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APPREHENDED

Who: Devon Scott, 24, of Monett
Where: 300 block of Third Street, Monett

Local felon taken into custody

Devon Scott apprehended without incident

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A local man charged with multiple felonies, Devon James Scott, 24, of Monett, was apprehended at 12:08 p.m. on Thursday, based off of information received by a Crime Stoppers tip.



SCOTT

Law enforcement officials were seeking the whereabouts of Scott, who was wanted on multiple warrants in Monett and Barry County. One warrant stems from the theft of items from multiple vehicles during the overnight hours of Aug. 22. Items allegedly stolen included a woman's purse, cash, and credit/debit cards.

"We received a tip and officers dispatched to an area in the 300 block of Third Street, where Scott was reported being seen," said Lt. Dennis Camp, with the Monett Police Department. "Officers recovered a backpack that reportedly had been seen in Scott's possession and a few moments later, he was taken into custody without incident by Officers Christopher Miller, Kermit Howell and Marvin McCracken."

Scott has been charged with eight counts of felony stealing from incidents occurring within the city limits of Monett. In May of this year, he was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

In November of 2019, he was charged with felony stealing in Monett and released on bond.

Second Monett student tests positive for COVID-19

More than 60 students quarantined until Friday

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A second student at Monett High School has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The student was last at school on Aug. 29, and the case is not related to the first case or a

MONETT HIGH SCHOOL

What: Has had a second student test positive for COVID-19

Case: Was not related to previous case

Quarantined: 62 students are now in quarantine

result of community spread at the campus. The student was also masked while on campus.

Russ Moreland, Monett superintendent, said the dis-

trict has notified all students who were potentially exposed, and the Health Department will contact those required to quarantine.

Following the first positive, about 30 students were quarantined. Now, following the second, about 62 total students are quarantined.

With 758 attending the first day of school in Monett, including virtual students, the number of quarantined students accounts

for 8 percent of the student body.

Moreland said the risk of other students catching COVID-19 at the campus is low, however, all students and parents should continue to check for symptoms daily.

"Who knows what will happen by Tuesday, but the majority of those quarantined will be back by Friday," Moreland said. "While on quarantine, they are using alternate methods of

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Nary a brick to be found



Employees with AD Demolition are completing work on removing buildings as part of the Kelly Creek Flood Buyout project. Seeding and mulching of the lots will be completed by the end of the week, weather permitting. The buildings removed included the old VFW building, the former Public Works facility, the Aggieville Feed Store and the Marshall Trailer Park west of Typhoon Island Car Wash. The property directly east of the downtown events pavilion is the preferred site for Monett Main Street's proposed dog park. Main Street is in the fundraising stage, with hopes of constructing a dog park in 2021 or 2022. Melonie Roberts/reporter@monett-times.com

Number of active cases in area fall in last week

Barry County has 44 actives, 6 hospitalized

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The number of active COVID-19 (coronavirus) cases fell in the last week, but still remains above 40, and with six hospitalized.

According to the Barry County Health Department and Barry County Office of Emergency Management, there have been 372 (+36) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, including one presumptive and three antibody positives. As of Sept. 1, a

BARRY COUNTY

What: Had 372 cases of COVID-19 as of Sept. 1
Count: 44 active cases in isolation, six of whom are hospitalized, and 322 recovered; 187 close contacts quarantined

Testing: A total of 7,071 tests done in county

total of 44 (-4 from Aug. 25) people were considered active cases in isolation and six are hospitalized (+2). There are 187 close contacts (even) quarantined in their homes.

The county has seen four deaths. A 77-year-old man a 67-year-old man, both of whom had underlying health conditions, and

a 71-year-old woman and 86-year-old man, both with serious underlying health conditions all died from complications involving a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.

The death rate, deaths as a percentage of positive cases, in Barry County went back down in the last week from 1.2 percent to 1.1 percent, and the survival rate is 98.9 percent. The mortality rate, deaths as a percentage of population, for the county is 0.011 percent.

A total of 322 people had recovered from the virus, a gain of 38 since Aug. 25.

A total of 7,071 Barry County residents have been tested, equating to 19.7 percent

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Lawrence County Emergency Services board moves forward

Seeking architectural advice, property donation

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Members of the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board are looking at other operations for ideas and advice on how to best plan, design, equip and staff a county-wide stand-alone facility.

Mike Palmer, chairman, has visited with the director of the Stone County facility, Keith Kinnard, on that county's 4,250-square-foot center.

Some of the issues employees there pointed out is the need for more space between consoles, as the dispatching area is

LAWCO EMSB

Who: Lawrence County Emergency Services Board
What: Seeking advice from established 911 centers for design, equipping county's planned facility

crowded with four units in place and expansion planned for two additional units.

The board room at the Stone County facility also needs to be bigger, as it currently seats eight, with little room for visitors. Kinnard recommended the board room have a separate entrance from the dispatching area, keeping the area sealed off from the secured area.

Another issue with the Stone County site is the building is not hardened against tornado-scale

winds or storms.

The center, which serves a population of more than 31,000 residents, is funded through a half-cent sales tax, which generates between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million annually.

Jim Carson, board member, said it was time the board retain an architect and send a request for qualifications from firms to design the facility, although a location has not yet been obtained.

Carson and Palmer are also seeking grant funding to help build and equip the center.

"I'm still hoping to receive a donation of land or a property on which to build," Palmer said.

Board members also unanimously approved re-authorization the half-cent sales tax.

PIERCE CITY SCHOOLS

New: Patrons debate mask policy
Tax levy: Unchanged, valuation up slightly
Opening actions: Training held, CARES Act funds used

Pierce City school mask policy challenged

Patrons voice mixed views on strategy

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Pierce City school board members were taken to task by patrons for the district's non-mandatory policy on wearing masks at school, prompting the August board meeting to be moved into the gym, where several dozen patrons could spread out while others addressed the session.

Five patrons spoke during the meeting, mostly stressing

the need for a more stringent policy.

Neysa Kleinman took issue with the policy that only encouraged the wearing of masks, when, according to her high school-aged daughter, only about 4 percent of students were doing so. Kleinman feared the lack of direction would result in the disruption of classes earlier than anyone hoped.

"This is not political — it's a health thing," Kleinman said. "I feel if you can't enforce this, what about other rules? For the safety of students and the staff, I feel you ought to relook at the masking policy."

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