

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

Following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Ozark Dyna Com in Branson, MO, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 4/1/21 to 6/30/21. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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4/12-13/21 (1)

PEOPLE STILL NEED TO FOLLOW COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

With many area communities beginning to ease or end some COVID-19 Protection Protocols, an official with Cox Medical Center in Branson is cautioning people to stay mindful of personal responsibility in protecting themselves and those around them.

Lynne Yaggy, VP of Clinical Services at Cox Branson, says Taney County did see for the first time in several weeks an increase in the positivity rate for COVID-19 and says people should be continuing to use preventative measures against the Virus.

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Yaggy also says during Monday's interview on KRZK's "Ozarks First" program that currently around 20.5% of Taney County Residents and around 24% of Stone County Residents have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Cox is hosting a vaccination clinic at the Branson High School Activity Center this Wednesday from 8-2 with openings still available.

The complete interview with Lynne Yaggy can be heard at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 15:00, Daily Newscast :60

6/11/21 (1)

TCHD: HELPING BUSINESSES WITH VACCINATIONS

The Taney County Health Department can assist area businesses in getting their employees vaccinated for the COVID-19 Virus.

Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department, talks about the shift in emphasis for getting vaccinations out to the community on a recent edition of the “At Your Service” Podcast.

Lisa Marshall COVID Clinics

Marshall said while no other big clinics are planned at this time, some could be scheduled if needed. She also says people can call the Health Department for information or where they can receive a shot.

The complete AYS Podcast can be heard at HTDN.com.

Program: At Your Service Podcast, Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast,
Online Story

Length: AYS Podcast 20:00, Ozarks Now 7:00, Daily Newscast :60

6/18/21 (1)

COVID VARIAT FOUND IN STONE COUNTY

The Stone County Health Department reports the number of cases of COVID-19 has risen to 40 cases over the last week which includes reports of the Delta Variant strain of the virus.

Stone County Health Department Director Pam Burnett says during the latest edition of the "At Your Service" Podcast that the presence of the variant is even more of a reason to get vaccinated.

Pam Burnett Variant

Burnett says the Health Department is offering COVID-19 Vaccinations at the Ignite Church in Branson West on Tuesdays plus have been doing some Vaccinations from the Mobile Medical Unit. All three brands of the Vaccines are in stock with the Health Department.

More information from the Health Department on COVID-19 can be found on the "At Your Service" Podcast that can be heard at HTDN.com.

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Online Story

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4/9/21, 4/13/21 (2)

NEW SMALL BOAT REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

The U.S. Coast Guard is implementing a new law passed by Congress pertaining to boating which requires operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length to use an engine cut-off engine switch.

This new measure is designed to help prevent threats like runaway vessels by having the boat operator connected to a switch that turns off the vessel's engine should the operator be displaced from the helm. When an operator falls off or is unexpectedly thrown from the boat, there is a possibility of injury or death.

This regulation and other boating laws were discussed by Dan Marsh of the Local Coast Guard Auxiliary during a recent interview on KRZK's "Ozarks Now" which can be heard with this story at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 15:00, Daily Newscast :30

4/14-15/21 (2)

TANEY COUNTY 100 CLUB HELPS OFFICERS, FAMILIES

A recently formed group is raising money to help First Responders and their families in case of injury or death.

The Taney County 100 Club was formed last November as a tax deductible, charitable organization to help the surviving families of firefighters, law enforcement officers and EMS professionals killed in the line of duty as well as offer support to those first responders who have suffered career ending injuries.

Cory Roebuck is the founder and President of the Taney County 100 Club.

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The club is planning fund raising events over the next year to help build the support fund. More information about the club can be found on their website with the complete interview from KRZK's "Ozarks Now" program available at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 20:00, Daily Newscast :60

6/9/21, 6/14/21 (2)

MCCORMICK WRAPS-UP STINT AT BRANSON SALVATION ARMY

Like the military procedures it is modeled after, the Salvation Army assigns leaders to their units for tours of duty then moves them to other units. That process is underway in the Branson Unit.

Captain Linda McCormick was notified in May that she has been tabbed to take over the Salvation Army Unit in Fort Dodge, Iowa after four years of heading up the Branson Operation.

In an interview last week on KRZK's "Ozarks Now" program, McCormick talked about some of the things she is going to miss about leaving the Branson area.

Linda McCormick Leaving

McCormick's last day in Branson will be June 25.

The complete interview with Linda McCormick from "Ozarks Now" can be heard at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 15:00, Daily Newscast :45

4/7/21 (3)

MILTON NEW MAYOR, OTHER TANEY COUNTY RESULTS

Branson voters elect a new slate of officers at City Hall. Ward Two Alderman Larry Milton defeated incumbent Mayor Edd Akers and previous Mayor Karen Best with nearly 52 percent of the vote.

Milton reacted to his win in an interview with Ozarks First.

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Milton's vacated alderman seat was filled by Cody Fenton who ran unopposed. Branson Ward One Alderman Bob Simmons did not seek re-election. Clay Cooper won that seat with 63 percent of the vote in a three-way race against Rod Romine and Jantzen Craine. In Ward Three, challenger Ruth Denham beat Julia King who had filled an unexpired term.

Branson's Tourism Tax was reinstated with nearly an 80 percent favorable vote on the lodging tax, and a 75 percent yes vote on the dining tax.

For Branson School Board, incumbents Cole Currier and Dan Boone won re-election.

In Merriam Woods, voters chose Rhonda Merriman as Ward Two Alderman, and Nikki Hendrick as Alderman, Ward Three.

Hollister school district patrons approved a \$5 million dollar bond issue and 17-cent tax levy increase for improved facilities and salaries.

Central Taney County Fire Protection District voters approved a levy increase to support the district, and 61 percent of Rockaway Beach voters said "no" to implementing a local use tax. For a link to the detailed results from Tuesday's Taney County Municipal Election, go to HTDN.com.

Program: Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Newscast 2:00

4/14/21 (3)

BRANSON MEETING INCLUDES ENDING FACE COVERING LAW

The Tuesday meeting of the Branson Board of Aldermen featured the transition from the term of outgoing Mayor Edd Akers to the new term of former Ward Two Alderman Larry Milton.

The first hour of the four-hour meeting was taken up by finishing up old business and presentation of plaques for Mayor Akers as well as outgoing Aldermen Julia King and Bob Simmons.

After a break, Milton along with new aldermen Clay Cooper, Ruth Denhem, and Cody Felton were sworn into office with the lead item being a lengthy discussion on the proposal to end the Face Covering Mandate for the City which after going through several rounds of debate, was approved to go into effect on Friday. Also, a Public Hearing and initial approval was given for annexing a piece of land on the city's southwest edge.

A detailed recap of the debate on ending the Face Covering Mandate can be found on a separate story on HTDN.com.

Program: Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Newscast :60

5/10/21 (3)

SENATOR MOON: LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE MEDICAID EXPANSION FUNDING

The Missouri State Budget is now in the hands of Governor Mike Parson, a Budget that does not include money appropriated to fund the voter approved Medicaid Expansion.

Area State Senator Mike Moon, during an interview on KRZK's "Ozarks Now" on Monday says the initiative bumps up against the Missouri Constitution in that the initiative should not be used for the appropriation of money and though the voters approved it, it did not contain a provision to require funding.

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Senator Moon also talked about some of the things the Legislature will be working on getting passed this week including the 2nd Amendment Preservation Act.

The complete interview with Senator Mike Moon from Ozarks Now can be heard at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 15:00, Daily Newscast :60

5/13/21 (4)

AYS PODCAST: GO CAPS BRANSON

The final series of “At Your Service” Podcasts featuring the GO CAPS Students of Branson is now posted.

The podcasts include interviews with four students who have been involved with projects as part of the program, including one that has improved an existing employee program at Cox Medical Center in Branson.

Also included is an interview with Kristen Mills, the Branson Coordinator of the GO CAPS Program that utilizes sources in the community to educate students in potential career fields.

The podcasts are posted online at HTDN.com.

Program: At Your Service Podcast, Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: AYS Podcast 20:00, Ozarks Now 10:00, Daily Newscast :30

5/18/21, 5/20/21 (4)

CORE CONTINUES ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAMS

Communities of Recovery Experience, known as CORE, continues to bring their services back after working in different ways during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CORE works with addicted individuals overcoming substance abuse with hope and restoration in finding a new way of life through faith.

Cary McKee, CEO of the local CORE organization, says one thing that makes the program work is that the people offering help have themselves, overcome addiction.

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McKee hopes the community will learn more about CORE from their website as well as continue to pray for them and the people they serve.

The complete interview with Cary McKee from CORE can be found at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 15:00, Daily Newscast :60

6/21/21, 6/23/21 (4)

HOLLISTER ESTABLISHES SAFE “EXCHANGE ZONE”

The City of Hollister includes as part of their new Police Department Building off of Birch Road an area the people can use called a Safe "Exchange Zone."

During an interview this week on KRZK's Ozarks Now program, Hollister City Administrator Rick Ziegenfuss talks about an area outside of the building that can be used for people to complete everything from online transactions to drop-off and pick-up of children going from one parent to the other.

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Ziegenfuss adds that the "Exchange Zone" is available for anybody in the area to use, not just Hollister Residents. Other information about Hollister is discussed in the full interview with Rick Ziegenfuss which is available online at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 15:00, Daily Newscast :45

4/30/21, 5/3/21 (5)

MILTON: BRANSON, COUNTRY FACING EMPLOYEE CRISIS

Branson's recently Elected Mayor says that this area as well as the entire country is facing an "Employee Crisis."

Larry Milton says during an interview on KRZK's "Ozarks Now" Program Friday that a potential for a record year in the region could be in jeopardy due to the labor shortage.

Milton says for people wanting to enter the work force, now is the time to get a head start on the field that may be looking for jobs later.

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Milton also talked about wanting to partner with other communities in working on the Affordable Housing issue as well as improving the relationship between community members and City Hall.

The complete interview with Milton from "Ozarks Now" can be heard with the story at HTDN.com.

Program: Ozarks Now, Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Ozarks Now 20:00, Daily Newscast :60

4/27/21, 5/4/21 (5)

SBA RESTAURANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

A new program from the Small Business Administration is now accepting applications for assistance from hardships sustained due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Jon Arnold, Risk Management Officer with Branson Bank, talks about the new program during an interview last week on KRZK's "Ozarks Now" program.

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The "Restaurant Revitalization" program according to information from the SBA, will provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

More details on the program can be found on the SBA Website while the complete interview with Jon Arnold of Branson Bank can be heard at HTDN.com.

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Length: Ozarks Now 20:00, Daily Newscast :60

6/16/21 (5)

TR CHAMBER SEEKS INPUT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce is asking for input on the future economic development of Stone County.

In a recent release, the Chamber says a survey is now available online for full-time and part-time residents of the county as well as people who work in the county to answer questions on how the county should approach economic development.

The Chamber is working with the Stone County Commission to gather the information and with the help of an outside firm put together a plan. The survey will be followed by meetings to be held throughout the county to assess the data.

A link to the survey is with this story at HTDN.com.

Program: Daily Newscast, Online Story

Length: Newscast :30