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BRIEFS

Work to begin on **Route 38 bridge**

A portion of Missouri Route 38 in Wright County will soon be closed as contractor crews replace the Evening Shade Creek bridge. This section of roadway is located between Route Y and Hardrock Drive. Weather permitting, work will begin Monday, Aug. 31, with completion anticipated Monday, Nov. 30.

This bridge is included in Gov. Mike Parson's \$351 million Focus on Bridges program, which will repair or replace 250 bridges across the state.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to seek an alternate route and use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact Resident Engineer Audie Pulliam at 417-469-2589, Mo-DOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT or visit www.modot.org/ southeast.

Deadlines changed for Sep. 9 issue

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sep. 7, deadlines have been changed for the Wright County Journal's Sep. 9 issue.

All advertisements, legals and news submissions must be scheduled no later than noon on Thursday, Sep. 3. Classifieds deadline is 3 p.m.

The Fade Co. opens location in Mountain Grove

Mountain Grove graduate returns home

BY RON SCHOTT EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

Hair stylist Courtney Leggett is like many in her industry.

While gaining on the job experience as a stylist for nearly nine years, there was also a future desire to open her own business some day.

That dream became a reality recently when she opened The Fade Co at 921-B N. Main St. in Mountain Grove, located to the right of Access Dental.

"I moved away to chase my dream of being a stylist, gained an obnoxious amount of hair knowledge and now am fulfilling my dream of coming back to the country life, but also bringing all of my skills with me," said Leggett, a Class of 2011 graduate from Mountain Grove High School in her social media post.

Her journey in the industry began with cutting both men's and women's hair for her first four years. She worked for Regis Salon at the Branson Landing until they closed.

She then took her talents to Springfield, working her way into a management position at Sports Clips.



Courtney Leggett holds up an open sign inside her new business called The Face Co. in Mountain Grove.

Working a location that featured 20-plus haircuts a day, she became one of the top female stylist of men's hair in the company. She was one of two females in a four state area to earn the platinum award, the

highest offered by Sports Clips. "I learned so much through those four years, including that men's hair is my biggest strength," Leggett said. "...I just felt like I could have a conversation better with the

guys.."

It is those conversations that inspired the name of her business.

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"Eighty percent of the clientele was high and tight and fades," Leggett noted. "That's one thing a lot of men would ask, the first thing, they would ask is if you guys fade...It was a common question and (the name) answers it."

She thanks Rocky Gilbert and Kane Ross, for whom she cut hair at a dealership in Houston a few times a month.

"I said hey, just open a place down there and I will come back home," she said. "And here we are."

The Face Co will be open seven days a week. From 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 12-5 p.m. on Sunday.

Leggett said what sets her business a part in Mountain Grove is that there are no appointments necessary and she only takes walk-ins.

Soon, her customers will also be able to download an app to their phone to check on wait times.

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Wright County Journal launches new website

BY RON SCHOTT EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

overall multimedia cover- it was extremely important for

be in place on the website.

"When I first accepted the job In an effort to enhance the as publisher last June, I knew





Thank you in advance.

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age of Wright County, the Wright County Journal officially launched its new website, www.wrightcountyjournal. com this past weekend.

The website features three top stories of the week, a spotlight on news for the county's four largest towns, along with web links to sports, entertainment, opinion columns, obituaries, and more.

The E-Edition (electronic edition) features the most recent issues of the WCJ in digital form.

Eventually, the past two years of newspapers will be available.

A login for subscribers to access E-Edition will eventually our two newspapers at the time to upgrade their digital presence on the world wide web," said Publisher Ron Schott.

"Then when the two newspapers were combined into the new Wright County Journal this past June, it was extremely important for us to follow the merger with a strong web presence. I'm very excited that this happened before the school year and before fall sports get underway. This new website will help us break news stories, and more importantly, help us to take our Wright County coverage and advertising messages from local businesses to readers and potential customers all over the world."

submitted photo The new website home page for Wright County Journal.

Seeking input for traffic on Bus. 60, Hwy. 95

BY RON SCHOTT

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On a daily basis, Mountain Grove area drivers attempt to navigate their way through busy traffic as they keep an eye out for cars turning or stopping on Highway 95 between Business 60 at the traffic light and going north to just past Walmart.

What many area drivers may not know is that stretch of road is the responsibility of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and not the City of Mountain Grove.

Mountain Grove City Administrator Tim Schook requested area residents to make their voices heard with a Facebook post on the City's page last

week with the hopes of getting MoDOT's attention. MoDOT reportedly did a study some 15 years ago on the stretch of road that deemed it as "too congestive."

A project at an estimated cost of \$7.8 million was established to address traffic efficiency as more than 4,600 cars use the road on a daily basis.

Over the years, MoDOT's studies reportedly nixed ideas of adding a stoplight at either 9th St. or 17th St. as they would only add to the congestion.

Additional right-of-way space, turn lanes and even a roundabout have been part of the discussion, though no reported action has been taken. Meanwhile through the years,

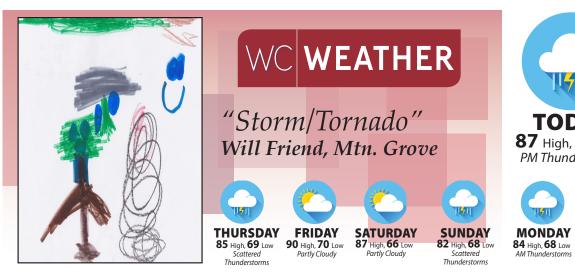


Traffic is busy in this business section of Mountain Grove.

Schook said the area has seen many accidents. He currently has Mountain Grove Police Chief Daniel Bledsoe compiling data on accidents for the stretch of road during the past two years to eventually be pre-See 'TRAFFIC' / page A3



RECORDS WC









78 High, 63 Low

Community Calendar

Norwood students head back on Aug. 27

The Norwood R-I

School District has its

first day of school on

Thursday, Aug. 27 as

this is the final district

to restart school in the

2020-2021 school year.

Senior Nights slated

for Mountain Grove

In an effort to ensure

senior athletes can en-

joy Senior Night, the

annual event will take

place during Moun-

tain Grove's first home

football game of the

season on Friday, Aug.

28 against Fair Grove.

That evening, senior

athletes will be honored

as athletes competing in

football, cross country,

cheerleading and band.

On Tuesday, Sep. 1,

a Senior Night will be

held for the volleyball

team as they have their

home match-up with

Conway.



nament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29 at Randel-Hinkle Golf Course in Mountain Grove. There will be an 18-hole, two person mix format featuring a scramble, alternate shot and best ball. The cost is \$100 per team with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. All proceeds go to providing Christmas gifts for underprivileged children. The City of Mountain Grove and Mountain Grove Police Department are the hosts for the event. Register at the clubhouse or call 417-926-5700.



Remembering **Operation Iraqi** Freedon on Aug. 31

There will be a End of **Operation Iraqi Free**dom Color Ceremony at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31 on the Mountain Grove square.



Fox Trotting Celebration Sep. 6-12 The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Show and Celebration will be held from Sep. 6-12 at the arena in Ava. For more information, call 417-683-2468.



YESTERYEAR

(Yesteryear-Mountain Grove) 110 Years Ago Aug. 26, 1910 The Thimble Club charmingly entertained by Mrs. Wiley Thome, Wednesday, at her pleasant home on Green St.

> 85 Years Ago Aug. 22, 1935

Bendavis News: Mr. and Mrs. Will Boyer and daughter Stella will move to Mountain Grove this

week and Miss Stella will finish her high school work. This will be her last year as she had three years at Gravel Point.

60 Years Ago Aug. 22, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Hutcheson, of St. Louis, came Thursday for a weekend visit with his mother, Mrs. Ola Hutcheson and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner at Cabool.

35 Years Ago Aug. 21, 1985 Tammy Franklin, Mountain Grove, placed third on Regers Pale Face in the Youth Activity Western riding division (18 and under) at the Missouri State Fair Quarter Horse Show.

John Ellis, Mountain Grove, had two animals place in the FFA Dairy Show at the Missouri State Fair.

20 Years Ago Aug. 23, 2000 Matthew and Dennis Seabert were awarded the MPGA Educational Assistance Fund Scholarship at the Norwood High School Commencement Ceremony.

Stephanie Douglass graduated Cum Laude from the University of Missouri0-Columbia in May 2000 with a degree in health related services.

Playground donation made for "Play For All"

BY THE WCJ STAFF EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

"Play For All" has been chosen for the name of the Mountain Grove Lions Club's all inclusive playground planned for Cedar Center Park.

This is the Mountain Grove Lions Club's first Legacy project for Mountain Grove.

A Lions Legacy Project is a major contribution, which will be there for future generations.

The local Lions Club donated \$10,000 of their club funds to kick start their "Take the Challenge" campaign. Corporate sponsors are encouraged to match that \$10,000 with \$10,000 of their own to get a plaque on the per-



The Mountain Grove Lions Club hold a check for \$10,000 showing the Club's committment to the Legacy Playground Project.

preciated and will be fundraising committee. publicly recognized. The Lions Club's Tim

He brings with him firsthand knowledge of this ons have 501c3 tax status,

local Lion. The Mountain Grove Li-

Dave will do anything to save you money

Save up to 40-70%

3-on-3 basketball, volleyball tourna-

ments at ASTCC A 3-on-3 basketball tournament has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Ann Short Turner Community Center (ASTCC) in Mansfield. The event will be a benefit for Tessa Brooke and family. The cost is \$10 per person and there will be divisions

for men and women. A 3-on-3 volleyball tournament will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29. The cost is \$10 per person. All proceeds go to Tessa Brooke and family.

manent sign at the park. All donations of any amount are greatly ap-

Schook, City Administrator for Mountain Grove, has agreed to chair the type of project.

To make a donation to the playground, see any

so donations are fully tax deductible.

PARPET & FLOORING



"Shop with a Hero" **Benefit Golf tourney** Aug. 29 The "Shop with a Hero" Benefit golf tour-

Rodeo coming back to Tri-County Fairgrounds The Ozark Family Ro-

deo will be back at the **Tri-County Fairgrounds** in Mountain Grove with an event starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sep. 12. The OFR was last at the location for an event on Aug. 1.

Junk Fest scheduled E-Marie's Antique Mall and Boutique will hold a Junk Fest Saturday, Sep. 26 in Mountain Grove.

....One Year \$47.00



Masons celebrate 50 years

BY THE WCJ STAFF EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

Billy and Mary Ann Mason will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sep. 5. Due to the loss of our parents and children and the COVID-19 crisis, there will be no formal celebration. You are welcome to send best wishes to us at 7220 Old Highway 60, Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711. The omission of gifts is requested.



Then newlyweds Billy and Mary Ann Mason.



I want to thank everyone for the prayers, food and support my family and I have received in the past days and weeks. COVID19 is very real, violent and painful. Please take this virus seriously. No person or family should ever have to go through what Eloise had to go through in the last weeks of her life. I would like to give special thanks to the following: Travis Brown, MSHP Eastern Douglas County Fire Department and the Hurtt Family.

Max Reese Chris & Wendy Reese Joey & Melissa Vinson Kyle & Steph Reese



Only

WC FROM ONE

TRAFFIC____from page A1

work in Mountain Grove. As for Schook's Facebook post, it received more than 70 comments. Some area drivers noted the a need for a center turn lane all through town especially when school is in session. One comment described getting out of businesses on that stretch as a "night-

if the model there could mare." Others focused their area of concern to between Sonic and 17th St. as many drivers are going to the eating establishments and grocery

store in that stretch. Those wishing to express their concerns to MoDOT, are encouraged to call the Southeast District is Sikeston at 573-472-5333.

FADE _____

"No where else in town can walk in and get a haircut that day," she said. "I am really determined to be here for whatever hours are that day. We will be here. That's one thing that definitely sets us apart."

Discounts have recently been offered to students heading back-to-school. Other ongoing discounts include a heroes discount for law enforcement, fire and EMTs as they will get \$4 off any haircut.

Football players can get \$2 off any haircut service right now as those athletes gear up for the 2020 season.

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The Fade Co will have three employees and has room for potentially four stations.

They are currently hiring a stylist who is comfortable with men's cuts and are willing to learn.

For more information on the position or the business, call The Fade Co at 417-349-4133.

Car Show held in Mountain Grove

BY LINDA PUGH FOR THE WCJ

What a night it was for car enthusiasts and just those longing for some nostalgia as more than 35 cars and trucks, some vintage, some classic rolled into the square in Mountain Grove as the Southern Cruisers along with Holifield's Old Fashion Soda Fountain at Mountain Grove Pharmacy sponsored the Back to School Cruise-In. The event was a potpourri of automobiles, trucks, hot rods and more along with some family-friendly activities such as the dunking booth, face painting and bounce house. Music from days gone by blasted the square as many young and old attendees took to dancing. Tammy and her crew at Holifield's Old Fashion Soda Fountain served up some traditional fair food while cooling many down with their array of ice cream flavors.

Cruise-in participants came from many Ozark towns including Hartville, Licking, Salem, Willow



Thompson's Rod Shop Chevy was an award winner at the Car Show.

Victor Allen, of Mansfield

Best Rod-Thompson's

Rod Shop orange Chevy

truck owned by Jolene

Best Chevy-Maroon

Chevy step-side dual-

ly truck a.k.a."Woodie,"

owned by Eric Noheiem

Best Ford-1956 Ford Sun-

liner (Fairlane), a convert-

ible with a Continental kit

owned by Norman Dixon,

Best of the Rest-Blue

Studebaker Champion

Davis

of Licking

Springs, West Plains, Alton and Gentryville as well as those homegrown owners from Mountain Grove. After a couple of hours, prizes were awarded and trophies were handed out by Jasper Engines, of Willow Springs. Awards went to:

Tammy's Choice-1946 red Studebaker M5 truck owned by Bob Berry, of Gentryville

President's Choice-1969 Daytona yellow Chevy Camero SS, owned by

Best GM- Dacy Collins' Silver GTO

Best Mopar-2017 Yellow Dodge Charger RT owned by Josh Virtue, of Mountain Grove

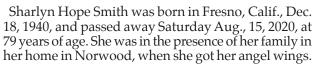
Best Under Construction-1938 Chevy car primered by Darryl Montague Many other classy looking cars and trucks could be seen, but not all can be winners. The Southern Cruisers will make their next stop on Sep. 12 in Cabool.

SHARLYN HOPE SMITH

NORWOOD, MISSOURI



SHARYLN HOPE **SMITH**



She is survived by her brother, Rodney Sawall; sister, Kathy Bienkowsky; daughter, Robin Smith; son, Scott Smith; granddaughters, Stacey and Shyan Smith; and great-grandchildren, Adilee, Bryston and E-Z Smith. Sharlyn's husband, Kenneth Smith, passed away in 2000, and this year would have been married 62 years. They are now together again.

Private family burial for Sharlyn Smith was held at Thomas Cemetery, Norwood, under the direction of Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home,

Mountain Grove. Online condolences: www.craighurttfuneralhome.com.





The Tammy's Choice winning 1946 Studebaker owned by Bob Berry.

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Thursday, September 3rd • 5:30 pm

AUCTION TIME!!!

WE HAVE A VERY VERY NICE AUCTION PUT TOGETHER WITH SOME HARD TO FIND ITEMS! HERES A LIST ! AND KEEP IN MIND NOT NEARLY ALL THE ITEMS ARE LISTED! TONS OF GRILLS ! INCLUDING BLACKSTONE GRIDDLES 36", PITBOSS SMOKERS A VARIETY TO CHOOSE FROM, DYNA GLO GAS GRILL, CUISINART PELLET GRILL , EXPERT GRILL THIS IS HALF GAS HALF CHARCOAL, PITBOSS LOCKHART PLATINUM , AND MANY MORE , ALSO HAVE KAYAKS, LIFETIME DAYLITE, LIFETIME TAMARACK FISHING KAYAKS, LIFETIME CHARGER , WE HAVE BIKES AND RIDE ONS ALL SIZES AND SHAPES, TONS OF PATIO FURNITURE, OUTDOOR CHAIRS, OUTDOOR TABLES AND CHAIRS, OUTDOOR COUCHES, SOME NICE SETS HERE, ESPN PING PONG TABLE, CLASSIC SPORT POOL TABLE, RUBBERMAID STORAGE SHED, BEDROOM DRESSERS, CUBE SHELVES, ELECTRIC LAWN MOWERS, POWER SMART GAS LAWN MOWERS, LOTS OF STORAGE CONTAINERS, TENTS TENTS TENTS ALL SHAPES AND SIZES, OUTDOOR SHOWER HOUSE, GARDEN HOSES, STANLEY FATMAXS, OZARK TRAIL HIGH PERFORMANCE COOLER, BOUNTY HUNTER METAL DETECTOR, KEURIG COFFEE MACHINE, INSTAPOT AIR FRYER, KITCHEN AID MIXER, LODGE CAST IRON DUTCH OVEN, LODGE ENAMEL DUTCH OVER, LOTS OF PIONEER WOMEN ITEMS, ALLSWELL 10" QUEEN MATTRESS, KIDS TOYS INCLUDING BARBIE BRAND LEGOS FISHER PRICE, IGLOO LIGHT UP COOLER, AND A NICE VARIETY OF OTHER COOLERS, MICROWAVES. MICROWAVE OVENS, DIAPERS ALL SIZES, FISHING POLES, ALL SIZES OF AIR CONDITIONERS, TCL 5K BUT, TCL 12K BUT, LG 24K BTU, PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONER WITH HEAT MODE, CHAMPION DUEL DUEL GENERATOR 3500 W, WESTINGHOUSE GENERADOR 9500W BRAND NEW IN THE BOX, LITTLE TIKES REAL WOOD ADVENTURES PLAYSET, LAWNMEADOW PLAYSET, THESE ARE BIG SETS AND ARE VERY NICE, LET'S NOT FORGET THE POOLS, COLEMAN 18 FT POWER STEEL, BEST WAY 14 FT, COLMAN SALUSPA SPA, SONAMA HARDTOP GAZEBO, PET CARRIERS, DANBY COMPACT REFRIGERATOR, 7.5 CU. FT. RCR REFRIGERATOR. THIS IS JUST A LITTLE IDEA OF WHAT WE HAVE, WE HAVE 2 MORE TRUCKLOADS WE ARE HOPING MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE AUCTION AND THEY SHOULD, BUT THERE WILL BE TOOLS AND ROLLING MILWAUKEE TOOLS BOXES, MIG WELDER, AND DISHWASHERS AND BIG SIDE BY SIDE REFRIGERATES ON THOSE LOADS, GO FOLLOW OUR



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Holifield's Soda Fountain was busy Friday night.





TRAVIS C. GAUCH

NORWOOD, MISSOURI



Travis C. Gauch, son of Tyrone Gauch and Tanya Emery, was born Oct. 17, 1995, in Wentzville, and passed away Aug. 13, 2020, in Springfield. He was 24 vears, 9 months and 27 days of age. Travis enjoyed the outdoors and anything that had to do with nature. He loved fishing and hunting and he spent a lot of time in the woods and at the river, enjoying both. He also loved spending time getting together with friends. He earned his HiSET diploma and was able to pursue a degree in agriculture, which he greatly enjoyed. Travis was preceded in death by his grandfather, William "Bill" Gauch; his step-father, Tony Emery; and his grandfather, Burla Stout.

TRAVIS C. GAUCH

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Tyrone and Patty Gauch, of Center; his mother, Tanya Emery, of Mountain Grove; one brother, Tyler Gauch (Sarah Greenwood,) of Macomb; two sisters, Katie Dill, of Camdenton, and Justice Gauch, of Warrenton; two

step-sisters, Diana Sullivan and her husband, Billy, of Center, and Erica Coffman (Buddy Oberdahldolhof), of Ewing; grandparents, Ida Stout, of Mountain Grove; Roy and Norma Blackmon, of Lebanon; Christy and Charles Bloodgood, of Hull, Ill.; Diana Harris and Bruce Nicosia, of Hannibal; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends, who will miss him greatly. A Celebration of Life event for Travis Gauch was held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, at Austin Lake, Texas County. Cremation was under the direction of Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home, Mountain Grove. Memorial contributions may be made to the memorial fund to help with expenses either through the

funeral home website or in the office. Online condolences: www.craighurttfuneralhome.com.



SUE ANN JOHNSON (AULT)

FLORISSANT, MISSOURI



SUE ANN JOHNSON (AULT)

Sue Ann Johnson (nee Ault), age 75, of Florissant, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, July 15, 2020. She was born on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1944 in Mountain Grove, one of five children born to Leonard and Rosa (Stephenson) Ault. Sue graduated from Mountain Grove High School in 1962 and then earned a BS from Missouri Baptist School of Nursing. On June 15, 1965, she married the love of her life, Ellery Farmer Johnson, Jr. She worked as an Registered Nurse for 28 years at Christian Hospital Northeast and retired in 2002. In her younger days, she enjoyed bowling and then her interest turned to bridge, which she enjoyed playing with her friends at the Florissant Bridge Group. She was also a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of St. John. Most of all, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Ellery Farmer Johnson, Jr.; and one brother, Kenny Ault.

She is survived by two children, Sarah Lenore Johnson and Ellery Farmer Johnson III; two grandchildren, Charles Thomas Johnson and Ellery Farmer Johnson IV; one sister, Faye and husband James Elder; two brothers, Elmer and wife Marie Ault and James Ault (Karen Farris Craddock); sister-in-law, Leatha Ault; ; nieces, nephews, cousins and their families; special friends and neighbors including Rhonda Burden, Don and Synetta Daggs, and former co-workers at Christian Hospital Northeast.

MARY LOU BECK

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

HAROLD DEAN KINGSLAND MOUNTAIN GROVE, MISSOURI

Harold Dean Kingsland, son of the late Alfred Powell Kingsland and Jessie Mae Jones, was born July 24, 1935, in Jerome, Idaho, and passed away Aug. 22, 2020, at his residence in Mountain Grove, with family by his side. He was 85 years and 29 days of age.

Harold married Alice Marie Snavely on Oct. 11, 1964, in Mountain Grove. They moved to Long Beach, Calif., where he was stationed in the Navy. While in the Navy, they lived in many places including, Vallejo, Calif.; Whidbey Island, Wash.; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Great Lakes, IlL. Harold retired from the Navy on Aug. 30, 1976, after serving his country for 21 years, with 17 of those years being sea duty. He was a Machinist Mate Senior Chief. Following his retirement in 1976 they made their home in

HAROLD DEAN **KINGSLAND**

Mountain Grove. He worked as a trash truck driver for the city of Mountain Grove and retired from there after working for them for several years. Harold enjoyed golfing, fishing, playing pool, and spending time with family and friends. Harold was saved as a young boy. He was a member of the Waukegan Baptist Church in Waukegan, Ill., and was baptized at Ewa Beach Baptist Church in Hawaii. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Alice Kingsland; two sons, Iris Joe Kelley and Max Kelley;

one older brother, Alfred Kingsland; and two brothers-in-law, Walter "Ervin" Sowers and Bill Calhoun. Harold is survived by one son, Dean Kingsland and his wife, Kimberly, of Centerton, Ark.; one daughter, Zelta (Kingsland) Miller, of Temecula, Calif.; one daughter-in-law, Glinda Kelley, of Norwood; two sisters, Marjorie Sowers and Donna Calhoun, both of Mansfield; four grandchildren, Francis Kelley and his wife, Jennifer, of Rogersville; Mitzi Campbell and her husband, Brandan, of Norwood; Jacob Kelley and his wife, Amanda, of Granby; and Micah Kingsland, of Centerton, Ark.; eight great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Melody, Megan and Maddie Campbell; Connor and Blake Kelley; Isaac Kelley; Emmalee Clift; and many other relatives and friends. "Gramps" will be greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral services for Harold Kingsland were held Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, at Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home, the Rev. Jamey Lansdown officiating. Song selections were "Amazing Grace" sung by Wally Sowers and "How Great Thou Art" sung by Donna Bennett. Pallbearers were Francis Kelley, Jacob Kelley, Mitzi Campbell, Brandan Campbell, Benjamin Campbell and Connor Kelley. Honorary pallbearers were Micah Kingsland, Isaac Kelley, Blake Kelley, Melody Campbell, Megan Campbell, Maddie Campbell and Emmalee Kelley. Burial was at Thomas Cemetery, Norwood, with full military honors, under the direction of Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mountain Grove VFW No. 3770 in care of the funeral home. Online condolences: www.craighurttfuneralhome.com.



LYLE T. HARRISON

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MISSOURI



Lyle T. Harrison, son of the late Wesley J. and Cleta (Lemons) Harrison, was born July 23, 1934, in Douglas County, Missouri, and passed away peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 19, 2020, at Autumn Oaks Caring Center in Mountain Grove. He was 86 years and 27 days of age.

Lyle grew up in the Douglas County area, along Fox Creek. He graduated from Mountain Grove High School and attended the Rolla Miners School. He was drafted into the Army June 4, 1957, and served in Germany, returning to Mountain Grove in 1959.

He married Velma Leanis Holt on April 16, 1960. Two children were born to this union, Gerald and Valora. They celebrated their 60th wedding LYLE T. anniversary together in their home earlier this year. HARRISON Lyle and Velma were almost always together in their retirement years and enjoyed spending their time together. Where you found one, you always found the other. Lyle retired from the Missouri Department of Transportation after working for more than 35 years. He enjoyed farming, gardening and watching plants grow. He loved reading the newspaper, watching all news programs and all forms of history. He knew no stranger and conversed with anyone while spending time with anyone who could afford some time for conversation.



MARY LOU BECK

Mary Lou Beck was born June 3, 1938 in Greeley, Colo. to Elmo and Betty Wolfe and departed this life on Aug. 12, 2020 at her grandson's home in Palm Coast, Fla. at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 9 days.

Mary Lou grew up and graduated high school in Ft. Lupton, Colo. She was first married to Max Arnold and they moved to California. And then to Darrell Beck and they lived in San Diego, Calif. She worked various jobs during her lifetime. Mary Lou moved to the Hartville area in 2000 to be close to her sister until her health began to fail a few months ago, at which time she moved to Florida to stay with her daughter. Mary Lou was a faithful member of the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, north of Norwood. She came to services as often as her health permitted. Mary Lou is survived by two sons, Blane and his wife, Dena, of

Pennsylvania; Elmo and his wife, Carrie, of California; and one daughter, Tina, and her husband, Mark, of Palm

Coast, Fla.; five granddaughters; one grandson; and seven great-grandchildren; one brother, David Wolfe and significant other, Lou Sutherland, of Colorado; and one sister, Catherine "Kate" Junge, of Hartville. She was preceded in death by her parents and one nephew, Gary Junge, of Hartville. Mary Lou was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had a wonderful sense of humor and everyone enjoyed being around her. She will be missed by all.

MARRIAGE LICENSES FILED IN WRIGHT COUNTY

The following are marriage licenses recorded from Aug. 1-Aug. 19.

Richard Thomas Phillips, 41, Mansfield, married Melissa Renea Willet, 35, Mansfield, on June 30 in Mansfield.

Nicholas Allen Eaton, 30, Mountain Grove, married Savannah Dawn

Thompson, 30, Graff, on Aug. 7 in Springfield. Aug. 6 in Graff. Dustin Thomas Jones,

32, Mountain Grove, married Kali Rae Kuster, 25, Mountain Grove on Aug. 7 in Mountain Grove.

Shay William Gilbert, 23, Mountain Grove, married Whitney Nichole James, 24, Mountain Grove, on

Eli William Stigall, 23, Mansfield, married Hannah Layne Guerin, 25, Mansfield, on Aug. 9 in Branson.

Joshua Gene Volner, 31, Hartville, married Shania Hope Holland, 21, Niangua, on Aug. 14 in Hartville.

He faithfully served the Lord and was a member of the Southside Church of Christ in Mountain Grove.

Besides his parents, Lyle was preceded in death by one brother, Roy Harrison; one sister-in-law, Lacy Harrison; one sister, Inez Barker; and one brother-inlaw, Noble Barker. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Velma Harrison, of Mountain Grove; one son, Gerald Harrison, of Mountain Grove; one daughter, Valora Frey and her husband, Joseph, of Liberty; three grandchildren, Jarred Harrison and his wife, Miranda, of Paoli, Okla.; Charissa Wilmes and her husband, David, of Easton; Seth Halford and his wife, Ieisha, of Kearney; seven beautiful great-granddaughters, Jazmine Rose Harrison, fraternal twins, Gracie Lynn and Jaylynn Bliss Harrison, Kaydience Lee Smith, Bexlei Rayne Leanis Wilmes, Olivia Joann Halford and Clair Jacklyn Halford; three brothers-in-law, Lonnie Holt and his wife, Charlotte, of Mountain Grove; Wyane Holt and wife, Barbara, of Salem, Ark.; and Vernon Holt and wife, Lanea, of Mackie, Idaho; three sisters-in-law, Leona Sanders, of Wichita, Kan.; Thelma Faye Kincheloe and her husband, Von, of Kansas City; and Joyce Holt, of Mountain Grove; and other relatives, friends and church family who will dearly miss him.

Visitation for Lyle Harrison was held Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, at Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home from 9-10 a.m. Funeral services followed the visitation at 10 a.m., also at the funeral home, with Todd Richardson officiating. Song selections played were "In The Garden," "Trust And Obey" and "Sweet By And By." Dwayne Harrison, Larry Harrison, Gary Harrison, Seth Halford, David Wilmes and Terry Kincheloe served as pallbearers.

Mike Wade and Larry Coffee served as honorary pallbearers. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home, Mountain Grove. Online condolences: www.craighurttfuneralhome.com.





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WC EDUCATION

Wright County schools receive results of bus inspections

Skyline R-II blessed with help to purchase three buses

BY RON SCHOTT EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

All six Wright County school district received their results from the annual school bus inspection program as performed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Driver and Vehicle Safety Division.

Each year, the MSHP releases its results, but do not offer and further information on what problems each district had and whether or not the situations were fixed on the same day or not.

The Skyline R-II School district had a tough showing as the report showed none of their six buses being approved. It listed 50% were defective and 50% were out of service.

Skyline R-II Superinten-

dent Donnie Luna said one bus is already a parts bus, one had a loose bolt and another needed a tire. The two working buses had their situations addressed and were approved on the same day as the inspection. Fortunately, the district was recently listed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as one of several districts to be eligible for the Volkswagen Trust School Bus Replacement Program.

They were the 23rd number drawn for three projects showing 80% eligibility. This means the district will receive up to \$72,000 per bus for three buses Skyline R-II can now buy through a lease purchase with a five year warranty. Two will be 53 passenger



A school bus fleet.

and one is a 65 passenger vehicle.

"It's going to work out where we will have three routes and a trip bus," Superintendent Luna said. In the Hartville R-II School District, their fleet of 14 buses inspected showed 92.9% approved, none defected and 7.1% out of service.

photo from Metro Creative Services

Hartville Superintendent Mark Piper said one bus had a brake rotor that was cracked. The day it was discovered, the rotor was replaced.

As for Norwood R-I, their inspection of 10 buses had 60% approved and 40%defected with 0% out of service. The four buses. according to Norwood Superintendent Shannon Crain, were all minor fixes that were completed by the end of the same day. One had low power steering fluid, one had an exhaust hangar cracked, another had an issue with the emergency window buzzer and a fourth had a broken emergency triangle.

"We have six bus routes," Superintendent Crain said. "That leaves four spare buses that remain motionless for extended periods of time, thus leading to minor repairs... David Coatney (James Bradshaw Garage) is our bus maintenance supervisor. He does an excellent job at keeping the fleet in good shape."

As for the Mansfield R-IV School District, 13 buses were inspected with 84.6% approved and 15.4% defected and none were out of service.

Meanwhile, Mountain Grove had the largest fleet with 23 buses presented showing 91.3% approved and 8.7% defected with none out of service. Reportedly, all issues were taken care of at both districts, which is why none of the buses are listed as out of service.

The Manes R-V School District showed there three buses being 100% approved with no reported defections or buses listed as out of service.

CFO awards grants to district

BY LOUISE KNAUER COMM. FOUND. OF THE OZARKS

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks has made a grant of \$481 to the Mountain Grove R-III School District's Band and Choral Boosters Club and music department.

The distribution is from the Evelyn Byrd Struble Memorial Music Fund, established with the Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation.

Evelyn Byrd Struble, known as "Miss Byrd," was the vocal and instrumental music teacher in Mountain Grove starting in 1954, serving through 1960.

The Evelyn Byrd Struble Memorial Music Fund grants to the Mountain Grove High School music department for vocal and instrumental needs

Mountain Grove Area COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

earlier grants of \$200 to the Art Department at Mountain Grove High School, \$100 to the Music Department at Mountain Grove and \$200 to the Cabool R-IV School District Art Club.

The Sneiderman Fund was established in memory of Joe R. Sneiderman, an artist with long family roots in Cabool and Mountain Grove who died in 2004.

He also worked in Maryland and south-central Missouri and created art works that appear in numerous private collections.

The Art Department donations will be used to purchase art supplies for



students will benefit as a result of this grant.

Donations to the endowment can be made online at cfozarks.org/mountaingrove. Click "Donate to the Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation" and select Evelyn Byrd Struble Memorial Music Fund or the Joe Richard Sneiderman Art Fund from the drop-down menu.

The Mountain Grove Area

Mastrangelo awarded at MSU-WP

BY VICKIE DRISKELL MSU-WEST PLAINS

Lorren R. Mastrangelo, Norwood, has been awarded the Chrissy Bell Memorial Endowed Scholarship, the Rita Turpin Endowed Scholarship and the Gammill Family Foundation Scholarship for Nursing School from Missouri State University-West Plains.

Mastrangelo, a 2012 homeschool graduate, is a sophomore nursing major at Missouri State-West Plains.

She is the daughter of Domenick and Marsha Mastrangelo, Norwood. Missouri State University-West Plains empowers students to achieve personal success and to enrich their local and global communities by

providing accessible, affordable and quality educational opportunities. Missouri State-West Plains offers associate degrees and credit and non-credit courses, and serves as a delivery site for bachelor's and master's degrees offered by Missouri State University in Springfield.

Horton receives Gammill award

BY VICKIE DRISKELL MSU-WEST PLAINS

Victoria C. Horton, Mountain Grove, has been awarded the Gammill Family Foundation New Mexico, and Sum-Scholarship for Nursing School from Missouri State University-West Plains. Horton, a 2015 graduate of Mountain Grove High School in Mountain

Grove, is a sophomore nursing major at Missouri State-West Plains.

She is the daughter of John Horton, Tijeras,

global communities by providing accessible, affordable and quality educational opportunities. Missouri State-West Plains offers associate

including, but not limited to, new sheet music, instruments, instrument repair, uniforms and out of town performances and contests.

This endowment was started by many of Evelyn Byrd Struble's former students after her death in 2011.

The Joe Richard Sneiderman Art Fund also made high school students in Mountain Grove and Cabool.

Art supplies need replacement since most are not reusable. It also will help cover student art fees at Mountain Grove so high school students with few economic resources can continue to participate in art classes. About 145

Community Foundation administers more than 30 charitable funds, with more than \$861,111 in assets as of June 30. It is one of 50 regional affiliates of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. The MGACF has distributed nearly \$728,000 back into the area since its inception in 2004.

mer Jarrett, Mountain Grove.

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degrees and credit and non-credit courses, and serves as a delivery site for bachelor's and master's degrees offered by Missouri State University in Springfield.

Students earn honors at MSU-WP

BY THE WCJ STAFF EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

Several local students earned Chancellor's List and Dean's List honors for this past summer at Missouri State University-West Plains.

Those earning Chancel-

lor's List honors include Hartville's Chasity L. Mansker; Mountain Grove's Shi M. Hensley, Erica R. Rogers, Kylee Sheppard, Dylan E. Spinney and Daniel L. Stevens; and Norwood's Jalen D. Drake and Payton D. Drake.

As for the Dean's List, those students include Mountain Grove's Kassidy B. Bushong, Jenna L. Cantrell and Juliana M. Moore. Norwood's Regan M. Kelly also earned the honors.

Endowed scholarship to Felker

at Missouri State-West

Plains who plans to pur-

sue a degree in dentistry.

She is the daughter of

Ron Felker, Norwood,

and Shawn Irby, Man-

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global communities by

sfield.

BY VICKIE DRISKELL MSU-WEST PLAINS

Lorna R. Felker, Ava, has been awarded the Mountain Grove 2006 Missouri State Alumni Endowed Scholarship from Missouri State University-West Plains. Felker, a 2020 graduate of Mountain Grove High School in Mountain Grove, is a freshman

providing accessible, affordable and quality educational opportunities. Missouri State-West Plains offers associate degrees and credit and non-credit courses, and serves as a delivery site for bachelor's and master's degrees offered by Missouri State University in Springfield.

Hartville student earns scholarship

BY VICKIE DRISKELL MSU-WEST PLAINS

Jonathan D. Branstetter, Hartville, has been awarded the Chancellor's Scholarship and the Roy



and Vallie Mayfield Memorial Scholarship from Missouri State University-West Plains. Branstetter, a 2020 graduate of Hartville High School in Hartville, is a freshman business major at Missouri State-West Plains. He is the son of John Branstetter, Grovespring, and Carmen Bowers, Hartville. Missouri State University-West Plains empowers students to

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Rhodes to get endowed honor

BY VICKIE DRISKELL MSU-WEST PLAINS

Brandon W. Rhodes, Mountain Grove, has been awarded the Mountain Grove MSU Alumni Endowed Scholarship from Missouri State University-West Plains.

Rhodes, a 2019 graduate of Mountain Grove High School in Mountain Grove, is a sophomore general studies major at Missouri State-West Plains.

He is the son of Brad and Amy Rhodes, Mountain Grove.

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WC MANSFIELD

Rocky Crain retires after 39 years of service



The City of Mansfield honored longtime employee Rocky Crain with a retirement reception on Thursday, Aug. 20. Crain was presented a plaque and a special cake commemorating his 39 years of service to the City of Mansfield. The City of Mansfield has expressed their appreciation for Crain's years of service and wish him many happy years of retirement.



submitted photo

The SilverSplash morning class in Mansfield, shown from left: Pam Probert, Nena Stevens, Instructor Lona Ryan, Karen Woodard, Carol Moore and Ronna Brezeal.

Water aerobics class finishes summer season at ASTCC

BY LONA RYAN MANSFIELD SILVERSPLASH Our Water aerobics class has just finished for this season. We have enjoyed having this opportunity for this activity in our own community. The pool man-

always very pleasant and

ager and lifeguards were Ronna Brezeal. The evening class included Joyce

Fire noticeable driving on **Highway 60 in Mansfield**



photos by Ron Schott

A lot of smoke worked its way across Highway 60 in Mansfield on Thursday, Aug. 20 as a prescribed, controlled burn on City property did get temporarily out of control and jumped the highway, this according to Mansfield Fire Chief Byron Clark. Firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze.



LOOKING BACK

Looking Back-Mansfield 80 Years Ago in 1940 Two new teachers were hired for the school. They were Lois Waters, of Cabool, and Mildred Weatherman, of Mountain Grove. Work was started on a new Baptist parsonage, located on the corner of Nettleton and Highway 5.

Fred Russell, Mrs. Lester Newton and Leonard Johnson.

60 Years Ago in 1960 Mary Ellen Nickle opened a beauty shop above the Mansfield LeeAnn Cannon was

40 Years Ago in 1980

tal Auxiliary paid anoth-

er \$6,000 on the \$50,000

pledge they made toward construction of the

hospital 10 years ago.

Their contributions now

30 Years Ago in 1990

At its annual banquet,

totaled \$27,000.

the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association recognized Gene Cravens on his retirement from teaching. Jill Clouse was elected state representative and

helpful. Morning class participants include Pam Probert, Nena Stevens, Instructor Lona Ryan, Karen Woodard, Carol Moore and

McCleary, Barbara Kelley, Carol Johnson, Lorie Edwards, Woodard and Instructor Ryan.

> 70 Years Ago in 1950 J.R. Ferguson was hired as music teacher for the school.

Mrs. Harry Euler was elected PTA president. Other officers were Mrs.

Interest rates

got you down?

Drug Store.

elected county collector at Girls State. Mrs. Gary Hanger di-The Tri-County Hospi-

rected the Vacation Bible School at the Mansfield Christian Church.

20 Years Ago in 2000 Chelsea House participated in Drury University's Summer Quest Program for gifted students.

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Tax rates approved by Mansfield

BY THE WCJ STAFF EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

The City of Mansfield approved the 2020 Assessed Valuation and Tax Rates as set by Wright County during a special meeting held on Aug. 20.

According to a report and .1020 (cemetery)toprovided by City of Mansfield Mayor Blake Miller, next year's total real estate and property valuation is \$11,417,212 with tax rates showing .5319 (general revenue), .1640 (streets)

taling .8052. Last year, the valuation was \$11,642.696 with .5214 (general revenue), .1586 (streets) and .0986 (cemetery) totaling .7786.



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Looking Back-Hartville 60 Years Ago in 1960 Mr. and Mrs. Reed Whitteker and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hillhouse returned from a vacation to the west coast.

Marine Lance Cpl. Lawrence Ward departed from San Diego, Calif. aboard the naval transport ship Bear.

50 Years Ago in 1970 A surprise birthday party dinner was held for Charley Kinser at Casador Park.

40 Years Ago in 1980 Mrs. Lloyd Sponsler and Mrs. Carl Winder hosted the July meeting of the Hartville Garden Club. Beulah Perkins and Teresa Moore were guests.

30 Years Ago in 1990 Ben Cole and Grier Huffman participated in the Summerscape program at Drury College in Springfield.

20 Years Ago in 2000 Donna Sue Cottengim joined Intergrity Home Care as a in-home aide and team leader in the Wright County area.

The American Legion hosted an ice cream social and Hartville High School band members directed by Theresa Dixon performed several musical selections.



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New roof placed on the Thrive Center

Reaches phase one goal for fundraising

BY RON SCHOTT EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

When fundraising began for phase one of the Thrive Center project in Hartville this summer, raising \$60,000 seemed like a challenging task due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its affect on the local economy. Early on, the Wright County Community Betterment Foundation raised around \$7,000 to go towards the roof expense. This help them to obtain a loan, which led to Queen City Roofing finishing

work on a new roof. The old roof was torn off, decking and some rafters were replaced and new

gutters were installed. "The roof was recently finished by Queen City Roofing and we were extremely pleased with their work," said Lauren Hughes, who works with the WCCBF.

While getting a new roof was exciting in itself, the foundation was exuberant last week when \$56,000 was donated to the project in a single day. Add that to the \$7,000 previously raised and the WCCBF ended last week with \$63,000 raised for project funds.

"This was a huge reminder to us that our God is the God of the impossible!," Hughes said. "This pairing of mortar holding is a project that is too big bricks in place along with other exterior work. for us, but it's not too big The vision of the Thrive for God. He has got this handled every step of the Center includes spaces for way and He is providing a community classroom, for us everything we need, meeting and study rooms, right when we need it. game room, laundry room, kitchen for training pur-He will continue to lead us through, one step at a poses, multipurpose room time. We may be one of and an eatery to supplethe poorest counties in the ment income. Programs state of Missouri, but God are expected to be offered often uses the weak things focusing on healthy living of this world to display the and nutritional classes. power of His love and we The Center will also probelieve that's exactly what vide a support system to He's doing right here in help and mentor the youth of the community. Hartville.

The next step for the Thrive Center is the re-

WRIGHT CO. COMMISSION

Meeting Aug. 3 Convene-Presiding Commissioner Zach Williams called the meeting of the Wright County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:30 a.m. on July 9 at the Board Room inside the Wright County Courthouse. Commissioners Randy Pamperien, Zach Williams and Mike Sherman were all present for the meeting. Presiding Commissioner Williams had a word of prayer before the opening of the Commission meeting. Agenda and minutes were approved. General business was handled. Road and Bridge-Frank Schweitzer visited with

the Commissioners about Crewse Ford approach to Route 38. Road and Bridge will fix the problem as soon as possible.

Meeting Aug. 6 Convene-Presiding Commissioner Zach Williams called the meeting of the Wright County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:30 a.m. on meeting. Agenda and minutes were approved. General business was handled.

"Our biggest concern

right now is that people

Civil Engineering-Mike Beaty, the PE and CFM Civil Team Leader, visited with Commissioners about the availability of grant monies and their interest in doing the engineering for projects.

Meeting Aug. 10

understand the heart and motive behind this project and the gaps that this center will fill," Hughes added.

She said the Thrive Center will have an Open House event during Hartville's Fall Festival on Oct. 10 to let people get a look inside the building. Video tours of each room are also featuring on its Facebook page and Youtube channel @The **Community Betterment** Foundation. To learn more about this project, visit either of those pages or the WCCBF website at www. wccbfoundation.com.

Mike Sherman were all present for the meeting. Presiding Commissioner Williams had a word of prayer before the opening of the Commission meeting. Agenda and minutes were approved. General business was handled.

New Jail Project-Commissioners met with Ron and Rodney from

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An aerial photo of the new roof recently put on the Thrive Center.

the next step to assure your family is able to continue the legacy for future generations.



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Wood Mechanical to discuss heat and air issues concerning the new jail construction. Presiding Commissioner Williams talked to Archie, President of Universal Construction, about the progress of the new jail.



WC BUSINESS

Mountain Grove rallies during National Thrift Store Day

BY LINDA PUGH FOR THE WCJ

It was a great day for Mountain Grove on Saturday, Aug. 15 as six businesses joined forces and rallied in an event for National Thrift Store Day. Advertised participants included E. Marie's Antique Mall and Boutique, the Wright County Crisis Center, Mutt & Jeff's, Love Center, Lost Treasures and Hill's Flea Market. Of the businesses visited, shopping was quite brisk, and attendance was respectable. Many people seemed to be searching for back-toschool items while others were quintessential flea market shoppers just looking for that special find. Several businesses offered discounts as some freebies for attendees.

The largest celebration noted was at the Wright County Crisis Center,

where the Mountain Grove Fire Department served a free hot dog lunch. Additionally, the Mountain Grove Police Department served cookies, the Missouri Department of Family Services Children's Division handed out coloring sheets and school supply filled backpacks were handed out for all three levels. One additional feature, the Crisis Center hosted free haircuts donated by Shayna Parker, of Southern Roots Hair Salon.



The Mountain Grove Fire Department served a free hot dog lunch at the Wright County Crisis Center.



Several backpacks were distributed and were filled with school supplies for students.



The Mountain Grove Police Department gave out cookies at the WCCC.

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FAITH

BY CAROL MURDY

this Aug. 23, beholding another beautiful day that our Lord provided. Following prayer and the reading of Psalms 100, Exodus 19 was discussed. God approached His creations to begin a covenant in which He provides our every need (in this life and the next) if we agree to obey His statutes and live a life pleasing to Him. They had been the recipients of His goodness and mercy, His power and protection, and His provision and care through many miracles as He delivered them from Egyptian captivity. They chose Moses as their mediator between God and them, agreeing to serve God. Following worship, Pastor Vic Murdy preached "Be A Slave to Righteousness" from Romans 6, reminding us that there is nothing new to be preached and that now is the time like never before to put into practice what has been taught/ preached. Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us to "..lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us.... looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" as our strength and power over sin lie with Him. We can do all things though Jesus Christ who strengthens us for He has already defeated satan by the work of the cross. Glory to His name!

Judgment begins at the house of God. Jesus declares His grace sufficient to overcome evil, but do we humble ourselves to ask for His help, His

intervention? Or do we fail to repent when we sin and allow the weight of condemnation from satan to weigh us down, keeping us from a holy relationship with God? Do not let sin devour you (verse 12). Church, we must fight against sin! Psalms 37 reassures us that although we fall we are not utterly cast down. He is faithful to forgives us our sins if we repent, thereby restoring our righteousness. God wants us to be successful in our fight against sin; otherwise, He gets no glory. Whomever you yield to, you are servants to. Yield yourselves unto God and "obey from the heart" and be free from sin.(verses 17-18). Joseph refused the advances of Potter's wife declaring he would not sin against God. His heart-felt love and devotion to God was the foundation of the choice he made. We all have struggles. Include God in all aspects of your life for the enemy lurks about, looking for whom he may devour. James 4:7 reads "submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee.." Let not sin control you; be holy. "The wages of sin is death. But the gift of God is eternal life thru Jesus Christ." (verse 23). Sunday services are at 10 a.m. See the video of our service on Facebook. Matthew 24:36 reminds us that we know not the day or hour of Christ's return. Waiting until the last minute may be a minute too late. Why take

ROCK CHAPEL CHURCH

that chance?

BY LOIS FLAGEOLLE-PUTT

We need to study to understand God. Sometimes His words, the Bible, seem hard to comprehend. Are they symbolic are literal? It's hard to imagine or understand what life was like in Noah's time. In the days before the flood people were oblivious to the warnings until the flood came and swept them all away. Moses did not write in parables his words are from God and there literally was a flood that covered the earth. Noah, his family and all the animals, were in the ark almost 370 days. Jonah was in the belly of a fish for three days. Revelation seemed unimaginable, words which were designedly obscure are becoming clearer as the time approaches. Today we can see a Godless secular society, the word of God is being perverted. We can see how the sign of the beast could be reality. God wants us to know and understand His words. Jesus told us "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4) The

only way we can live by the word of God, is to pray, read the Bible, study it and ponder it in our heart. Through the Holy Spirit we can gain greater understanding of God's words. We will never understand every word, but we should give it our very best to know it. Then go to God in prayer, ask Him questions, ask for guidance then trust Him to lead. Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up" (I Thessalonians 5:1-11) Join us: Sunday morning Bible study at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 6 p.m. Follow us on FB at https://www.facebook.com/rockchapel. fwbchurch.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI **PROBATE DIVISION**

In the Estate of: ROBERT JAEGER Disabled,

Case Number 20WR-PR00034 TO ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JAEGER, A DISABLED PERSON

On the 6th day of August 2020, Patricia Jaeger, was appointed conservator of the estate of Robert Jaeger a person found by the court to be disabled under the laws of Missouri, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Wright County, Missouri. The address of the conservators is: 494 Fox Creek Rd., Mtn. Grove MO 65711. All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court or be forever barred. Date: August 7, 2020 Lori A Jones, Circuit Clerk By: /s/ Gina Jones Court Clerk Publication dates: August 12, 19, 26 2020 and September 2, 2020 (08)-12-19-26-(09)-2

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI **PROBATE DIVISION**

In the Estate of CHARLES ROBERT KALNAS Deceased,

Estate No. 20WR-PR00005 NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT TO ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that the Personal Representative Belinda Gayle Kalnas will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal/real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property, in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Wright County, Missouri on September 10, 2020, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed with the Court within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement

> Scott B. Stinson, Attorney #26354

P.O. Box 554 Mtn. Grove, MO 65711 Phone: 417/926-4151 Fax: 417/926-4152 stinsonlaw@centurytel.net (08)-19-26(09)-02-09

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mansfield R-IV School District is requesting sealed proposals from Qualified Providers for security upgrades, storm shelter, and energy efficient facility improvements under a guaranteed energy savings contract. Request for Proposal documents can be obtained at the District's Administration Office.

Proposals shall be sealed and addressed to Dr. Richard Wylie, Superintendent of Mansfield R- School District, 316 W Ohio Street, Mansfield, MO 65704, clearly marked "Guaranteed Energy Conservation Measures Proposal.

All proposals are to be received no later than September 18, 2020 at 3 PM Central Standard Time and shall be opened immediately thereafter. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.

Any questions and all discussions regarding this Request for Proposals shall be directed to Dr. Richard Wylie, Superintendent of Mansfield R-IV (417) 924-8458. (8)-19-26; (9)-2-9-16

IN THE JUVENILE DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI STATE OF MISSOURI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: M.A.J., a minor child. Christopher G. Lizotte and

Stacey R. Lizotte, Husband & Wife, Petitioners.

CASE NO.: 19WR-JU00093 NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF MISSOURI TO **RESPONDENT:** John Doe

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Wright County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Petition for Adoption of the minor child: M.A.J.

The names of all the parties to this action are stated above and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is: John W. Bruffett, Attorney at Law, POB

101, Ava, Missouri 65608.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 19th day of August, 2020, judgment by default will be taken against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Wright County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published in Wright County, Missouri.

WITNESS my had and seal of the Circuit Court this 4th day of August, 2020

Lori Jones, Circuit Clerk By: Marge Loper, Deputy Circuit Clerk

(8)-19-26; (9)-2-9

LEGAL NOTICE The Wright County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is accepting bids for banking services for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025. Typical accounts would include money market, checking, and possibly certificate of deposit accounts. The IDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any irregularities. Please contact the IDA at (417) 547-7060 or wrightcountyida@outlook.com for a Bid Submittal Form. All bids must be received by Friday, August 28, 2020. (08)-19-26

LEGAL NOTICE

The Wright County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is accepting bids for accounting services for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025. Typical services would include the preparation of an annual compilation of financial statements and avail-ability to advise on accounting issues. The IDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any irregularities. Please contact the IDA at (417) 547-7060 or wrightcountyida@ outlook.com. All bids must be received by Friday, August 28, 2020. (08)-19-26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI

WRIGHT COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS

Recently recorded land transfers in Wright County

A trustees' warranty deed for Danny L. Melton and Angel M. Melton Revocable Trust dtd for east half of the north half of Block 3 in Nell's addition to Mountain Grove

of SW corner of said 40 acres, running thence east 13 rods (continues...)

Randal Allen Hammack Jr. and Kelly Hammack to Ethan Noble, part of NE quarter of SW quarter of S. 9, T. 28 N., R. 12 W (continues...)

William A. Denman II and Shirlene K. Denman

Roberto Villegas, real estate lying north of state Highway H, formerly State Highway P, part of NW quarter of the SE quarter of S. 21, T. 31 N, R. 13 W. (continues...)

Earl Carriger and Janet Carriger to Kelby Shaver and Natasha Shaver, part of north half of NE quarter of S. 10, T. 30 N., R. 15 W. (continues...)

CIRCUIT DIVISION TOM R. DALTON, et al, Plaintiffs

MICHAEL G. TATE, et al, Defendants

CASE NO.: 19WR-CC0003 NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The State of Missouri to Defendants John Doe, and his unknown consorts, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, successors, assigns, and immediate or remote voluntary or involuntary grantees. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Wright, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a petition for an easement.

The legal description of the easement described in Plaintiffs' petition could run across the following described land:

A strip of land thirty (30) feet wide, being a strip fifteen feet wide on the West side of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and a strip fifteen feet wide of the East side of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section Eleven (11) Township 28, Range 16.

The names of the parties to said action are set forth above. The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiffs is: Scott B. Stinson

P.O. Box 554

Mountain Grove, MO 65711 You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 26th day of August, 2020, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Wright County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published in Wright County, Missouri.

Dated: the 18 of August, 2020. Lori Jones, Circuit Clerk By: Marge Loper, Deputy Circuit Clerk

(8)-26; (9)-2-9-16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of: IRENE BRIXEY, Disabled

Case Number 20WR-PR00036 TO ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **IRENE BRIXEY, A DISABLED** PERSON:

On the 17th day of August 2020, John Miller, Wright County Public Administrator, was appointed conservator of the estate of Irene Brixey a person found by the court to be disabled under the laws of Missouri, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Wright County, Missouri. The address of the conservators is: Po Box 169, Mansfield MO 65704. All creditors of said disabled person are notified

to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court or be forever barred. Date: August 18, 2020

> Lori A Jones, Circuit Clerk By: _/s/ Gina Jones Court Clerk

Publication dates: August 26, 2020 and September 2, 9, and 16.2020

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LEGALS

(continues...)

By Rita Foster

What an amazing dif-

ference a week can make

in your life!! On Sunday,

July 26, John was rushed

to Cox South for emer-

gency dialysis – he was

in renal failure. My only

words were "Okay God, waiting for your next

miracle, whatever it is."

Last year, God pulled him

through some extreme

circumstances such as

falling 5' onto the con-

crete floor of our cellar

stairwell while clearing

brush. He didn't even

have a bruise. John was

Then a few months lat-

er, he had a blood virus

during a trip home from

NE and he ended up in a

hospital in St. Joseph for

Both times we were sur-

rounded with wonder-

ful people even though

we were strangers in a

strange land, who helped

us get back home to Ca-

bool. This time was no

exception. I had church

friends providing me

lodging and trips to Cox

for one two hour visit per

day. With my friends I

was spiritually lifted up

82 at that time.

10 days.

A warranty deed between Richard D. Turley and douGlori Land LLC for part of SW quarter of NW quarter of Section 22, Township 31 N., R. 13 W, beginning 30 feet north

to G. Wayne Martin and Tonya Martin, tract of land in Wright County part of NW quarter of NE quarter of S. 15, T. 29 N., R. 13 W. (continues...) Marty R. Barnes and Ronie Barnes to Donjuan

"A TIME FOR RESILIENCE"

in the sharing of God's

manifold blessings sur-

rounded by his love.

The miracles kept com-

ing. These days no one

wants to go to the large

metropolitan hospital

with the pandemic that grows in numbers every

day so that was another

concern. Now I'm back

home waiting while John

starts walking again at

our local short stay rehab

program so he can return

home. Our resilience is

only centered in God's

direction for our lives and

how much faith in action

we have. None of us can

know what's coming and

the ways we will be test-

ed, but most important

we grow in God's grace.

When something hap-

pens out of left field so

to speak, he is right there

setting in motion every-

thing needed to protect

and care for us and teach

us. I didn't know what

God's next miracle would

look like but I was pre-

paring to trust him even

if it meant my partner's

passing from this life and

on to his final reward -

the greatest miracle of all!

As this week ended on

David Quackenbush and Karey Curtis to Erik Stenzel, part of SE quarter (east half of Lot 1) of NW quarter of S. 4, T. 28 N., R. 12 W. (continues...)

Aug. 2, I'm not the same

person I was. I can see the

vast resources (not just

material) God will mobi-

lize for his children when

the emergency arises. He

is worthy of our devotion and worship. His Son,

Jesus Christ died to teach

us that. Henri Nouwen

asked "Can we become

light, salt, and leaven to

our brothers and sisters

in the human family? Can

we offer hope, courage,

and confidence to the

people of this era? Do we

dare break through our

paralyzing fear? Will peo-

ple be able to say of us,

'See how they love each

other, how they serve

their neighbor, and how

they pray to their Lord?"

All the witnesses God put

in place to help John and I

rose to the occasion to fill

the needs we had in our

time of anxious fear not

knowing what was going

As long as we trusted

and prayed and didn't

overthink and was filled

with gratitude for each act

of kindness, we thrived

and grew in courage and

to happen next.

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The Mountain Grove Panthers football team line up on the bleachers just one week before they open their season with a home contest against Fair Grove.

photos by Ron Schott

Panthers look for hard work to pay off with wins in 2020

BY RON SCHOTT EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

After finishing a winless 2019 season for a young Mountain Grove football program, a special focus was placed on weight lifting and conditioning in the offseason to get the young athletes stronger to ensure more success in 2020.

Early on, Mountain Grove coaches and players are seeing the benefits of this focus in training camp and look forward to better in-game results as the Panthers get ready to host an always tough Fair Grove squad on Friday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.

After their home opener, they will travel to Caruthersville, where it is expected only a limited number of Panthers' fans will be able to attend the game due to COVID-19 restrictions at



Mountain Grove seniors, from left: Tyron Volner, Marc Rosso, Alex Casas, Jaxon Holman, Xavier Goins, Brayden Melton and Anthony Peterson.

their district. This game



will be on Friday, Sep. 4. The remaining schedule includes Sep. 11 at Ava, Sep. 18 home against Willow Springs, on the road at Cabool Sep. 2 and at Liberty on Oct. 2. They then have back-to-back home games with Salem Oct. 9 and Houston on Oct. 16 before ending the regular season schedule in Thayer on Oct. 23.

Five Panthers are returning this season after earning All-South Central Association honors a

anchor the linebacking corps after the junior earned honorable mention All-SCA honors last season after having 69 tackles, one sack and one interception.

He's expected to also be a key contributor on the offensive side of the ball and is likely to handle the punting duties.

Other key returning defensive players will be sophomore Hunter Means (DL), junior Trenton Bevan (LB), senior the ball more this season with sophomore quarterback Tyson Elliott taking over behind center. In limited time last year, he had 344 yards passing.

Glenn and Rogers will get the ball fed to them at times this season. Glenn had 211 yards rushing and 125 yards receiving in 2019 while Rogers had 114 yards rushing and 131 yards receiving.

Jase Dowden will be a key target for Elliott as the junior has 274 yards



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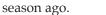
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Defensively, the squad is led by senior Alex Casas, a second team All-SCA defensive back who had 54 tackles, two fumble recoveries and one interception in 2019. Brendan Rogers will

two fum- senior Antl and one (DL). 2019. Offensive

ogers will the Pant

Tyron Volner (DL), sophomore Hollen Glenn (CB), senior Xander Goins (LB), sophomore Jakob Norman (DL) and senior Anthony Peterson (DL)

Offensively, look for the Panthers to throw receiving a year ago. The tight end was an honorable mention All-SCA selection last year.

Up front, both Means and Peterson were honorable mention All-SCA selections on the offensive line.



WC SPORTS

Young volleyball program set to improve with help of new coach

BY RON SCHOTT EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

The Mountain Grove volleyball team had a challenging end to their 2019 season. Not only did they finish last year with a 6-16-2 record, head coach Amy Mc-New did not return to the program.

Just when things were going in the wrong direction, the entire program received some outstanding news when it was announced that former Licking head coach Ashley Martin had accepted a teaching position at the district and was hired to take over the reigns of the program.

Just last season, Martin led Licking to its first district title since 2005 and a first trip to state in 40 years before finishing third in Class 3.

Martin was a threesport athlete at Houston before playing four years of volleyball at the colle-

giate level under head coach Melissa Stokes at Missouri State University. There she and the Lady Bears made the NCAA tournament for all four years of her collegiate career.

"I wasn't really looking to go anywhere, but the opportunity presented itself and it seemed like the right move to make," Martin said. "I was teaching second grade at Licking, and was needing to make a change in the classroom. Mountain Grove's position just fit. It's been a great move for me."

This year's team is led by seniors Gracie Farran and Kelsey Watson.

"They're solid hitters and will be good models for the rest of the girls," Martin said. "We have a lot of underclassmen that will get their chance of filling roles and making a difference."

overall is young and inexperienced, which is why their is focus on perfecting fundamentals and teaching players more about how the game of volleyball is won.

One big challenge in taking over a new program is doing so during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Martin was not able to meet the team until June 1 due to rules and regulations.

"Being a new coach, that was not ideal," she said. "Also, shootouts this summer were frowned upon, so we weren't really given ample opportunity to see rotations and how they worked."

This means the sets on offense are not set as of yet. A trial and error approach is being taken to see what works and what is not working.

"We have a lot of play-Martin said her team ers playing different po-



Freshman Macy Dowden gets ready to strike the ball during a drill.

sitions and filling roles they may not have seen themselves in," Martin said.

On the defensive side of the ball. Martin is working on her players having the mentality of scrambling for the ball. "With young players,

there comes a lot of hesitation and over-thinking," she said. "We've got to get rid of that and just react to the ball confidently."

for the 2020 fall sports season.

Mountain Grove will

open their season with its first home game against Conway on Tuesday, Sep. 1, which will also be the program's Senior Night.

Mountain Grove Panthers Booster Club hosts annual barbecue event

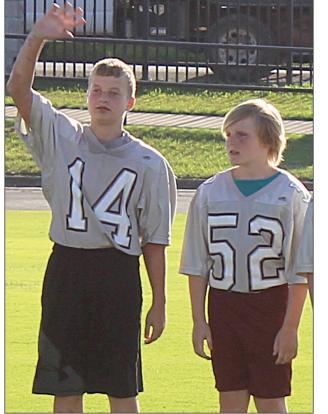
BY THE WCJ STAFF EDITOR@OZARKMEDIA.COM

The Mountain Grove Panther Booster Club held its annual barbecue event on Friday, Aug. 21 as way to raise funds while offering parents and fans the opportunity to see all of he district's athletes who will be representing the Panthers during the 2020 fall

sports season.

The Mountain Grove cheerleaders opened the event with a routine featuring Middle School and High School cheerleaders.

They were followed by player introductions for athletes participating in cross country, volleyball and football.





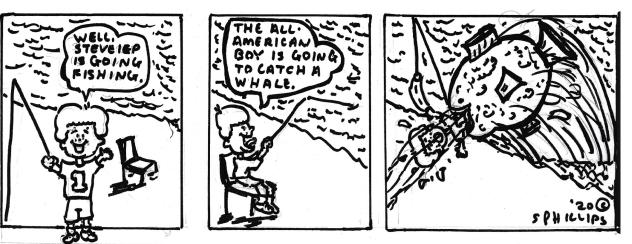


Mountain Grove volleyball seniors Kelsey Watson, left, and

Gracie Farran are ready for their leadership role needed

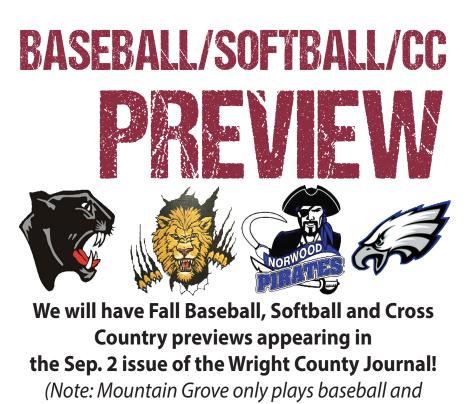
Two Mountain Grove Middle School football players during introductions at the barbecue.

Mountain Grove cheerleaders pose at the end of their routine to open the Mountain Grove Panthers Booster Club barbecue on Friday, Aug. 21. This routine featured both Middle School and High School cheerleaders.



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softball in the spring)



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When the effects of COVID-19 led us to merge the Mountain Grove News-Journal and the Mansfield Mirror into the new Wright County Journal, it was extremely important a new website would be right behind the landmark change.

After a couple of months of hard work, the effort paid off this past weekend with the official launch of our new website, www.wrightcountyjournal.com.

The website gives our publication a digital presence just in time for the start of the 2020-2021 school year and fall sports season.

Readers will be able to share the links to some of their favorite stories on social media platforms or through text messages.

If there is breaking news anywhere in Wright County, we will now be able to put the important information on our website as well as on our Facebook page.

At the same time, Wright County area businesses have a new advertising platform to use for broadcasting their message to current and potential customers.

We will soon be establishing advertising rates to help businesses place their ads on the site.

Our plan is to do an advertising blitz with this information in the very near future.

In the meantime, I encourage all of our readers to go and check it out.

Type in www.wrightcountyjournal.com in your URL space using an internet

engine such as Chrome or Internet Ex-

plorer. We have organized our home page to feature the three top stories each week at the top of the main page. Underneath our "Local News" heading is a breakdown by town

for stories. These town headings include Mountain Grove, Mansfield, Hartville and

Norwood.

While there may not be a lot of news reported weekly in Norwood, Cindy Sullivan's

"Norwood Gleanings" will be posted under the Norwood heading on a weekly basis. The "Local News" heading is followed by headings for education and sports.

Our updated list of obituaries and

my weekly opinion column wrap up our home page postings. If you move your arrow

over the "News" heading near the top of the page, readers will be able to use a drop down menu that features entertainment news stories.

There is also a link to classified ads that appeared in that week's issue. Currently, our E-Edition link offers anyone access to .pdf pages of the most recent issues of the Wright County Journal.

Eventually, this link will require a login for subscribers to use for access. That login will eventually help readers see older issues from the past two

years there as well. This is a process that will take time, but one I'm willing to tackle for the benefit of our publication and readership base.

At the bottom of our home page, readers will also find a helpful "Contact Us" link. This features contact information for myself, our advertising department, editorial department, along with contact information for scheduling classifieds and legals.

Those with circulation questions also have a link in which they can email their concerns or a place to offer positive feedback.

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NAZARENE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 1845 Hwy. B, Mansfield 417-924-8540

COUNTRYSIDE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 150 E. Norwood St., Norwood 417-746-4058

PENTECOSTAL SUNSHINE FREE PENTECOSTAL 3504 Sunshine Rd., Hartville 417-741-1423

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APOSTOLIC LIFE CHURCH 8345 Outer Rd, Mtn. Grove 417-926-0834 Sunday 2pm • Wed 7pm Life Lessons Fri 7 pm Youth Service-Life Live **RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH**

298 E. 19th St., Mtn. Grove

Prayer: 10:30am SS: 11am Pastors: Glen & Kimberly Jones 417-259-4177

ASSEMBLY OF GOD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 1/8 mile N. on Hwy. E

From Jct. Hwy. 60 (Norwood) Sun Morn 9:45am Sun Night 6 pm Wed Night 7 pm BLACK JACK 6 miles East of Gentryville

Turn right on AC, take first dirt road on left. Church is on left about 1/4 mile. DAWSON ASSEMBLY

OF GOD 10 miles N. on Hwy. 95 SS 10am - W 11am & 6:00pm, Wed 6:30pm THE HOUSE 910 E. Dorris • 926-4571 Kevin Johnson, Pastor SS 9:30am - W 10:30am & 6:30pm, Wed 6:30pm

Kid's Zone Wed 6 pm BAPTIST BETHEL CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST

11 miles N. on Hwy. E from Norwood SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm COLDSPRINGS FREE WILL BAPT. Rev. Craig Blankenship SS 10am - W 11am & 7 pm

COON CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST 8 Miles Northeast of Hartville E Hwy. to Coon Creek Road

SS10am-W11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm CORNERSTONE FREEWILL BAPTIST 1/4 mi. N. of W. Bus 60 Exit

Home: 926-6332 SS 9:45am - W 10:45am & Wed 7 pm 6 pm Need A Ride? Call 926-6332 **CORINTH BAPTIST** MACOMB Hwy. K South of Macomb

to Hart and Cottengim Rds. SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm DENLÓW

GENERAL BAPTIST From Mtn. Grove: Hwv 95 South to Hwy. 76, turn west - 4¹/₂ miles on right. From Norwood: C Hwy. South to Hwy. 76, turn east - 41/2 miles on left. SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm EMMANUEL BAPTIST

210 East 13th

Rev. Wayne Cannon

2:30pm **GREEN MOUNTAIN** BAPTIST 15 miles N. on Hwy. 95 SS 10am - W 11am **GREEN VALLEY BAPTIST** 6411 N. Hwy. E, Hartville SS 10am - W 11am & 6pm Wed. Meal 5:30pm, Bible Study 6 pm HOPEWELL FREE WILL BAPTIST 5 Miles East 95 on 38 SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm Wed. 7 pm LYNCHBURG BAPTIST N. Highway 95 & 32 SS 10am - W 11am & 7 pm MANES BAPTIST 20 miles N. SS 10am - W 11am & 7 pm **MOUNTAIN GROVE**

Sunday Afternoon Worship

FAMILY CHURCH 10410 East Bus. 60 417-926-6431 Sunday Morning Groups: 9:45am, W 11am **MOUNTAIN VALLEY** FREE WILL BAPTIST 6 Miles West on Hwy. N SS 10am- W 11am & 6 pm 417-926-3450 MT. ZION NO. 1 FREE WILL BAPTIST 6 miles NW of Norwood SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm NO. 1 FREE WILL BAPTIST Church Service 11am 4 miles from Huggins SS10am - W 11am & 7 pm Wed 7 pm

NEW ROCK SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST 10 miles No. on "MM" Hwy. SS 10am - W 11am & 7 pm OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST N. of Norwood on Hwy. E SS 10am - W 10:50am & 6 pm Wed Bible Study 6:30pm OAK GRÓVE FREE WILL BAPTIST Between Houston & Cabool 4 miles from Simmons On Hwy. Z Bill Vandivort, Minister SS 10am - W 11am PLEASANT HILL MISSIONARY BAPT. 5 Miles Southeast on AM Hwy SS 10am - W 11am 926-4766 OR 926-5756 PLEASANT HOME FREEWILL BAPTIST 1 Mile North Of Hwy. 76 On EE Joshua Haney, Pastor SS 10am-W 11am Sunday Night 7pm Wed 7 pm PRIOR FREEWILL BAPTIST 10 Miles South on Hwy. 95 261-2435

SS 9:45am - W 10:15am

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967-2760

Hwy. 38 - W 10:30am

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HOLINESS CHURCH 121 South 63, Cabool, MO CHURCH OF 417-926-3561 THE BRETHREN **GREENWOOD CHURCH** SS 10am - W 11am & 7pm OF THE BRETHREN Wed 7 pm North on Hwy. MM, 1/2 mile to SEVENTH DAY Austin Lake Rd., turn right, 1 mile SS 9:30am - W 10:30am **ADVENTIST** Wed 7 pm

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST 415 W. Clouse St. (Hwy. 95) Saturday Morning Services SS 10am W 11:30am Phone 417-260-5103

926-5785

Wed 6 pm Meal

FELLOWSHIP

801 N. Busch

Hwy. AH

SS 9:45am

EVENING SHADE

COMMUNITY

7298 Crisptown Rd.

(off of Hwy. AF, North of

Manes)

668-5608

W 11am - Bible Study Wed 7 pm

Gospel Singing

2nd Tuesday

of Each Month 7 pm

FAITH FAMILY

FELLOWSHIP

MEETING AT Red Hill

Church

127 Tobacco Rd.

Mansfield, MO

924-8947 or 924-2020

W Sunday 10am & 6:30pm

Wednesday Noon Prayer

GOD'S KINGDOM

MINISTRIES

214 South Wall St.,

Mtn. Grove

SS 10am - W 11am

Wednesday Bible Study

6:30pm

LIVING WATERS

WORSHIP CENTER

Sunday Morning Only

10:15 a.m.

MTN. GROVE

804 S. Wall Street

417-926-2216

CHURCH

- Macomb

SS 10am - W 11am

No Sunday Evening or

OTHER CALVARY TEMPLE 411 W. First St. 926-4982 SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm 9241 Wheeler Arch Rd, SOUTHSIDE **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Sunday 10 am & 6pm Hwy, 95 South W 10am & 6 pm & 6:30 pm Lifegroups CHRISTIAN BRETHREN CHURCH OF GOD SOUTH STREET CHURCH OF GOD W 9:30am - SS 10:30am 400 South Street, 926-3076 Sun. Evening W -7 pm SS 9:45am - W 10:45am EMBREE COMMUNITY Wed 6:30pm 7 miles E. of Manes on GENTRYVILLE CHURCH OF GOD W 10:45am & 6 pm Junction Hwys. 95 & 14 SS 10am - W 11am

EPISCOPAL THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION 215 N. Wall, Mtn. Grove

LUTHERAN HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN 1419 S. Sam Houston Blvd, Houston MO Church Phone: 417-967-2204 Pastor Phone: 573-729-6271 Worship Service 8am SS / Adult Class 9:15am ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 2nd & Grand, Willow Springs 469-3709 W 9am - SS 10:15am METHODIST NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST C Highway SS 10am - W 11am TRINITY UNITED METHODIST 4th & Maple, 926-3176 SS 9:30am - W 10:45am Wed 6 pm MORMON CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

SS 10am - W 11am Childrens Church 11:30am Sunday Night 6 pm -CPR (Kids) 6pm HOUSTON Wed Bible Study & 3 miles North of Houston Kids Class 6 pm On Highway 63 PEACE VALLEY 417-260-3040 Sunday Meetings 10am Hwy. E to Tharp School Rd. or MTN GROVE Hwy. Y to Tharp School Rd. 3145 N. Hwy. 95

417-926-3397











221 W. North, Mtn. Grove, MO 65711













417-926-1009 SS 10am - W 11am & 6:00pm, Wed 6:00pm FAITH CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST Hwy. W, Vanzant SS 10-10:45am -W 11am & 6 pm **FIRST BAPTIST** 807 E. 17th St., Mtn. Grove Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service: 10:15am Sun Evening: 6:00pm Wed. Prayer / Bible Study / Youth / Kids 6 pm 926-3483 FIRST BAPTIST NORWOOD Old Hwy. 60 East, Norwood, MO 417-746-4741 SS 10am - W 10:50am **FREE** Continental Breakfast Fellowship 9:30am Wed Adult/Youth/Children 6:30pm FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST 401 S. Main St., Mtn. Grove SS 9:30am Traditional Service: 10:30am Sun. Evening: 6:30pm Wednesday Bible Study 6:30pm Wed Children Youth (School Year) 6:15pm 926-5396 FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST 10 miles N. on 95 Hwy. Allen Pritchard, Minister • 417-259-0547 SS 10am - W 11 am & 6:30pm, Wed 6:30pm **GLENDALE FREEWILL** BAPTIST South on 95 to AE,

take AE to end of blacktop.

& 6 pm, Wed 6 pm SIMMONS BAPTIST Between Cabool & Houston On Hwy 63 SS 9:30am - W 10:30am & 7 pm, Wed 7 pm SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST 806 S. Lake Street. 926-5712 SS 9:45am-W 11am & 7 pm Discipleship Training 6 pm Wed 6:30pm VANZANT BAPTIST South 95 Hwy. at 76 Hwy. SS 10am - W 11 am Rev./Pastor Carl Ray WHETSTONE BAPTIST 8595 Old Hwy. 60, Mtn. Grove 417-926-6258 SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm WILLOW SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST 5 miles N on Hwy. 95 SS 10am - W 11am & 6.30pm, Wed 7 pm **CATHOLIC** SACRED HEART CATHOLIC 302 E. State Street Mtn. Grove Mass Sun 10:30am

SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm

ROCK CHAPEL

FREE WILL BAPTIST

On Hwy. E

Cabool Mass Saturday 4pm **CHRISTIAN FIRST CHRISTIAN** 5th & Oakland, 926-3428

SS 9:45am W 10:45am Wed 6pm (JH/HS students)

NORWOOD **CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

9 miles N of Norwood NAZARENE FAITH COMMUNITY Bible Study 10am, W 11am CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 1301 N. Hovis St., 926-5731 SS 9:45am - W 10:45am & 6 pm, Wed 6 pm COUNTRYSIDE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 150 E. Norwood St., Norwood SS 10am - W 11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm PENTECOSTAL THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY 503 Long St. SS 2:30pm - W 3:30pm Tuesday 7 pm CROSSROADS OF FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH Junction Hwy. 38 & Hwy. 95 SS 10am-W 11am & 7 pm Wed 7 pm FAIRVIEW PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS 2miles E of Bendavis Jct. Hwy38 & M SS 10am-W 11am & 6 pm Wed 7 pm CENTRE

1104 N. Main St., Mtn. Grove 417-926-5483 Sunday 10:30am & 6:30pm Wed 6:30pm MTN. GROVE PENTECOSTAL LIGHTHOUSE 9th & Hubbard Streets SS 10am - W 11am & 7 pm Thur 7 pm

VICTORY WORSHIP

CENTER

Wednesday Services Bible Study Every Thursday 7 pm PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH Spotted Hog Road Off Cherokee, Norwood, Mo SS 10am - W 11am Bible Study Wed 6 pm & Sun 6 pm UNION CHAPEL Union Chapel Rd. Off Hwy. 38 SS 10am - W 11am & 7 pm UNION CHAPEL #2 3 miles S. of Mtn. Grove on Little Creek Road Sun. 10:45am • Wed 6 pm VICTORY South 95 to Vanzant, Take W to Country Road 262. Take 262 1¹/₄ miles SS 10am - W 11am VICTORY TABERNACLE CHURCH 1136 Park Street Mtn. Grove Sun. Worship 10am & 7 pm Wed 7 pm THE NORWOOD CHURCH 320 N. Eagle Ave., Norwood SS 10am - W 11am Sun Eve 7 pm Wed 7 pm THE WAY 8631 Mtn. Valley Rd. Mtn. Grove Pastor Evan Harrison 417-929-2346 WORDS OF FAITH LIFE CHURCH 113 West Side of Square,

Mtn. Grove







Cabool • Store & Cafe - Ext. 181 • 962-2255 Norwood • 1 Mile East on Outer Rd. • 746-4233 Seymour • Hwy. C, Next To Dollar General • 935-9100

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