

QUARTERLY ISSUES/ PROGRAMS LIST

3rd QUARTER 2020, July through September

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Ozark Mountain Media Group, and The Vacation Channel, in Branson, MO along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF /DESCRIPTION OF SEGMENT
Taney County Health Department announces more deaths due to COVID-19.	Today in Branson	September 21, 2020	Every Hour	Approximately 3 Minutes	<p>A release from the Taney County Health Department late Monday afternoon updates the number of deaths in the county attributed to COVID-19.</p> <p>28 have now died of COVID-19, an increase of nine from the number listed late last week. The release from the Health Department indicates that several of the deaths occurred back in mid-August and are just now being counted after confirmation of their residency and the official cause of death confirmed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services along with the Taney County Coroner's Office.</p> <p>The Health Department Web Site Monday afternoon reports 873 total positive cases with another 287 under investigation. A total of 644 of those positive cases have recovered.</p>
Christian County latest to require face masks inside buildings.	Today in Branson	September 30, 2020	Every Hour	Approximately 3 Minutes	<p>Masks are now required inside all Christian County owned buildings after a unanimous vote by the Christian County Commission.</p> <p>The order includes making all employees wear a mask when social distancing isn't possible.</p> <p>Anyone visiting county buildings will be required to wear a mask except for children younger than five years old, those with medical conditions or the hearing impaired.</p> <p>This order will go into effect on Friday, Oct. 2, at 12:01 a.m. and has no set end date. More than seventeen-thousand people have been tested in</p>

					<p>Missouri so far, a number that exceeds any of the surrounding states.</p> <p>The Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation projects that the virus will peak in Missouri in late April or early May.</p> <p>So please exercise caution in the next few weeks.</p> <p>If you are a high-risk individual, it is advised that you limit your contact with public spaces and groups of people.</p>
<p>COVID-19 numbers update as cases continue to climb.</p>	<p>Today in Branson</p>	<p>September 29, 2020</p>	<p>Every Hour</p>	<p>Approximately 3 Minutes</p>	<p>Health Departments throughout the Lakes Region continue the investigations and totaling numbers during the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>The latest numbers from the Taney County Health Department Website indicate a total of 932 positive COVID-19 Tests with 309 cases still under investigation. The other numbers listed include a total of 732 recoveries while there have been 28 people that have died due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Numbers from other Missouri Counties from their Health Departments as well as the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services indicate in Stone County, a total of 470 confirmed cases with four deaths, 494 cases in Barry County with six deaths, and 128 cases in Ozark County.</p> <p>In Arkansas, numbers released Monday from the Arkansas Department of Health shows Boone County 681 total confirmed cases with another 41 probable cases still under investigation. The active case total combined with confirmed and probable numbers is at 104 with 610 people having recovered. There have been 10 confirmed deaths and two probable deaths in the county due to COVID-19.</p>

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Taney County Court Goes Back to “Phase Zero” Operation After Positive COVID-19 Test.	Today in Branson	September 22, 2020	Every Hour	Approximately 3 Minutes	<p>A positive test for COVID-19 by a person working in the Taney County Judicial Center has forced operations in that facility to return to “Phase Zero” effective immediately.</p> <p>Presiding 46th District Circuit Judge Jeffery Merrill issued the order Monday and stated that while the Circuit Court itself is remaining open, court business will be altered to include hearings by videos or postponed until a later date.</p> <p>The court had been operating under a Phase 3 for the past several weeks but the positive COVID test has forced court operations to scale back once again.</p> <p>The official text of the letter posted on Taney County Circuit Clerk Amy Strahan is below as published in the Branson Tri-Lakes News:</p> <p>While the courts within the 46th Judicial Circuit and the Taney County Judicial Center have been operating under Phase 3 – as defined by Missouri Supreme Court Operating Directives – for the past several weeks, a positive test for a staff person within our Judicial Center has necessitated that our Judicial Center be immediately scaled-back to Phase Zero. By Administrative Order of the Presiding Judge, the</p>

					Taney County Judicial Center will continue operating in Phase Zero until a future Administrative order is entered.
Crafts, cowboys, and pumpkins coming to Silver Dollar City.	Today in Branson	September 19, 2020	Every Hour	Approximately 5 Minutes	<p>As part of a 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee, Silver Dollar City presents one of the longest running and most-attended craft festivals in America, The Harvest Festival featuring Crafts, Cowboys and Pumpkins, September 23-October 31, 2020. The 1880s theme park has perfected this annual event over the past six decades, creating one of the most heralded crafts festivals in Mid-America and a true celebration of fall in the Ozark Mountains.</p> <p>It is a festival that lets guests stroll and observe demonstrating crafters while toe- tapping western, bluegrass and country music sounds from outdoor stages and cowboy lore is brought to life by legendary figures; then evening and nighttime are set aglow as the energy heats up and a pumpkin-centric plaza gathering takes over.</p> <p>All throughout, there are the City's rides and coasters soaring into the Ozark skies and, as has become tradition, a wide selection of creative Silver Dollar City food specialties. This year the menu features all things pumpkin, including pumpkin cheesecake cones, cappuccinos, cinnamon rolls, funnel cakes, churros with pumpkin fluff and more.</p> <p>Daytime Crafts to Evening Aglow</p> <p>Demonstrating artists, designers and makers with high quality, handmade, original work line the City's Square, and the streets explode with shades of orange as thousands of hand-carved pumpkins and pumpkin sculptures line pathways.</p> <p>The Makers' Market houses some of the most intricate creations, with the artisans chatting with guests as they work. "The demonstrating</p>

				<p>craftsmen are very important to the atmosphere of this long-running festival,” says Silver Dollar City Designer Kelly Eutsler. “Many art fairs highlight the finished products, but our festival is long-known for showing how the crafts are actually created.”</p> <p>Just around the corner from the crafts, the return of cowboy culture adds an entirely different layer. “By popular demand, we bring back the cowboys who entertain with practices of yesteryear,” said Eutsler. “We have cowboy cooking on outdoor grills, the old Silver Dollar City Stagecoach and its storytellers of western lore, cowboy artworks, and the honor of presenting the famed watercolor artist, Buck Taylor, whom many will remember from his role on the TV series ‘Gunsmoke.’”</p> <p>As the sun sets low and 5:30pm strikes the old water clock, thousands of hand-carved pumpkins start glowing and Pumpkin Plaza heats up, featuring pumpkin pals and glow-in-the-dark fun.</p> <p>Pumpkins in the City returns for its second season, bringing renewed energy to the fall destination of Branson. The rides are open all day and all night, which brings another reason to visit, said Eutsler, “What once was considered a season more for adults now offers something big for families and kids, too.”</p> <p>Even the new Mystic River Falls water ride will remain open, with long, winding rapids, an 8-story, rotating lift and a waterfall billed as the “Tallest Drop of a water ride in the Western Hemisphere.” To add to the feeling of celebration, the thousands of LED lights that line most of the new area of Rivertown, Clara Belle’s Cinnamon Bread bakery and the new Rivertown Smokehouse (featuring fresh-smoked meats and specialty desserts) are attractions all their own.</p>
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Where do tourists need to go, to get amazing food around Branson?	Branson's Big Bite	Every Day	Every Hour	5:00	Join Perry "Porkchop" Harper as he visits the best local restaurants around Branson! Our host interviews local restaurant owners and tries to get the genuine story of each unique business. Each restaurant guides Porkchop through creating their signature dish, and every episode ends with the "Big Bite" taste test finale!
What's the story behind Branson and its numerous shows/attractions?	In the Studio with [X]	Every Day	Every Hour	5:00	Our hosts interview local Branson headliners, showrunners, and influential individuals. From a cousin of Elvis to a British singer-turned-real-estate-mogul, this show finds interesting people around Branson and gives them a chance to tell their story, their way.
Where can tourists go to experience the natural beauty of the Ozarks?	Everything Outdoors	Every Day	Every Hour	5:00	Host Bucky Heard guides viewers in a tour around the Ozarks region, from Silver Dollar City to Lake Taneycomo, we cover the best outdoor activities Branson and Hollister have to offer.
What's going on in Branson, when we don't want to bring the kids?	Branson After Hours	Every Week	Every Hour	7:30	Join a rotating cast of hosts as they give a detailed breakdown on what's happening around Branson, targeted to a crowd without little ones. Our hosts detail happy hours, live band performances, and celebration events happening each week in Branson. Whether you're taking a well-deserved break, or you're just a night owl, Branson After Hours has you covered.
Where are the best stores and shops around Branson?	Shopping in Branson	Every Day	Every Hour	5:00	Join our hosts for an in-depth tour of the amazing shopping choices around Branson! We cover local distributors of well-know brands, as well as hand-crafted artisan stores. No matter what you're looking for, Shopping in Branson has the answer!
What's going on in Branson and the Ozarks?	Today in Branson	Every Day	Every Hour	Variable	Each day, Alex Webster brings you the important information you need to know to live comfortably around the area. Our host covers traffic issues, health concerns, new show and attractions, local government, and anything else that a citizen of the area would need to know.