S FINE BARBERS - 280 SILVER QUARTERS

DIMES 1838 X.F.-45, 1840-O, 1842-O FINE», 1841-O X.F.-40, 1852-O, 1853-O V.F.-30, 1883 X.F., 1887 X.F. SEATED LIBERTY - **1892-S MS-62**, 1892-O MS-63, 1893-O F-15, **1894-O A.U.-58**, 1898 MS-63, 1898-O V.F.-30, 1898-S A.U.-50, 1899-S A.U.-55, 1900-O MS-63, 1900-S MS-62, 1900-S, 1900, 1901-O MS-63, 1901-S A.U.-53, 1902-0 MS-64, 1905 MS-60, 1905-0 A.U.-56, 1906 A.U.-55, 1906-0 MS-62, 1903 O 1907-A.U.-53, 1907-D.A.U.-58, 1908-0 MS-63, 1908-S MS-63, 1909-0 A.U.-55 1910-D MS-62, 1912, 1914 BARBERS - 1921 V.F.-30, 1921-D V.F.-30, 1926-S V.F.-25, 1936-D MS-65, 1941 MS-63 MERCURYS - 200 SILVER DIMES.

HALF DIMES 1829 A.U.-55 CAPPED BUST - 1838 MS-65 (LARGE STARS)(NO DRAP-ERY)SEATED LIBERTY

NICKELS 2-1886,1899 V.F.-20, 1903 V.F., 1912 X.F. AND LOTS OF OTHER V NICKELS — 1872 V.F.-80 SHEILD NICKEL — 1913 TYPE I MS-65, 1913 TYPE II MS-65, 1916 MS-65, 1918-D V.F-30, 1918-S V.F-30, 1919-D V.F-30 (FULL HORN), 1926-S V.F. 30, 1936-S X.F. AND OTHER BUFFALOS - 2-1942-P TYPE II PCGS MS-66 AND 1943-P POGS MS-66 SILVER WAR NICKELS - LOTS OF MISC NICKELS

3 CENT AND 2 CENT PIECES 1852 3 CENT SILVER - 1868 B.U. 3 CENT NICKEL - 1864 MS-63 (LARGE MOTTO), 1865, 1867, 2-1869, 1870 V.G.-8 AND OTHER 2 CENT PIECES

CENTS AND HALF CENTS

1794 FINE, 1795 LIBERTY CAPS - 1802 X.F. S.225, 1803 V.F. S.256 R 3 DRAPED
BUST - 1810 10 OVER 09 FINE CLASSIC HEAD - 1828 6 OVER 5 V.G. LIBERTY
HEAD - 1858 SMALL LETTERS PCGS V.G. 08 FLYING EAGLE - 1864 MS-62 C.N., 1866 MS-63, 1872 F-15, 1874 MS-63, 1875 MS-63, 1876 MS-64, 1877, 1879 MS-63, 1888 PROOF 63, 1902 MS-64, 1902 MS-63, 1904 MS-63, 1905 MS-64, 1905 A.U., 1906 A.U., 1907, 1909 AND LOTS OF OTHER INDIAN HEADS — 1914-D.A.U.-50, 1922 NO D.V.G., 1923-S.A.U.-58, 1917 MS-63, 1921-S.A.U. AND SEV-ERAL THOUSAND OTHER WHEAT CENTS - 76 STEEL WAR CENTS - 1825 A.U.-50 CLASSIC HEAD HALF CENT - 1849 A.U.-50 C-1 AND 1853 MS-63 BRAIDED HAIR HALF CENTS

PROOF AND MINT SETS
1992 PREMIER SILVER PROOF SET - 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997,
1998, 2009 AND 2011 SILVER PROOF SETS - 1955 MINT SET - 1966 AND
3-1967 SPECIAL MINT SETS - 1974, 1981, 1982, 1988, 1990 AND OTHER

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1-4 OZ SILVER BAR – SILVER GAMING TOKENS – 40 STERLING SILVER
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1788 RYDER 2 MASSACHUSETTS COPPER - SILVER GERMAN COINS

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L.R. - MARLIN MODEL 60 22 CAL - DAISY 177 CAL AIR RIFLE

HANDGUNS
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MAG — 2-BOXES 250 WINCHESTER 22 WRF — 2-BOXES 7MM REM MAG —

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Enjoy a Missouri autumn with MDC's fall color forecast

Missouri will continue to offer beautiful views for outdoor social distancing as the fall season gets underway. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) offers weekly online fall color updates from agency foresters all over the state at mdc. mo.gov/fallcolor.

"The fall color report is a great resource for those wanting to enjoy the changing foliage," said MDC Community Forester Ann Koenig. "It shows users where trees are beginning to turn and also suggests the best places to view the changing leaves."

Generally, the changing of the leaves is predictable, but it can vary from year to year depending on the weather. Koenig explained that a windy fall or early hard freeze can dampen the fall color in trees due to the fact the leaves blow off the trees or freeze.

Chilly autumn nights are key to leaves changing color. Sugars produced by photosynthesis become trapped inside leaves. Those sugars are the building blocks for the rich red, yellow, orange, and purple pigments. Cooler nights cause the breakdown of green pigments, allowing the fall colors to show through.

Missouri trees first begin changing color in the northern part of the state, then move southward across the state. Sassafras, sumac, and Virginia creeper are some of the earliest to change in mid-September. In late September, black gum, bittersweet, and dogwood begin turning.

"Bright, cloudless autumn days are ideal for a good display of fall color," Koenig noted. "And, as a general rule, I mark about the third week in October as a good time to be paying attention to fall color for Mid-Missouri. Colors are usually fading and leaves are falling by the end of the month."

BEST VIEWS

Missouri's fall color can be enjoyed from almost anywhere.

"MDC's conservation areas or Missouri state parks offer great scenic views for the public to enjoy the changing leaves," said Koenig.

The public can enjoy fall foliage through camping, driving tours, hiking, or even canoeing or floating. And fall color isn't limited to trees. Prairies and roadsides display beautiful shades of gold, purple, olive, and auburn with autumn wildflowers, shrubs, and grasses. In cities and towns, enjoy places with mature trees, such as older neighborhoods, parks, and even cemeteries.

MDC's weekly fall color update, available at mdc. mo.gov/fallcolor, includes what kinds of trees are turning and suggestions on the best places to view them. The updates run September through November.

New cover crop tool unveiled

The Midwest Cover Crops Council will unveil a new cover crop selection tool during a live one-hour webinar Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. CDT.

Cover crops improve water and soil quality, reduce erosion and capture nutrients, said Charles Ellis, a University of Missouri Extension agricultural engineering specialist. However, choosing the right cover crop can be a challenge.

The cover crop selection tool helps farmers decide on cover crops and seeding dates based on their goals and historical county weather data, Ellis said. Farmers can enter information to receive customized recommendations.

To register for the webinar

or view a recording after the event, go to mccc.msu.edu/selector-tool.

The updated tool provides more accurate seeding dates based on new research and 30 years of county-level frost date data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Now mobile-friendly, it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Representatives of 12 Midwestern states and universities, including MU, and other agricultural stakeholders make up the Midwest Cover Crops Council.

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NOTE: This is the estate of Coleman & Jane Johnson who was the Post Master in Verona, also the Mayor of Verona, and was one of the first Charolais cattle dealers in the area. Most of the sale items was passed down through the family for several generations. There are several real nice items.

ANTIQUE FURNITURE • VIOLIN ORGANS • GLASSWARE: 5 ft. x 7 ft. by 105 nches tall four poster canopy bed, hand carved, made in France. (Napoleon era Hand carved very ornate). Mattress made to fit with hand made spread. This is he nicest one I've ever seen. Hand made violin made in Germany. Came over from Sweden . Name inside, Jacobus Stainer Abrom Prope Oenipontim, 1730 by Mr. Johnson's grandfather with case • Antique dresser with hanging mirror, marble nlay, no. 12 made in St. Louis • Antique rope bed, spiral head and foot board • Antique six piece ornate bedroom suite, 4 pieces with marble tops, nice • Antique six drawer chest of drawers • Antique baby play pen • Round oak round pedestal dining table with five leaves and ten chairs, nice • Amber Woodwand Swaropski crystal hand painted chandelier converted to electric, nice • Antique W.W. Kimball organ made in Chicago • Antique Geo. P. bent Crown pump organ, made in U.S.A., real nice • Oak china hutch • Antique set of Dr. tools , including forcepts, gas mask stethoscope and other tools • Antique armoire, two doors and two drawers • Two antique rockers with cane bottoms • Antique couch and arm chair • Antique ornate couch • 9 ft. x 12 ft. area rug , nice • Antique Singer treadle 6 drawer sewing machine • 16 large boxes of books including medical books dating back to 1925 old school books from 1912, 1867 school dictionary, childrens books back to 1919 1867 Bible, and lots of other old books • Extra large lot of fancy linen • Large lot of old baskets • Dazey churn no. 4 jar, no paddle • Large lot of antique pictures and rames • Antique wooden churn • Verona , Missouri Centenial ash trays, 1868 to 1968 GUNS - GLASSWARE AND COLLECTIBLES: New England Firearms w/ 2 Barrels 1 is 7 mm -08 rem the other is 223 rem both with scopes real nice rifle -Winchester model 120 pump 20 ga shotgun – Ithaca deer slayer model 37 pump 12 ga shotgun – Ithaca model 37 shotgun 20 ga. – TTH model 1878 double barrel 12 ga. Shotgun – Spartan double barrel 12 ga. Shotgun with 20" barrels – Marlin model m25n 22 cal bolt action clip rifle – 2 Norcunia 177 cal pellet single shot rifles 1 with schope - Power line model 4500 CO2 BB pistol - Jadite sugar shaker and plate • Two painted cream pitchers • Few pieces green depression glass • Pink pedestal bowl • Set of Pyrex bowls • Corning Ware dishes • Crock jar with lid • Antique twelve piece spice set · Fire King baking dishes · Large lot of electrical kitchen appliances • Cast iron muffin pan • Cast iron stick combread pans • Three sad irons with wooden handles . Pink depression bowl . Two metal syrup pitchers • Antique serving cart • Gray granite bed pan • Metal kid's kitchen stove with electric oven • costume jewelry • Glass top picnic table and two chairs • generator, needs engine tune-up • Nice hand pallet jack • Three furniture dollies • Lots and lots of other items not listed. To see complete list go to web page. TERMS: CASH or good CHECK. Not Responsible for Loss or Accidents. Positive Picture I.D. Required. Statements Sale Day Take Precedence Over Printed Material. SALE PROCEDURE: Sale starts with small household items, glassware with guns at

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60172238 - **GREAT STARTER HOME, OR INVESTMENT PROPERTY.** New floors in majority of home. Newer chain link fence, newer windows, newer water heater. Maintenance-free vinyl siding and metal roof. Mature trees and a spacious fenced yard for your family. Property is minutes from Cassville, and just a jump to the Arkansas line. This is a great fixer upper at a great price. \$72,900

60169964 - **HOME HAS NEWER PAINT INSIDE AND OUT.** Some newer floor covering.

60172033 - **EXCELLENT RESIDENTIAL LOT TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME.** This lot has rural water available. Also has public sewer system in place. Very close to Cassville Golf Course. **\$25,000**

60161252 - **NICE NEIGHBORHOOD** with a large yard, mature trees and a large deck right off the dining-living room.

Open kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Two bedrooms, one bath upstairs, one bedroom, full bath, large open family room, and extra storage in the basement walkout sliding door to a covered porch.

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60152935 - WELCOME TO ONE OF THE BEST LAKE FRONT LOTS ON TABLE ROCK LAKE. This lot provides a gentle walk-down to the lake AND your TWO boat slips in a private dock. Well and a septic is already in place. You're ready to build that lake-front dream home today. \$175,000

60104816 - **CLOSED MOTEL HAS 17 UNITS**, office, plus a 3 bedroom apartment. In-ground storm shelter, off street parking. \$225,000

60058815 - COMMERCIAL LOT IN SELIGMAN. Comer of State Hwy 37 and Cemetery Street. City utilities. 1.3 acres m/l. \$15,000

60172095 - **GREAT BUILDING SITE IN MEADOW ESTATES.** Close to golf course. Has rural water available and has community sewer system. **\$25,000**



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Is your child in an appropriate car seat?

Is your child in an appropriate car seat? The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety wants to ensure all caregivers of young children know the importance of buckling children in an appropriate child restraint.

In 2019, 13 children less than eight years of age were killed and 52 suffered serious injuries as occupants in motor vehicle crashes in Missouri. Thirty-five percent of the children killed and seriously injured were not properly restrained in an appropriate seat.

Missouri law requires all children under eight to be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat, unless:

- They are at least 80 pounds;
- They are at least 4'9" tall.

However, highway safety professionals recommend children remain in an appropriate child safety seat until they meet all three criteria. Furthermore, experts strongly encourage children

to remain in a rear-facing car seat until age 2 or as long as the height and weight specifications of the car seat allow.

Child Passenger Safety Week takes place Sept. 20-26. Motorists can expect increased enforcement of Missouri's child seat safety laws throughout this campaign.

"The goal is to make sure all parents and caregivers are correctly securing all children in the correct car seat for their age and size," said Jon Nelson, chair of the executive committee for the coalition. "Using the appropriate seat prevents serious injuries and could save your child's life."

Child safety seat technicians provide education and car seat inspections at locations across the state. A list of Missouri's car seat inspection stations and their locations can be found at seatcheck. org. Appointments and social distancing protocol may be necessary.

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seats have expiration dates. Due to the extreme heat and cold that they're subject to, they can break down over time. Used car seats can also be dangerous, especially if you don't know the seat's his-

Most hospitals require vehicles to be furnished with a child safety seat before releasing a newborn into the mother's care. Many have programs provide assistance to new parents who can't afford to purchase one.

"We urge everyone to get their child safety seats inspected, especially new parents," said Nelson. "There are so many options available out there, and a certified technician can help ensure parents are using an appropriate seat that will protect their children."

For more information on Child Passenger Safety Week, visit saveMOlives.com. You can also follow Save MO Lives on social media.

Creative Corner One Mama's Perspective



Sarah Lee Palmer

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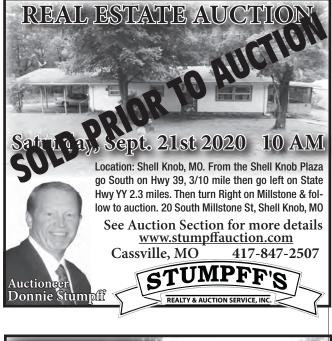
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In a world where working from home, family, recreation, faith and other factors compete for our time, people speak about the need to seek

a "balanced life." But maybe "balance" is the wrong goal.

"The concept of being in 'balance' has the potential to set us up for immediate failure," says Michael Sipe, author of The AVADA Principle and founder of the consulting firm 10x Catalyst Groups (www.10xgroups.com).

"We talk about work/life balance as if work and the rest of our lives are separate things. But in reality, work and everything else are all part of one life.

Instead of balance, Sipe suggests seeking an "integrated life," where the integral parts of life are combined into a fully functioning whole. He acknowledges that's easier said than done.

It's a challenge to determine what the integral parts of human life are, how to integrate them, and what a fully functioning and completely whole life would be like," he says.

For Sipe, a major part of that integration involves faith. But his suggestions on how to approach your job so that it is integrated into the rest of your life are relevant regardless of spiritual views.

In Sipe's view, work often gets a bad rap. Work is actually a neutral concept, he says, and the larger evaluation is not that we "have" to work, or how much we work. Instead the key is to look at the purposes toward which our work is directed and to be intentional about how we allocate our energy.

How An Integrated Life is Key to Work Satisfaction

In managing your attitude about work, Sipe recommends that you:

Focus on purpose. "One definition of work is energy directed toward a purpose," Sipe says. "If you find yourself holding a detrimental attitude about your work, take a look at your purpose. Perhaps you simply are not directing your energy toward a purpose you care about." If so, he says, consider changing your work so that you can invest your energy toward a purpose that matters to you. Alternatively, perhaps you have not connected your work to your purpose, and thus, your motivation to work is suffering.

Avoid griping. The more you declare that work is hard, bad, unpleasant, a waste of time, and a drag, the more it will be all those things for you, Sipe says. "Reframe work as good, as a joy, a blessing, a challenge, an opportunity, a privilege, an investment," he says. "Loving your work is a choice - your choice."

Take responsibility and take charge. If you don't like your work, Sipe says, then change it. "You are not a tree rooted in place; you can move," he says. "You are not a victim or a slave. If you are blessed to live in the Western world, and especially if you are blessed to live in America, you are free to do the work you love toward purposes you desire"

Ask yourself better questions. When things aren't working out as you hoped you might be inclined to ask yourself, "Why me? Why is this so hard? What did I do to deserve this?" Instead, Sipe says, ask yourself: "What am I supposed to learn here?" He says you could also do as the late Jim Rohn, a motivational speaker, instructed: "Don't ask why things are so hard; ask how you can get better."

"The concept of work is simple, but we tend to complicate it," Sipe says. "And work really does apply to everything we do. Yes, we can work at a job, but we also work on our health, work on our education, work on our marriage, work on our friendships, and work on our faith. It's all energy applied toward a purpose."

Michael Sipe, author of The AVADA Principle, is the founder of 10x Catalyst (www.10xgroups. Groups com), which helps entrepreneurs grow profitable and thriving businesses organized on a foundation of Biblical

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person hunter-education skills sessions are limited in quantity and capacity. Skills sessions are necessary for anyone ages 11-15 to complete their hunter-education certification.

"For the safety of the public, staff, and volunteers, our instructors have had to make some changes to the frequency and size of our inperson offerings," explained MDC Hunter Education and Shooting Range Coordinator Justin McGuire. "If you're age 16 and up and need your hunter education certification for this fall, I'd encourage you to take advantage of the all-online course if possible. This will make more spots available for kids ages 11-15 who are required to attend an in-person skills session to complete their certification."

The cost of the online certification is \$19.95, which is paid to the online provider, not MDC. The all-online option requires the passing of a final exam but has no skills portion.

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