

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ralph 'Freddy' Omer

Omer Retires From Clarence Cannon Water Commission

Ralph "Freddy" Omer retired June 30, 2020 after 43 years in the water treatment industry.

Fred began his career in water treatment at the City of Perry public water system where he served for 16 years. He went to work for SUEZ Environmental Services as a treatment plant operator for the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission in 1993, where he served as both treatment plant operator and as laboratory quality assurance manager for 27 years.

He was recognized for his service to the industry by SUEZ Management and the CCWWC Board of Directors at their December directors' meeting.

Five Ways To Save A Life This Holiday Season

Remember back in the spring when we heralded our health care workers who so bravely faced this new enemy known as COVID-19?

For eight months, those workers have continued to help us. They have literally put their lives on the line to care for and comfort us. To heal us. And to save us.

Now, more than ever, they need our help. The COVID-19 cases here in the Midwest and throughout the country are rising. The solution is not as simple as magically creating more beds or extra space. It boils down to having the staff to care for all patients,

whether or not they have COVID-19.

By taking five simple steps, you can save a life this holiday season, including your own. To do that, you can:

Wear a mask.
Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds. You have no idea who touched a surface before you, and whether they are sick.

Practice physical distancing indoors and out. Stay at least six feet apart.

Limit gathering sizes to the smallest number possible. It's tempting to gather the whole family for these important holidays. This year,

consider doing it another way. Use technology to connect. Or send a thoughtful card or letter instead for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other December holidays.

Take precautions every day. Treat everyone - including yourself - as a possible carrier. Many cases of COVID have been diagnosed in people who didn't show symptoms. You may think your family members or close friends are safe because you know them, and you think they are being careful. But often, you don't know who THEY have been around and how safe those other people are.

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Merry Christmas To Our Loyal Readers

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From The Mayor's Desk...

Hanukah is past, Christmas is near and Kwanzaa starts December 26 and runs through January 1, 2021. Kwanzaa is a 7 day festival that celebrates African and African American culture and history. As we celebrate these holidays, let us not be so busy and so consumed with fear over the corona virus that we don't enjoy these celebrations with families and friends. This



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In 1860 Bowling Green, The chief products sold were com, oats, wheat, tobacco and timber-oak and hickory. It contained 5 stores, 2 manufacturers, one steam saw and grist mill, one church, one Masonic lodge, and three hotels. Improved land sold for an average of \$20 and unimproved went for about \$10 per acre. Population was 400. (According to Mrs. Edward Wessler).

Many thanks go to Community State Bank for donating a new scoreboard to the Bowling Green High School baseball field and program. Thanks to all of Bowling Green businesses and services that support our community and its school system. Congratulations go out to our Bowling Green school system, staff, parents and students for the outstanding report card from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for being above state averages in graduation rate, post high school Activity which means more of our graduates are attending two year, four year colleges/universities, technical schools, or the military. Additionally, our students that have IEP's (Individual Educational Plans) are performing above State levels. Nicely done students, parents, and teachers!

Bright Futures and Pike County Toys for Tots distribution of toys was Monday, Dec. 21 at the Pike County Fairgrounds. Thanks to all who donated toys and helped with distribution. WARNING! Children in crosswalks have safety priority. Many students crossing at Adams Street and across Business 61 must be allowed to cross safely. Normally, teachers, cross-walk guards accompany these students before and after school times but students participating in after school activities beyond dismissal times do not have crossing guards. Unfortunately, and especially on Court Street, vehicles are NOT stopping when there are children in the Cross walks. Please watch out for our children at all times but especially when they are out of school for Christmas/winter break. Thank you!

Bowling Green Schools' last day of classes in 2020 is a half day on 12/22 and will resume classes on Tuesday 1/5/2021.

Alliance has been sealing cracks in our paved streets. Airport Road, Centennial Street, and Business 54 are on the list to complete this week. They are also working on the 15th Street Park with trimming of trees and leaves pick-up. There is also general clean up on all the parks. Weather permitting; they will be working in the City's cemeteries with clean-up and smoothing out graves.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF FARBER

The General City Election of the City of Farber will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Candidates seeking election to a city office must file their declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk. Filing opens Dec. 15, 2020 and closes at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. Office hours are: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1-4:30 p.m.

Offices to be elected Two (2) Aldermen – 2 year term each Mayor – 2 year term

All candidates must be a registered voter, U.S. citizen who has resided within the City of Farber for twelve months immediately preceding the election. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age, 25 for Mayor. No person shall be elected to office that is in arrears for any tax, lien, forfeiture or defalcation in office. Wards have been abolished (Ordinance No. 190-06). Election of candidates are at large.

Clarksville Memorial VFW, Auxiliary Hold December Meetings

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary held regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., with Commander Herbert Everett and President Mary Tarpein presiding.

Minutes of last month were read and approved. Quartermaster and auxiliary treasurer reports were given and approved.

Commander Everett gave an update from Mike Morton concerning the VFW building said he will continue to work on what can be done.

Dianne Gardner gave a report on the new banners to be purchased, after discussion, Robert LaForte moved to purchase the banners seconded by Ricky Gardner, Motion was approved.

President Mary Tarpein spoke about the tax exempt status, will be discussed more at a later date also gave a report on the department gen-

eral orders.

New Business:

A remembrance service was held as it was Pearl Harbor Day, Americanism chairman Joanne Hammuck gave a report on Pearl Harbor, auxiliary chaplain lit a candle and a prayer was given, The American Flag had been lowered to half staff outside of post for the day.

Other New Business:

Joanne spoke about a donation to National Home for Children and by to purchase life memberships to National Home for President Mary Tarpein and Junior Vice-President Helen Riffle, Motion was made by Dianne Gardner and seconded by Ora Belle Conway motion was approved.

Wreaths Across America was discussed it was decided to place the large wreath at the entrance of

Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Joanne asked about purchasing a life membership for Vernon Tipp, a 95 year old WWII Veteran, all agreed.

The next order of business, discussion concerning Eagle Day activities: it was decided to serve to go orders: nacho chips/cheese, hot dogs, chili dogs, chili, hot chocolate, coffee, water, and lemonade, this is being done because of the virus. Everyone will be wearing mask and doing the social distancing, no inside restrooms will be available. A raffle will also be held on a fire pit grill with many items inside of it, it was donated Jeremy Tipp.

He won it in October and is donating it back as a fundraiser. They will also be collecting Buddy Poppy donations if weather is permissible.

MO State Parks Announces 2021

Round For Outdoor Recreation Grants

Missouri State Parks announces the opening of the 2021 round for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program grants.

LWCF grants are available to cities, counties, public school districts and public universities for outdoor recreation projects.

Recreational Trails Program grants fund public trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, public school

districts, public universities, private schools, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses.

"If this year has taught us anything, it's that we all need access to quality outdoor recreation resources. These grant programs can help communities make access a reality," said Mike Sutherland, director of Missouri State Parks.

For more information about either of these programs, to download the grant applications and to register for a grant application workshop, visit

mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants. Deadline to apply is Feb. 17, 2021.

For more information on LWCF and Recreational Trails Program grants, contact the Grants Management Section with Missouri State Parks at mspgrants@dnr.mo.gov.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Area Students Make State Tech Fall Honor Roll

State Technical College of Missouri would like to announce area students who achieved the Honor Roll during the 2020 fall semester.

- Bowling Green - Michael Brown, Austin Horton, and Matthew McDannold.
- Curryville - Trenton Haas.
- Foley - Caleb Hansen.
- Frankford - Luke Hildebrand.
- Ladonia - Ty Becker.
- Martinsburg - Timothy Hun, and Braedon Swaim.
- Middletown - Logan Woods.
- Silex - Emily Weatherford.
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Missouri WIC Changes Infant Formula Manufacturer Beginning Jan. 1

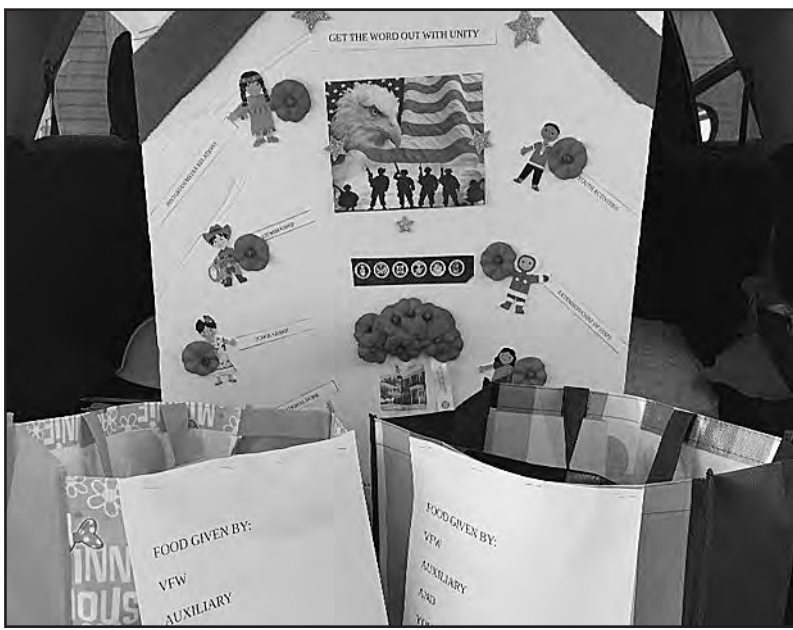
WIC, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children will be changing the brand of standard infant formulas available to participating infants effective Jan. 1, 2021. The Missouri WIC program will change its standard infant formulas from Enfamil to Similac.

WIC federal regulations require all state agencies to enter into a competitive cost-containment contract for the purchase of infant formula. Abbott, the awarded manufacturer, receives the exclusive right to provide its products to WIC participants in exchange for a monetary rebate. The infant formula rebate maximizes the program's ability to provide nutrition services and supplemental food benefits to all WIC participants.

WIC recognizes and promotes breastfeeding as the optimal source of nutrition for infants. In Missouri, 70.2 percent of WIC mothers initiated breastfeeding in fiscal year 2020. However, for women who are unable to fully breastfeed, or choose not to, WIC provides nutritionally appropriate iron-fortified formulas to eligible infants.

new infant formula contract. WIC provides participants with these standard contract brands of formula unless there is a specific condition requiring a special formula or WIC-eligible nutritional. Missouri WIC will continue to provide special infant formulas for infants with a qualifying medical condition. Information for prescribing a special formula for infants is located at <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wichcp/documents/>.

Pregnant women, new mothers, and families with children from birth through their fifth birthday who are Missouri residents may qualify for supplemental food benefits, nutrition counseling, and breastfeeding support. Individuals can submit a WIC Online Interest Form by visiting the Missouri WIC website at wic.mo.gov to assess eligibility and initiate the enrollment process, or they can obtain additional information by calling 1-800-TEL-LINK (1-800-835-5465).



Food Donation

Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610, Auxiliary, and Youth Group donated food for the food drive at the fall department council of administration along with a Buddy Poppy display. A Buddy Poppy centerpiece was also sent that is not pictured. The Buddy Poppy display received second place in their division. Attending the meeting was Commander Herbert Everett and Robert Everett and Auxiliary President Mary Tarpein. Joanne Hammuck attended on Zoom.

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In order to be updated with any addendums, bidders must make known their intentions to bid by notifying the Architect and Owner via email at the following email addresses.

Bids shall be delivered via email format to Todd Woods and David Dial, at the following email addresses on or before 01-13-2021 by 4:30 p.m.

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David Dial: david@dialarchitects.com
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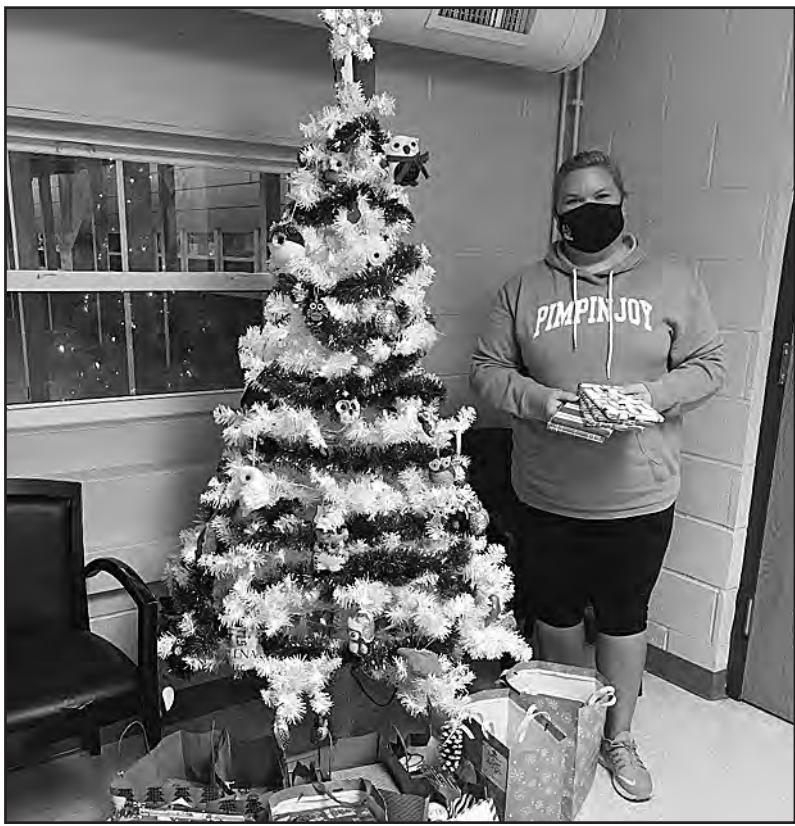
Bids will be prepared as outlined in the **BID PACKAGE** dated 12-14-2020. A mandatory **PRE-BID WALK-THROUGH** will be held on site 12-30-2020 at 10:00 am for the purpose of allowing your team to understand the existing utilities and to observe the space. The exact time of the walk-through will be provided to those who request documents.

The Owner is requiring that all laborers, workmen and mechanics employed in the execution of this contract are compensated no less than the **prevailing rate** per diem, legal holiday and overtime wages in the locality where the work is performed.

Copies of the **BID PACKAGE** will be available upon request by emailing the Architect, David Dial. The **BID PACKAGE** will be available on or about 12-14-2020. Bids will be evaluated from opening until 01-22-2021. Interviews will be conducted with a selected short list the week of 01-18-2021. Project award, if made, is targeted for 01-29-2021. (These dates are subject to change for any reason)

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Sisters Start 'Adopt-A-Classroom'

Megan Lavy of Silex and Jessica Boedeker of Elsbery took on a community service project three years ago when they came up with the idea to "Adopt-A-Classroom". It all started out by donating books for every student in one of their child's classrooms. The sisters wanted to make sure every child received a brand new book for Christmas. They receive donations from individuals and businesses to purchase the books. Megan said that this year they have donated approximately 1,100 books to the local schools. Every student in Pre-K-fifth grade will receive a book at Elsbery, Silex, Hawk Point and The Early Childhood Education Center in Troy. Lavy and Boedeker wrap each book individually so the students have something to unwrap. Megan says they started wrapping books back in November. "We have been extremely blessed with our donors, but we would love to get more so we can add more schools." If you would like more information on this project or would like to make a donation, you can email Megan at meganlavy@yahoo.com or Jessica at jboedeker4@gmail.com. Pictured is Megan Lavy donating books to Silex Elementary.

Norfolk Island Pine: A Houseplant For The Holidays

If you don't have time or space for a large Christmas tree, consider a Norfolk Island pine.

"Many stores sell these evergreen houseplants during the holidays," says University of Missouri Extension agronomist Pat Miller. "These easy-to-grow plants often come decorated and are perfect for gift-giving or to keep for yourself."

Norfolk Island pines grow slowly and seldom need repotting, she says. An extremely tolerant plant, it prefers diffused sunlight or partial shade with full sun in the winter. However, it will survive in cool, warm, light and dark locations. Branches droop in low-light conditions.

Keep the soil uniformly moist but not wet, Miller says. Fertilize lightly every one to two months.

Miller says many Norfolk Island pines come with several stems in a pot. They can be pruned at soil level to one stem. As they grow, the lower limbs will drop off. "This is normal, so don't be concerned when this happens," she says.

A newly acquired plant needs time to adjust to its environment. Immediate repotting can stress the plant. Many do not require potting for some time. Pot-bound plants—in which roots are too extensive for the pot—require frequent watering and grow poorly. Repot in a mixture of three parts sphagnum peat, one part vermiculite and one part perlite, or choose a commercially available "peat-lite" mix. In most cases,

adding soil to a potting medium leads to poor drainage, overwatering and root diseases.

To avoid damage to the root system when repotting, firm the soil gently around the root ball. Avoid pressing so hard that the soil becomes compacted. Allow space for water at the top of the pot. Water newly potted plants thoroughly, drain and do not water again until necessary.

"With minimal care, the Norfolk Island pine can provide you with not only a small Christmas tree but an interesting evergreen houseplant year-round," says Miller.

For more information, contact Miller at 417-448-2560. She also recommends the free MU Extension guide "Caring for Houseplants" (G6510), available from county extension centers and online at extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6510.



State Tech Announces Fall Dean's List

State Technical College of Missouri has announced students who are eligible for the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester.

To be placed on the dean's list, a full-time student must earn a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

Bowling Green - Andrew Culwell.

Foley - Alexander Lisovsky.

Vandalia - Dillion Minor.

Offender Death At NECC

On Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, offender Norman Stafford, DOC No. 348220 was pronounced dead at the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green.

Stafford was a 72-year-old male serving a 10-year sentence for two counts DWI-alcohol-chronic offender and driving while revoked/suspended from Greene County.

He was received in the Missouri Department of Corrections on April 29, 2015.

Stafford died of apparent natural causes.

Frankford Honor Roll Listed

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FOURTH GRADE

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May God Bless!

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MDC Sets Deer, Turkey Dates

At its Friday, Dec. 11 open meeting in Jefferson City, the Missouri Conservation Commission approved the following recommendations by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for upcoming turkey-hunting and deer-hunting season dates.

- 2021 SPRING AND FALL TURKEY HUNTING DATES**
 Spring Youth Portion: April 10 and 11
 Regular Spring Turkey Season: April 19 through May 9
 Fall Firearms Turkey Season: Oct. 1 - 31
 2021 - 2022 ARCHERY DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING DATES
 Sept. 15 through Nov. 12 and Nov. 24 through Jan. 15, 2022
 2021 - 2022 FIREARMS DEER HUNTING DATES
 Firearms Deer Early Youth Portion: Oct. 30-31
 Firearms Deer November Portion: Nov. 13 - 23
 Firearms Deer Late Youth Portion: Nov. 26 - 28
 Firearms Deer Antlerless Portion:

Dec. 4 - 12
 Firearms Deer Alternative Method Portion: Dec. 25 - Jan. 4, 2022
 The Commission approved providing more days of hunting opportunity to increase the harvest of antlerless deer. MDC recommended increasing the length of the antlerless portion from three days to nine days based on Missouri deer numbers being at desirable levels and being stable or increasing in most counties that allow two firearms antlerless permits and two landowner firearms antlerless permits. MDC harvest data shows that increasing the firearms antlerless harvest limit past two does not result in a significant increase in harvest.

formation will be available in MDC's 2021 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet and MDC's 2021 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet. Both will be available where permits are sold prior to the related seasons.
 Learn more about turkey hunting in Missouri at huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey.
 Learn more about deer hunting in Missouri at huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer.
 Buy Missouri hunting permits from numerous vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through MDC's free mobile apps, MO Hunting and MO Fishing, available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.



Obed Hall Scholarship

DeeDee Martin of Eolia was awarded the 2020 Rotary Obed Hall Scholarship to assist with costs related her degree in education. DeeDee is currently teaching at Bowling Green Elementary. The scholarship is given in honor of former Rotarian Obed Hall who had a desire to assist adults living in Pike County further their education. Stephen Hunter, vice president, is presenting her scholarship check.

Van-Far Speech Team

Van-Far Speech Team placed first as a team at the Salisbury Virtual Speech Tournament. The team came out on top with a whopping 102 points, beating out Pacific who placed second with 30 points. The following students who received top honors include, Harley Young, first storytelling, first humorous interpretation, first, duo interpretation. Kiera Hayden, first dramatic interpretation, first duo interpretation, third prose reading. Cameron Jones, first poetry reading, second prose reading, second radio speaking. Trevor Winders, first radio speaking, second original oratory. Karisa Hayden, third duo interpretation, fourth poetry reading. Georgia Coomer, third poetry reading. Kenna Engh-Hoffman, third duo interpretation.

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Hall, Williams Advance To State In FFA Public Speaking

Nine Silex FFA members participated in the Area V Fall Public Speaking contests.

These speeches were done virtually. Those placing first were Kacey Williams, (Missouri Pet Breeder's Association); Lexi Plackemeier

(Missouri Cattlemen's Association); Allie Norton, (Missouri Farm Bureau), and Kylee Dameron (Missouri Quarter Horse). Those placing second were Makayla Schneider (Soil and Water Association); Natalie Williams, (Cooperatives); Allison Schneider (Pork Producers); Maddy

Hall (Missouri Young Farmers); and Sara Gruenewald (Sheep Producers).

These members were able to advance and compete in the District Fall Public Speaking contest. This resulted in Maddy Hall and Kacey

Williams, each placing first and moving on to state competition. Allison Schnieder, Lexi Plackemeier and Natalie Kientzy all placed second at the District Level. Congratulations to these FFA members for their hard work, dedication, confidence and leadership skills.



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Larry retired from Harbison-Walker. Throughout his life he was a member of many clubs and served on various boards. Larry was also a fast-pitch softball coach.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Borgmeyer of the home; a son, Jay Orr and wife, Melissa of Bowling Green; two daughters, Tina Davis of Arnold and JoAnna Borgmeyer and Derek Hull of Farber; six grandchildren, Madison Orr, Jayson Orr, Dillon Davis and wife, Courtney, Riley Davis, Jayda Borgmeyer and Jaxdyn Hull; and one great-granddaughter, Karsyn Davis.

Larry is preceded in death by four brothers, Max, Burl, Dean and Leon Orr; and one infant sister.

Memorial may be made to the American Red Cross. They may be sent c/o Arnold Funeral Home, 425 S. Jefferson, Mexico, MO 65265.

Arnold Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at www.arnoldfh.com.



Nadine Rees

Private family graveside services for Nadine Rees, 87, of Vandalia, were held Tuesday (today) at Evergreen Memorial Gardens with Pastor Steven Rosenberg officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bienhoff Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Rees died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 at her home.

She was born Jan. 6, 1933 in Olney, the daughter of Walter and Dora Ethel Trower Baker. She married Louis M. Rees on Oct. 1, 1950 in Olney. He preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 2012.

Survivors include one son, Dwane Rees and wife, Elaine of Blue Springs; one daughter, Lisa Filzen and husband, Terry of Duluth, Minn.; one sister-in-law, Mary Jane Buckheit; six grandchildren, Kristin Kemery and husband, Jeff, Kameka Kraft and husband, Jeremy, Kameron Rees and fiancée, Rachel Long, Landon, Langston and Larkin Lalor; two step-grandchildren, Raquel Filzen and Justin Filzen; two

great-children and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kinnaid Baker and Joe Baker.

Mrs. Rees was a lifetime area resident, member of the Vandalia Methodist Church and was a 1950 graduate of Bowling Green High School. She worked as the secretary to the principal of Vandalia North Elementary School and the assistant superintendent of Van-Far High School. She was employed as bookkeeper for Bobbie Brooks, Goodin's Five & Dime, Woodard Automotive and Tri-County Care Center.

She was a member of the La Femme Art Club, Red Hat Society, Vandalia Country Club and 4-H leader for the Brice Happy Hustlers. She enjoyed traveling, boating, water and snow skiing, gardening, ceramics and especially spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kameron Rees, Landon Lalor, Langston Lalor, Dale Hopke, Tom Culwell and Steve Yates. Honorary pallbearers were Jackson Kemery and Oliver Kemery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Perry, MO 63462.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.

Veta R. Trower

Veta R. Trower, 86, of Farber died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Bob Hoehn officiated. Burial was in Farber Cemetery following the service.

Veta was born July 24, 1934, in Quincy, Ill., the daughter of Arnold and Dorothy Butts Mittelberg. She was united in marriage to Paul E. Trower on June 13, 1954. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 2008.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Trower and wife, Ann of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Daniel Trower and wife, Toni of Vandalia; one brother, Lowell Mittelberg and wife, Leona of Liberty, Ill.; two grandsons, Adam Trower and wife, Jill and Matthew Trower and wife, Michelle; two granddaughters, Micah Hodde and husband, Jeremy and Rachel Van Dera and husband, Adam; and five great-grandchildren, Nora, Luke, Josh, Alexander and Benjamin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Veta graduated from South Western Bible Institute of San Angelo, Texas in 1952 and worked as a bus driver for Van-Far School District for 25 years.

She was a member of the Farber Christian Church where she loved to play the piano and organ. She loved trout fishing especially at Bennett

Spring State Park, traveling, camping and playing cards. When she was younger she enjoyed playing the violin and she loved listening to instrumental music.

Pallbearers were Adam Trower, Matthew Trower, Jeremy Hodde, Adam Van Dera, Josh Hodde, Tim Trower, and Gary Mittelberg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Farber Cemetery Association, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family on Veta's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.

R.T. White

R.T. White, 86, of Bowling Green, formerly of Louisiana died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

His wishes were to be cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

A full obituary will be printed next week. Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana in charge of arrangements

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Crustless Ham And Spinach Quiche For Christmas Breakfast

CRUSTLESS HAM AND SPINACH QUICHE
 Leftover ham has met its match in our ham and spinach crustless quiche recipe. A bag of frozen chopped collard greens will almost eliminate prep time so all you have to do is sauté—how easy is that? The secret to building this crustless spinach quiche is creating a sturdy base of ham, collards, onion, and cheese. Then, you'll pour a mixture of all-purpose baking mix (we used Bisquick Original Pancake and Baking Mix), milk, and eggs over the top. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, and you'll be rewarded with a crustless ham and spinach quiche that your whole crowd will love. If you aren't a fan of the kick that shredded pepper Jack cheese provides, you can always swap in your favorite instead. Consider this crustless quiche recipe your base with plenty of room for delicious riffs.

collard greens, thawed and drained
 1/2 cup diced onion
 1 1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded pepper Jack cheese
 1 cup milk
 2 large eggs
 1/2 cup all-purpose baking mix

1/4 teaspoon salt
Directions: Preheat oven to 400°. Sauté ham in hot oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat 5 minutes or until browned. Stir in collards and onion, and sauté 5 minutes or until onion is tender and liquid evaporates. Layer half of col-

lard mixture in a lightly greased 9-inch pie plate; top with 3/4 cup cheese. Repeat layers once.
Step 2
 Whisk together milk and remaining ingredients until smooth; pour over col-

lard-and-cheese mixture in pie plate.
Step 3
 Bake in preheated oven 25 to 35 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving



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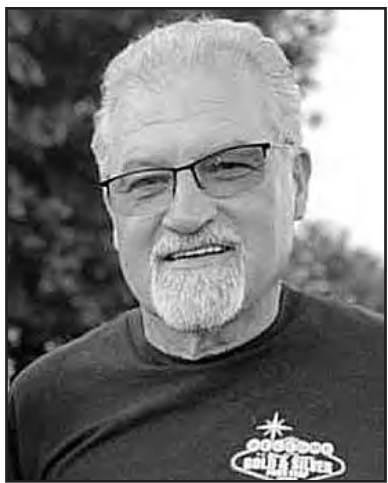
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Timothy Major Brown

Graveside services for Timothy Major Brown of Frankford were

held Monday at 2 p.m., at Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana.

A full obituary will appear in next week's People's Tribune.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Gregory J. Tipton

Gregory J. Tipton, 60, of Curryville died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 at Hannibal Regional Hospital surrounded by his family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green.

A full obituary week appear in next week's People's Tribune.



MDC Foresters Suggests To Recycle

A live Christmas tree can give your home a one-of-a-kind ambiance during the holiday season. From the natural suppleness of its needles, to that majestic stature, to the unmistakable evergreen aroma. But after the holidays are over, it doesn't mean that your natural Christmas tree needs to retire. It can find a second career in a lot of conservation-friendly ways, according to Missouri Department of Conservation Department (MDC) foresters.

One of the advantages of using live Christmas trees is that they can be recycled in a variety of ways to benefit the environment, wildlife, and even people. So instead of kicking it to the curb for trash pickup, why not put that tree to work?

There are plenty of after-holiday uses to consider. "Most live trees can be chipped and turned into mulch which you can use to return organic matter to the soil," said MDC Community Forester, Mark Grueber. "As the mulch breaks

down it helps keep soil moist and cool during the summer and warmer during the winter."

Many municipalities will offer mulching services, where residents can

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The decision was spurred by the district's belief that children needed the extra time off occasionally to enjoy the simpler things in life such as family time or playing in the snow.

"It is our belief that kids need to be kids and this includes enjoying a snow day off every now and then," Hamlett explained. "It is our hope that kids will enjoy their day playing in the snow, spending time with family, drinking hot cocoa, or just enjoying a good movie."

That sentiment was shared by many within the school district and outside. As of this writing, the social media announcement had over 296 shares on Facebook with many commenters expressing their support.

"Great job, Silex," one supporter commented. "Let kids be kids. They grow up fast enough."

Another shared a story of how their school district where they now live put the students on a virtual day after a recent bout of inclement weather. "It's been probably nine years since we've had a decent amount of snow. Let kids be kids. We all need some random breaks this year!"

According to the announcement, Silex School District would notify parents of a snow day through the district's automated calling system, school website, and Facebook page.

Wreaths Across America Honors Vets

Wreaths Across America - We honor our veterans on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and with Wreaths Across America.

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Morrill Worcester found himself in 1992 with surplus Wreaths in his company. That year he decided to place those wreaths at the Arlington National Cemetery with the help of a Senator from Maine. He quietly did this for several years. In 2005 the cemetery re-

ceived National attention in a photo of the tombstones snow covered with wreaths.

These wreaths had been placed in the oldest part of the cemetery where fewer visitors came. In 2006 he started to send each state seven wreaths to honor all branches of the military and POW/MIA's. In 2007 Wreaths Across America was formed as a non-profit 501-c 3 organization.

In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. On Dec. 13, 2008 it

was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across America Day". In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers laid over 700,000 memorial wreaths at 1,000 in the United States and beyond, including ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, as well as Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites of the Sept. 11 tragedies.

This was accomplished with help from 2,047 sponsorship groups, corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. The organizations' goal of covering Arlington National Cemetery was met in 2014 with the placement of 226,525 wreaths. The wreath-laying is still held annually on the second or third Saturday of December. Wreaths Across America's annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National

Cemetery has become known as the world's largest veterans' parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veterans' homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH. This year the members of the VFW, Auxiliary and Youth remembered Veterans by placing our Wreath at Clarksville, Missouri's Greenwood Cemetery on the anniversary date of Dec. 13 when it was unanimously voted by the Congress.

Several other Wreaths were placed at other cemeteries for members relatives. That included Ariel Christian Church Cemetery, Grand View Cemetery and Eolia Cemetery. This year's date was Saturday, Dec. 19, for Wreaths Across America. Parts of this presentation was taken from the Wreaths Across America website.



Pictured above are members of the Clarksville VFW and Auxiliary at the Ariel Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. Pictured, at left, is President Mary Tarpein of Clarksville Memorial VFW Auxiliary standing with Wreath in Cemetery at Ariel Cemetery.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

STUNK

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The table was filled with meat loaf, macaroni and vegetables as the four of us bowed our heads to pray. Just after thanking the Lord, Mom caught the first whiff of a devilish odor.

"What's that smell?" she said. Dad and I looked at each other blankly.

"I don't smell anything," he said. "It smells like a hog lot," Mom countered. "Oh, no, you didn't."

She got up from the table and stomped toward the living room. At least as long as I'd known her, and I assumed in all of her 42 years, Mother had never uttered a vulgarity. But that changed the Day the Engel Family Got Its Christmas Tree 1972.

"Get in here and get this thing out," she yelled at my father, just after the four-letter word erupted from her lips. I think she put the letters "a-t-i-o-n" after her choice, but I still counted it.

Anyway, putting a wet tree in the back of a truck used to haul manure was definitely a mistake. Now, Dad was a pretty smart guy, but sometimes everyone is a couple sandwiches short of a picnic. He had figured the droplets would wash the poo away. Instead, the freezing rain had attached bits of ca-ca to the needles.

As long as they were frozen, everything was fine. But in the warmth of a 70-degree house, they had returned to their stinky selves.

Soon, the entire house reeked. The outside temperature was 20 degrees. The neighbors must have wondered a little more than usual about the sanity of the Engel family, since Mother had opened all the windows and doors.

Now, it was my Father's turn to swear. Usually, he did so out of Mom's earshot. This time, there was nowhere to hide. He grumbled and groused under his breath as he pulled the tree out into the front yard.

"No, that's not good enough," Mom said from the doorway.

"What the h--- do you want me to do, take it back?" Dad asked.

At that moment, I got one of my first lessons in the difference between men and women. The fairer sex has no sense of exaggeration.

"Yes," Mom told him. "Take it back to the farm."

"Are you outta your d--- mind?" Dad said, saying the first four words loudly and muffling the last two.

"You'd better get going," Mother said.

Alas, you may think that the story ends there, but just wait.

"Come on," Dad dejectedly said to me. "Get your coat on and let's go."

My brother started laughing as I put on my parka. Dad and I loaded the stinky tree into the truck and fired up the engine as snow started to fall. The streets were like a hockey rink as we headed out of town.

"A 10-minute trip is going to take us 45," Dad said as we crept along.

Even with the bad weather, the journey was mostly over flat ground. The worst part would be Pulaski Curve. Not only was it shaped like a slithering snake, but part of it was on a hill.

A family lived along the stretch, so if we ran into trouble we could always stop and call for help. (There were no cell phones then, dear child). I didn't know the parents, but their kids had been in one of Dad's classes about 10 years previously.

As we approached the curve, I could feel the back end of the truck start to slide. Luckily, no one else had ventured out. We skidded sideways across both lanes until the truck nipped a "curve ahead" sign.

At that point, we were only going about five miles per hour, so there wasn't much damage. But the impact knocked the stinky tree out of the bed and into the middle of the

road. Dad was able to pull on the steering wheel and keep us out of the ditch. The truck righted itself in the wrong lane. "Oh, be joyful," Dad said as he shook his head and guided the pickup back to the right side of the road. "Well, we'll have to go get it. We don't want to cause an accident."

Unfortunately, conditions didn't make a turn-around that easy. Dad finally decided that he could swing into a y-shaped intersection about two miles ahead, just before the turn to the tree farm, and get back to the blacktop without too much trouble.

We made the turn-around without a hitch, but it took a bit to get back

to Pulaski Curve.

"What the..." Dad's voice trailed off as he stared at snow falling on the empty road. "What happened to the tree?"

Dad stopped the truck and we got out to take a look. We slip-walked from one side of the blacktop to the other. We checked out the ditches in front of us and behind us. Nothing.

We were about to give up when Dad's attention was caught by a trail in the snow leading up a lane to a house. It looked like something had been dragged along the ground.

"It couldn't be," Dad said before he started laughing. "Oh, my, are they in for a surprise."



Bruce, left, and Brent Engel in front of the tree that did not stink on Christmas 1972.

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"Shouldn't we go up there and tell them?" I asked.

"No," Dad said. "Let them enjoy the aroma of Christmas. Besides, their kids were jerks in school."

Both of us laughed as we got back into the warm pickup for the trek home.

The next morning, Dad got a call from Larry.

"Hey, someone chucked a per-

fectly good Christmas tree in the ditch along Pulaski Curve," Larry said.

"Oh, really?" Dad asked. "Well, don't..."

"I picked it up on my way back from town this morning," Larry interrupted. "It's in the shed outside. Now, I don't have to go out and cut one. I can just put it up in the living room."

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