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Covid-19 Deaths Rise To 13

The McDonald County Health Department reported the 13th covid-related death on Oct. 6.

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Fall Festival Set For Halloween

Mountain Happenings at Sims Corner will host a festival is scheduled 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31.

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Wildcats Unset



COURTESY PHOTO

Caden Ogden of Carl Junction is shown with his service dog, Thorn. Ogden was matched with Thorn by Pineville nonprofit Saber Life Foundation. It is the nonprofit's first match.

Nonprofit Places Service Dog

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A new Pineville nonprofit that helps people with disabilities obtain service dogs has made its first match.

The Saber Life Foundation was started in March by Danaea Key and her husband Joel. They provide people with trained service dogs, paying 51% of the cost, with the client paying the other 49%. Service dogs can be very expensive, with their training costing up to \$25,000 to \$30,000 and the dogs themselves costing \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Danaea said they have received several grants and had several fundraisers, as well as going to events where they sell dog treats. Clients fill out an application and then go on a waiting list, she said. The trainer they use is Tim Franks of On Command Canine Training Academy in Joplin. Caden Ogden, 19, of Carl Junction, was certified with his service dog, Thorn, on

Oct. 2, making him the nonprofit's first match.

Caden's mother, Rona Ogden, said before they got Thorn, "(Caden) didn't really go out in public much. He very much stayed in his room and didn't come out. He didn't have really a life at all. Severe anxiety. PTSD. No friends. When he did have to go out in public it was very, very hard for him just to walk into a store. Just to go into a store and pay for a gallon of milk was a big feat for him, especially if the store was busy. If it wasn't for him living at home, he probably would have just gone without."

The family has had Thorn for two months.

"He's a completely different kid," Rona said. "He's able to go into a store; he's even went into a store by himself. He's started applying for jobs on his own. He's started talking to people. I'm excited by the idea he's going to make friends soon. His personality is starting to