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Kickoff Ceremony For Pike 251 Improvement Project A kickoff ceremony for the Pike Block Grant funding along with alignment of the roadway to meet

County Road 251 Improvement Project is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m., at the intersection of Highway 251 and Highway NN in Pike County.

The much-anticipated project updates the roadway and emergency detour infrastructure. As a result, the project will increase northeastern Missouri's economic resilience by making sure that local businesses stay open when faced with natural disasters, severe weather and particularly flooding.

The Pike County Road 251 Improvement Project is made possible by Federal, State and Local agencies working together. Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding Community Development

Pike County funds make this project a reality. Construction is expected to begin in early 2022.

The existing County Road 251 roadway between Route NN and Highway D, south of Louisiana is a two-lane unimproved roadway running predominately east-west, connecting Highway D on the east side of Louisiana to Route NN on the west side of Louisiana approximately two miles in length. The road

serves as an emergency detour route.
Improving County Road 251 would provide additional transportation capacity for the regional transportation network and is comprised of several distinct elements that significantly benefit travelers:

Increased safety by improving the existing horizontal and vertical dress for the weather.

the current design criteria for the design speed.

Quicker response times for all emergency responders in the area, especially during times of flooding when traffic is detoured.

Access to the surrounding employment core accommodating local employees, schools, travelers, semitrucks and others using the regional transportation network.

Increased capacity, safety, and convenience for everyday users utilizing the improved road network.

Reduced traffic and congestion within existing surrounding roadways by adding transportation capacity in the road network.

This event will be outside, so

Service: cooperation, meritorious be-

havior bringing honor to school or com-

munity, kindliness, unselfishness, true

Americanism-individual responsibility

Courage: mental and physical, deter-

Leadership: personality, originality, ability to lead and hold others, good

Patriotism: fundamental American-

In promoting this worthwhile project

the chapter is manifesting its belief that

attention to the patriotic education of

our youth means building a stronger na-

tion for the future. This project should

be an incentive in a school for greater

appreciation of the qualities of citizen-

ship needed by our nation if it is to re-

tain sovereignty and independence of

action. Challenges face our youth, and

every Chapter has the opportunity of

emphasizing the ideals of citizenship for

the faculty in the school system decided

This form was sent to the school and

a normal American childhood.

cleanliness in mind and body.

to Home, to Country to God.

sportsmanship-responsibility

mination to overcome obstacles.

The Year That Christmas Stunk

Editor's note: The following is a previously-published true story subnitted by Brent Engel of Louisiana in honor of his father, John Theodore "Jack" Engel, who died on Dec. 22, 2013, at age 85.

To me, the scents of the season re just as important as the sights.

And for that reason, there's one Christmas I'll never forget.

In our house, the holiday just vasn't the same without a real tree. To earn a little extra scratch, my father had joined a farmer friend, Larry, in an agricultural business

By the time I was nine years old, the firs and pines they had planted were tall enough to catch the eyes of

The trees had been planted a uarter-mile from the barn where Larry kept his hogs. When he wasn't teaching classes at our small-town high school or doing jobs around the

house, Dad helped Larry.

My father had grown up on a farm, one that in 2020 is still in the family after 190 years, and so he loved the outdoor work.

Dad traveled the four miles to arry's farm in an old Ford pickup he had bought for \$100. It chugged and heaved and hardly topped 40 miles an hour. It was a piece of crap, and it certainly smelled like it with all of the manure that had been cooped into and out of the bed. If there was one thing Dad loved

more than raising Christmas trees, it as decorating Christmas trees. By tradition, our family hung the holly and all the trimmings the first

veekend in December. Had Dad had is druthers, the decorations would have stayed up all year long, but Mother proved that Scrooges do

On the Day the Engel Family Got its Christmas Tree 1972, the forecast called for rain changing to sleet and

Larry had already made plans to ake his wife Christmas shopping, so ne wouldn't be available to help with the tree cutting. For the first time in my life, Dad asked if I wanted to tag along.

My brother, who was seven, was apset to tears because he wasn't included. That made my quick, affirmative answer all the more

"You can go next year," Dad said to my brother as we headed to the

indshield of the old junker as we

time we got to the farm, there was a steady shower. The temperature also was starting to fall and the wind had

"Larry asked me to stop by and make sure the hogs were OK," Dad said to me as we drove past the tree stand along the gravel road leading to the hog lot.

The old pickup sputtered to a stop

beside the manure pit.
"You wait here," Dad said before getting out and walking into the

When he emerged 10 minutes later, the wind was swirling even

"Gave them some new straw and water," Dad said. "Now, let's get that tree and get home."

Dad fired up the truck and drove to the tree patch. Water glistened off the needles as he took the spikedtooth saw in hand and walked toward a fir that looked perfect.

I held the stalk as Dad bent down to work at its base. Sleet began to pelt us just as the saw cut through the last fibers.

"It's getting colder," Dad said. "Let's load this up and go."

We put the tree in the bed of the pickup and slowly rolled back toward the blacktop that would lead us home. As we pulled into the driveway 15 minutes later, I saw the lights of our living room through the ice that the windshield wipers had trouble removing. It looked so warm

Dad and I pulled the tree up the sidewalk to the front door and noticed that the watery branches had now been locked in a kind of frozen

We got the tree into the house and put it on the pedestal that was surrounded by plastic. Without saying anything, we congratulated ourselves on a job well done. We even decided to go to the kitchen and get a couple of Christmas cookies before starting the decorating.

Mother was finishing up supper and told us that the treats would have to wait.

"Don't you want to see the tree,

Mom?" I asked.
"After supper," she said. "Now, you and your brother go wash your

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

See STUNK on page 16

DAR Youth Citizenship Award Winners punctuality, moral strength and stability.



Pictured are DAR Youth Citizenship Award winners Colin Schindler, Sophia Hartwig, and Ariana Young

The Bowling Green Chapter DAR awarded Colin Schindler of Frankford, sixth grade; Sophia Hartwig of Middletown, seventh grade; and Ariana Young of Bowling Green, eighth grade with the 2020 DAR Youth Citizenship Award on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m., in the school library.

Present were ladies from the Bowling Green DAR Chapter, the students, their parents, and Mrs. Bowman, the school counselor.

Surprisingly there were three past winners of the award present, Christy Wendel, Chanae Bowman, and Samantha Smith.

The DAR youth citizenship award program was designed to offer a concrete tangible plan for training in American Citizenship. Education of our youth in American citizenship is of supreme importance. The medals may

Christmas Decorating

Even with the massive reconstruction of Georgia Street and the COVID-19, Lousiana stepped up to celebrate the holidays in grand fash-

The Louisiana Community Betterment Association sponsored its' yearly Christmas decorating contest for residents and businesses. There is a first., second. and third. cash prize for each category.

The lucky winners in this years' Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc., Christmas decorating contest are: Residential: first place -1811 Michael Dr., second place -1800 So. Carolina, third place - 104 Margaret Dr.

Businesses: first place - Steamboat Bistro, 123 S. 3rd. St., second place - Dos Primos, 221 Georgia St., third place - Family Drug, 301

Winners are being notified by mail and check presentations will be made on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 6:30 p.m., in the lobby of Pike County Memorial Hospital.

be given to boys and girls in any school and are presented to those who by their personal acts and attitudes have proven themselves the most outstanding citizens in the class.

the medal to a boy or girl are based upon the five qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. These qualifications are set forth as fol-

Honor: honesty-high principles,

The requirements for the award of



The Bowling Green DAR Chapter honored Haylee Chandler on Tuesday, Dec. 15 with the Good Citizen's Award. Haylee is a senior at Bowling Green High School and is the daughter of James and Jennifer Chandler. Haylee is pictured with her

Silex R-I Keeping Snow Days BY BRICE CHANDLER tined or if the school moves to vir-

For a long time now, students in the area have waited with bated breath to hear whether their school canceled due to inclement weather or not. School children have counted on those snow days whether to gain one more day to study for that big test or simply to a much-needed extra day off.

But ČOVID-19 has changed the way we handle many things from work to travel and, arguably the most heavily impacted, education.

With virtual classrooms becoming commonplace, snow days are no longer the obstacle they once were. Students can simply go online and learn as they would while quaran-

tual learning.
Not with Silex School District. Last week Silex School Superintendent Rod Hamlett released an announcement saying snow days would remain unchanged for Silex students.

"As more schools and students move towards virtual learning, it is becoming more common for schools to move away from traditional snow days and requiring students to work from home when school is out for weather-related events," Hamlett said in the announcement. "We have made the decision for our snow days to remain unchanged."

The decision was spurred by the See SILEX on page 13

Louisiana Selects New Police Chief

STAFF WRITER

Louisiana residents have a new chief of police following recent changes in the department.

Recently promoted Captain Will Jones was selected as the city's new police chief during the Monday, Dec. 14 city council meeting.

Jones filled in for the role after former chief April Epperson resigned in Oct. Just prior to her resignation, the city made changes in the department's command struc-

Jones has worked for the Louisiana Police Department for over two years now in both parttime and full-time capacities.

During the council meeting, it was reported only a few applied for the position, and of those, Jones was the only local candidate.

"Mr. Jones came to us with extensive experience in management and law enforcement," City Administrator Kelly Henderson explained. "He had some local knowledge before coming here two years ago, but the last two years has allowed him to sharpen that familiarity with the

Chief Jones' law enforcement career began after enlisting in the Missouri National Guard Criminal

Investigation Command (CID) in 1991. Afterwards he graduated from the civilian law enforcement academy in 1995.

Jones told The Tribune he hopes to direct the department towards more community service-oriented law enforcement by assisting organizations and helping with community events.

"Visibility is the first step," Chief Jones said. "The officers have to be visible in the community. You've probably noticed the officers on duty are in uniform and encouraged to patrol more often. I think that's first step to helping build community involvement and the increases the chances of someone talking to us."

He also wants the department to become more active with follow up investigations for current and older cases, although the process will take some time. But he says the council and city administration have been supportive.

"The biggest challenge so far is working through the philosophical differences between my leadership style and the previous administrations'," he stated. "I would like to commend the city council and mayor," Chief Jones said. "They've been nothing but supportive."

This service of listing all obituaries in today's paper, for any funeral home, is sponsored by McCoy & Blossom Funeral Homes

Discover Nature With MDC Through Eagle Days On Your Own

Due To COVID-19 Eagle Days Events Canceled

Did you know that thousands of bald eagles visit Missouri each winter and eagle watching in Missouri can be spectacular? From late December through early February, watch for eagles perched in large trees along river, streams, and lakes. Get out early in the morning to see

eagles flying and fishing.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will not be hosting Eagle Days events this year but encourages people to look for eagles on their own. Here are some MDC suggestions for winter eagle north of El Dorado Springs;

Lake of the Ozarks at Bagnell City; Dam Access, east of Bagnell;

on Route K, southwest of Columbia; Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville; Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield; Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

northwest of Puxico; Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270, off of Riverview Drive, St.

Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary east of West Alton;

Schell-Osage Conservation Area

Smithville Lake north of Kansas

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area Refuge south of Mound City; Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Sumner;

Table Rock Lake and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery southwest of Branson: and Truman Reservoir west of War-

Get more information on Eagle Days, including related MDC online offerings at nature.mdc.mo.gov/

eagle-days-5.

OBITUARIES Cletus Miller Sr., 77, Louisiana



Marion L. Woodward, 82, Louisiana Dottie Lee Ray Stewart, 87, Elsberry Dennis Richard Palmer, 55, Vandalia Thelma Lee Robinson, 65, Louisiana Roy Toppings Jr., 57, Bowling Green Dorothy Rosetta Bell, 85, Hannibal Harold R. Rhodes, 74, Troy Larry Joe Orr, 78, Mexico Nadine Rees, 87, Vandalia Veta R. Trower, 86, Farber

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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 Commis-

sion 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 ČCWWC Board of Directors at their December directors'

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Merry Christmas To Our Loyal Readers

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bravely faced this new enemy known as

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,

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

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, 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 peo-



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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 CITY OF BOWLING GREEN Was 400. (According to the celebration with CITY OF BOWLING GREEN Edward Wessler). families and friends. This



JIM ARICO, MAYOR

not meant to endorse ignoring safety practices and not to minimize the seriousness of this pandemic, but to make decisions based on wisdom and not fear. It may be the biggest time of the year for hope and for believing in mir-

acles! May the wonder of Christmas fill your homes with joy, your hearts with love, and your minds with peace. The Salvation Army is still looking for volunteers to "Ring the Bell" for contributions to help those in need. Donations collected stay right here in Pike County. The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is continuing to seek donations as well, of bicycles of all sizes for those that are in need. Please donate unused bicycles, skate-boards, scooters and place them at the Christmas tree on the Square. The Chamber is also selling CHAMBER BUCKS which can be spent like cash at the many participating businesses and services in Bowling Green. Have fun with this as we encourage "Shopping

Kathy's Christmas is a meals program started some years ago by Kathy in remembrance of her mother. This year the meals will be delivered and the turkey and all the trimmings are designed to feed the needy, lonely, or those in quarantine or widowed. If you are one of these, feel free to call 573-324-3113 and reserve your Christmas meal and give directions to your ad-

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

SMALL GIFT

MEDIUM GIFT \$7.00

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In 1860 Bowling Green, The chief products sold were corn, 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.

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

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

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From The Mayor's Desk... Clarksville Memorial VFW, Auxiliary Hold December Meetings The Clarksville Memorial VFW eral orders. Gr

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

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 genNew Business:

A remembrance dervice 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

Other New Business:

outside of post for the day.

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 ap-

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

The next order of business, discussion concerning Eagle Day activites: 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 fundraise. They will also be collecting Buddy Poppy donations if weather is permissable.

MO State Parks Announces 2021 Round For Outdoor Recreation Grants

Missouri State Parks announces districts, public universities, private mostateparks.com/page/55065/outthe 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 schools, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. "If this year has taught us any-

thing, 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 Department of Natural Resources.

door-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

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. Laddonia - Ty Becker. Martinsburg - Timothy Hun, and Braedon Swaim.

Middletown - Logan Woods. Silex - Emily Weatherford. Wellsville - Braden Stroup.



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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.

OBITUARIES



Cletus E. Miller Sr.

Cletus E. Miller, Sr., 77, of Louisiana entered into rest Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green, surrounded by his family.

A Mass of christian burial was at 10 a.m., Thursday at St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green with Fr. Henry Ussher and Fr. Louis Dorn officiating. Burial was held in St. Clement Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Cletus was born Oct. 19, 1943 in Louisiana to Ansel and Leona Korte

He was raised on the family farm in St. Clement, attending St. Clement School and graduating from Bowling Green High School in 1961. After high school he enrolled in the United States Army Reserve before returning home to work in construction and farming.

He enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinal baseball, playing horseshoes, and cards at Miller family gath-

Cletus was a member of both St. Clement Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana where he served as president of the parish council, received fourth degree knight and served as grand knight with the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include sons, Clete Miller and wife, Jennifer of Bowling Green, Daniel Miller and Chad Boone of Nashville, Tenn.; daughter, Audra Miller and husband, Steve of Louisiana; grandchildren, Jennifer Miller and Ryan Miller of Bowling Green, Dawson Miller and wife, Shelby and Haylee Miller of Louisiana, Brandon Morris and Brian Fosdick of Bowling Green; sisters, Annette Trower and husband, Wiley of Louisiana, Kathleen Hustedde and husband, Joe of Bowling Green and Nancy Cox and husband, Jamie of Bowling Green; brothers, Ralph Miller and wife, Kay of Bowling Green, and Edwin Miller and wife, Ellen of Moberly, sisters-in-law, Aleta Miller of Columbia, and Delores Miller and Susie Miller of Bowling Green; aunt, Marcella Bunten of Bowling Green; 21 nieces and nephews and many cousins and greatnieces and great-nephews.

Preceding Cletus in death parents, and brothers, Nolan Miller, Philip Miller, and Harry Miller.

Pallbearers were Steve Miller, Dawson Miller, Brandon Morris, Randy Tredway, Jamie Cox, and Craig Luebrecht. Honorary pallbearers were Ralph Miller, Edwin Miller, Joe Hustedde, Lem Wells, and Bill Schuckenbrock.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice.



Marion Lenore Woodward

Marion Lenore Woodward, 82, of Louisiana went to be with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana surrounded by her family.

Her wishes were to be cremated and no services will be held at this

Marion was born Oct. 28, 1938 in Graysville to John Henry and Grace Stewart Brookhart.

She is survived by three daughters, Lucy Buffington and husband, Mike of Louisiana, Dawn Buffington of Louisiana, and Marilyn Beagle and husband, Bobby of Dearborn; nine grandchildren, Shannon Carr, Zach Dryden and wife, Courtney, Erika Carr, Mike Buffington and wife, Kayla, Emily Munsterman and husband, Cody, Charlene Hunt and husband, Skylar, David Dryden and fiancé, Paige, Rachel Stearatore and husband, Gene, and Samantha Wiss and husband, Matt; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bernice Veach, and Bernetta Jimerson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Ellison Brookhart and Edward Brookhart.

She had been a resident of Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana for a little over three years. While there she enjoyed bingo and doing jigsaw puzzles. She was a big Elvis fan. She worked most of her life cooking and waitressing. She cooked at the Elks Lodge in Louisiana for several years.

Collier Funeral Home, Louisiana in charge of arrangements.



Dottie Lee Ray Stewart

Funeral services for Dottie Lee Ray Stewart of Elsberry were at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. Charlie Henley, William Patrick and Duke Duvall officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery near Elsberry.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 14 at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

Mrs. Stewart, 87, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at Elsberry Health Care Center near Elsberry. Born Nov. 17, 1933 in Silex, she was the daughter of Jerry Mar and Mary Edna Colbert Ray. Dottie was united in marriage on June 17, 1951 in Elsberry to Harold Gene Stewart. This union was blessed with four children: Debbie, Pam, Bruce and Melissa.

Dottie was a member of Whiteside Baptist Church. She served as Sunday school and vacation bible school teacher at Annada Christian Church and Clarksville Baptist Church for many years. She encouraged her children, grandchildren and students to read the Bible and go to church. She was a loving and devoted wife and homemaker. The wife of a pastor, she always supported Gene in the pulpit.

Dottie was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry and Edna Ray; one grandson, John Thomas Stewart in 2008; one brother, J.C. and wife, Ruthie Ray; four sisters, Margie Gladney and husband, Russell, Sarah Ellen "Serdie" Ray, Helen Hunter and husband, Tommy and Mary Marie Ray, who died as an infant; one brother-in-law, Dick Stewart; and her beloved husband of nearly 67 years, Harold Gene Stewart, who died on Feb. 10, 2018.

Survivors include her children, Debbie Vortman and husband, David, of Bluffs, Ill., Pam Grimshaw and husband, Richard of Troy, Bruce Stewart and wife, Brenda of Elsberry, and Melissa Wheeler and husband, Ed of Eolia; 10 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and two greatgreat-grandchildren. Dottie also leaves one sister-in-law, Leona Stewart of Moscow Mills; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many

Serving as pallbearers were Nick Clevenger, Gene Grimshaw, Kevin Crawmer, Bruce Stewart II, Adam Stewart, Jared Stewart, Aaron Carr,

Chris Zumwalt, and Richard Evans. Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Make A Wish Foundation, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Dennis Richard **Palmer**

Dennis Richard Palmer, 55, of Vandalia died Monday, Dec. 7, 2020

Funeral services were at noon Wednesday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Sam Byers of the Elsberry First Baptist Church officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m.,

Tuesday at the funeral home. Born May 30, 1965 in St. Charles, he was the son of Charles Richard and Jeanette McDonald Palmer. He served his country proudly in the United States Army at Fort Riley, Kan., earning many awards and acknowledgments. Dennis worked as a mechanic for many years. He enjoyed working on vehicles and fishing in his free time.

Survivors include his children, Christian Chas Palmer of West Amana, Iowa, Tara Palmer of St. Louis, Brandon Palmer of St. Louis, and Jessika Palmer, St. Peters; and four grandchildren. Dennis also leaves his mother, Jeanette Palmer of Elsberry; his companion, Leslie Maylee of Vandalia; three brothers, Charles Daniel "Danny" Palmer of Elsberry, Derrick Palmer and wife, Leslie, of East Alton, Ill., and Dedric Palmer of Elsberry; two sisters, Debi Bowser and husband, Arnie of Divide, Mont., and Donna Hammond and husband, Rich of St. Peters; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Greg King, Isiah Soto, Kevin Cassidy, Eddie Linear, Paul Green, and Derrick Palmer.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Charles Palmer; one niece, Aricca Palmer; and one nephew, Dennis Michael McCafferty, Jr.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Thelma Lee Robinson

Thelma Lee Robinson, 65, of Louisiana died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at her home.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Dale Beasley and the Rev. Mark Sheppard officiated. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana. Visitation was from 11 a.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Thelma was born March 16, 1955 in Forest City, Ark. She was daughter of Luther and Darnell Mosby Butler.

She is survived by two sons, Lydell 'Chris" Butler and Archie Butler; a granddaughter, Kayla Duncan; siblings, Mamie and Keitha of Louisiana, Lucas of Louisiana, Dale Butler, Jerry Butler, and Nate Butler of Chicago, Ill., Dorothy Robinson and Ruthie Love of Chicago, Ill., and Stan Butler of California, special nieces and nephews, Isaac, Suga, Baby, Shyla, Malachi, and Kiona; close family friends, Melody Chatman, Kenny Griffith, and Jr. Moore; and a host of other nieces and

She was preceded in death by her parents, Darnell and Luther Butler, a son, five brothers, two sisters, and a granddaughter.

Thelma had been employed over the years at Maple Grove Lodge as a certified nurse assistant, and at Stark Bros. in Louisiana. She enjoyed spending time with family, her friends at the apartment building, and with her dog, Oreo.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenny Griffith, Joe Butler, Dale Butler, Lawrence Griffith, and Eugene Watts. Pallbearers were Lucas Mosby, Chris Chatman, Trevor Chatman, Robert Ostrander, Jr. Moore, and Mark

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o the fu-



Roy Edward

Toppings Jr. Roy Edward Toppings, Jr., 57, of Bowling Green died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital in Lake Saint Louis.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 14 at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Gene Hamilton officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Bowling Green following the service.

A visitation celebrating the life of Roy Edward Toppings, Jr., was held from 3-5 p.m., Sunday Dec. 13 at Waters Funeral Home.

Roy was born Feb. 13, 1963, in Bonne Terre the son of Roy and Martha Jefferies Toppings. He was united in marriage to Sherry Donaldson on July 17, 1999 in Vandalia. She survives him of the home.

Other survivors included a daughter, Tabitha Witherington of Bowling Green; three sons, Matthew Donaldson (A.J.), Shannon "Coty" Donaldson, and Branden Donaldson, all of Bowling Green; three granddaughters, Alana Williams, Elyzabeth Icke, and Autumn Donaldson; two grandsons, Jacob Gray and Chris Icke; two brothers, Jimmy Toppings and wife, April of Dupo, Ill., and Frank Toppings of Vandalia; one niece; numerous nephews; and many other loved family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his

Roy graduated from Dupo, Ill., high school class of 1983 and worked as a corrections officer for the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling

Roy was a member of New Life Tabernacle and had an unexplainable passion for his church and family. He was devoted to praying for the needs of people and committed to focusing on his relationship with God. Roy loved his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends beyond understanding and found nothing more enjoyable then spending time with them especially holidays.

He was a practical joker and always making people laugh. When he wasn't spending time with his family or at church he enjoyed hunting, fish-

ing and four wheeling.
Pallbearers were Matthew Donaldson, Branden Donaldson, Shannon Donaldson, Jimmy Toppings, Michael Toppings, Jacob Gray, and Chris Icke. Honorary pallbearer was Frank Toppings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waters Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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



Dorothy Rosetta

Dorothy Rosetta Bell, 85, of Hannibal died Friday, Dec. 11, 2020.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green. Burial will

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Dorothy was born June 21, 1935 in Frankford to Carl McQuay and Alva Miller. She married Everett Fred Bell

on Sept. 15, 1975 in Vandalia. Dorothy is survived by children, Larry Hawkins and wife, Betty of Meridian, Idaho, Patricia Johnson of Urbandale, Iowa, Nathan Hawkins and Kelly Holloway of Quincy, Ill., Darrell Bell of Bonne Terre, Donald Bell and wife, Tina of Hannibal, Janet Bell of Quincy, Ill., Kathy McMillan and husband, Roger of Hannibal, Kelly Gumble and husband, Steve of Hannibal, Julius Bell of Quincy, Ill., Lisa Rouse of Quincy, Ill., Michael Bell and wife, Charlene of Quincy, Ill., and Leslie Purvis and husband, Jay of Hannibal; siblings, Roy McQuay and wife, Veverly of Vandalia, Missouri, and Eva McDowell and husband, Leroy of Davenport, Iowa; along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Dorothy was preceded in death by siblings, George McQuay, Carl Mc-Quay Jr., James McQuay, Leila Mc-Quay, Joyce Clark, and William Frank McQuay Sr.; and children, Guilford Hawkins Jr. and Sheila Hawkins-Thompson.

Dorothy was a member of Faith Tabernacle COGIC of Vandalia. She enjoyed fishing, quilting, gardening, crocheting, and singing in the church

Her favorite times were spent raising her children and spending time with her grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Zach Stice, Mike Taganeca, Victor Taganeca, Terrance Bell, Alex Rouse, Corey Rouse and Derek Wallace. Honorary pallbearers were Dorothy's sons.



Harold R. Rhodes Harold R. Rhodes, 74, of Troy, for-

merly of Quincy, Ill., died at Troy Manor on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020. Private services to be held at a later

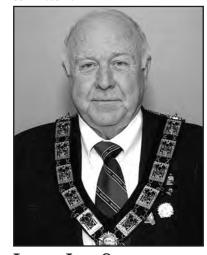
He was born Sept. 1, 1946 in Elvaston, Ill., to Raymond and Mary Lippincott Rhodes. Harold graduated from Unity High in Mendon, Ill. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1963-70. Harold married the love of his life, Paula on Jan. 23, 1972 at the Christian Church in Lima, Ill.

Harold and Paula were blessed with one son, Joe Fuller, that they loved very much. Harold worked at Quincy Compressor and retired after forty-one years. When younger, Harold was very active in his bowling league and the Gold Wing Motorcycle Club. Harold was very curious and loved to read books. Paula and Harold loved to travel on their bikes. Harold was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Harold is survived by his son, Joe Fuller and wife Tracy of Hawk Point; a brother, Danny Rhodes of Hannibal; grandchildren, Jazzlyn Fuller and Brent Franke of Knox City, Devon Fuller and wife, Nicole of Hawk Point, Nick Crawford and wife, Natalie of Silex; great-granchildren, Zowie and Zane Franke, Paisley Fuller and Rylie and Beau Crawford; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Paula Y. Rhodes on Nov. 13, 2020 and his parents.

Family and friends may sign the guest book @www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



Larry Joe Orr

Larry Joe Orr, 78, of Mexico died Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at the University of Missouri Hospital-Columbia.

There will be a private memorial A Celebration of Life will be held

at a later date.

Larry was born June 2, 1942, in Vandalia, the son of James Lafe and Edith Marie Ellesberry Orr.

The Vandalia Hobby Shop, golf, model trains gambling and dog and horse races are some of the things Larry enjoyed. He loved traveling and always made sure everyone was having a good time.

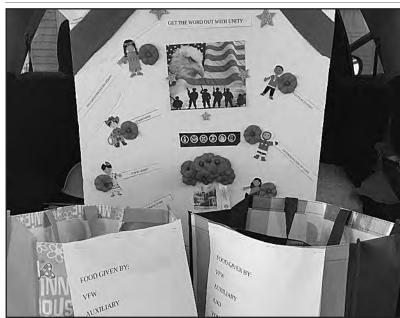
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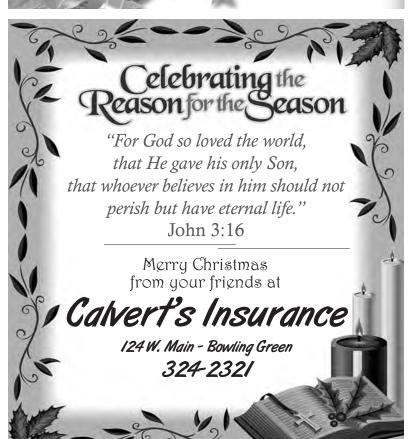
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Missouri WIC Changes Infant Formula Manufacturer Beginning Jan. 1
WIC, the Missouri Department of new infant formula contract. WIC Pregnant

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 pronutrition services 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.

Missouri WIC will issue Similac Advance, Similac Sensitive, Similac Total Comfort, Similac Soy Isomil, and Similac for Spit-Up under the

provides participants with these standard contract brands of formula unless there is a specific condition requiring a special formula or WICeligible nutritional. Missouri WIC will continue to provide special infant formulas for infants with a qualmedical condition. ifying 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).





ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana, Missouri, will receive bids for renovations of the existing entry, lobby, seating area, new dedicated entrance and exit from the main hospital lobby and, new steel canopy at the main level of the Pike County Memorial Hospital at 2305 Georgia Street, Louisiana, MO 63353. All Bids will be privately opened by the Director of Plant Operations, Todd Woods, and simultaneously by the Architect, David Dial.

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.

Todd Woods: twoods@pcmhmo.org **Pike County Memorial Hospital**

2305 Georgia Street Louisiana, MO 63353

David Dial: david@dialarchitects.com

14364 Manchester Road

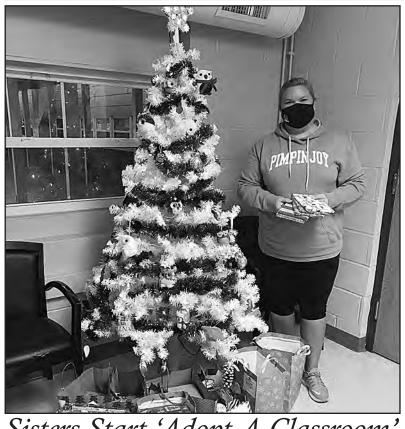
Manchester, MO 63011 Bids will be prepared as outlined in the **BID PACKAGE** dated 12-14-2020.

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 Elsberry 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 Elsberry, Silex, Hawk Point and The Early Childhood Education Center in Troy. Lavy and Boedker 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 Elemen-

Norfolk Island Pine: A Houseplant For The Holidays If you don't have time or space for a large Christmas tree, consider leads to poor drainage, overwatering

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 condi-

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.

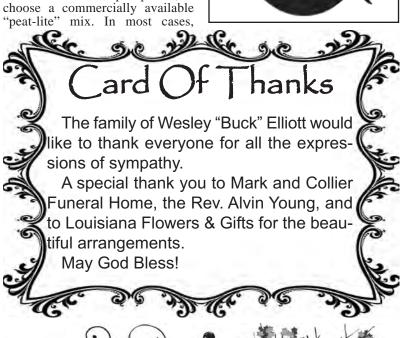
A newly acquired plant needs time to adjust to its environment. Immediate repotting can stress the plant. Many do not require potting for some time. Pot-bound plants—in which roots are too extensive for the pot-require frequent watering and grow poorly. Repot in a mixture of three parts sphagnum peat,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

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/g651





State Tech **Announces Fall** Dean's List

souri 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 Cul-

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

He was received in the Missouri Department of Corrections on April

Stafford died of apparent natural

Frankford Honor Roll Listed

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THIRD GRADE Strong Adams, Tina Hinch, Milam McMillen, Sawyer Scherder, and Natanyah Smith.

FOURTH GRADE Josias Ambrocio-Banos, Wyatt Delgman, Nevaeh Konieczny, Jocee Mahar, Austin Maxson, Owen Miller, Madison Smith, and Kynzie

FIFTH GRADE

Bristol Doggett, Zeb Gilbert, Ellie Haden, Emily Ingram, Rylie Jennings, Josee Kraft, and Lilly McMillen

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Colbie Adkison, Jessica Boyd, Breanna Jennings, and Peyton

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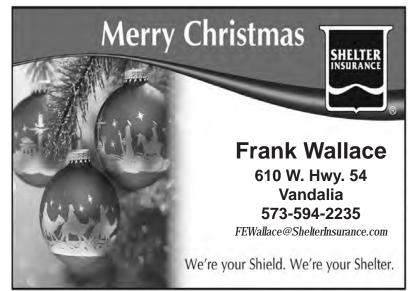
Brianna Bailey, Sarah Efnor, Andrew Jones, Floyd Mansfield, Heavenlee Nelson, Karrah Thomas, and Aaron Turnbull.

FIFTH GRADE

Chloe Cunningham, Dallas Henderson, Abigail Kurz, Kaden Lang, and Alex Shade.

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MDC Sets Deer, Turkey Dates At its Friday, Dec. 11 open meet- Dec. 4 - 12 formation will be available in

ing in Jefferson City, the Missouri Conservation Commission approved the following recommendations by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for upcoming turkeyhunting and deer-hunting season

2021 SPRING AND FALL **TURKEY HUNTING DATES**

Spring Youth Portion: April 10

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:

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

The following students who re-ceived 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 inter-

pretation, fourth poetry reading. Georgia Coomer, third poetry

Kenna Engh-Hoffman, third duo interpretation

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Firearms Deer Alternative Methods 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 permits antlerless 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.

Details on hunting regulations, harvest limits, allowed methods, required permits, and other related 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 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.



cation. Stephen Hunter, vice president, is presenting her scholarship check.

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Kacey Williams

Hall, Williams Advance To State In FFA Public Speaking
Nine Silex FFA members partici- (Missouri Cattlemen's Association); Hall (Missouri Young Farmers); and Williams, each placing first a pated 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 Allie Norton, (Missouri Farm Bureau), and Kylee Dameron (Missouri Quarter Horse). Those placing second were Makayla Schneider (Soil and Water Association); Natalie Kientzy, (Cooperatives); Allison Schneider (Pork Producers); Maddy

Sara Gruenewald (Sheep Produc-

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

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, confi-

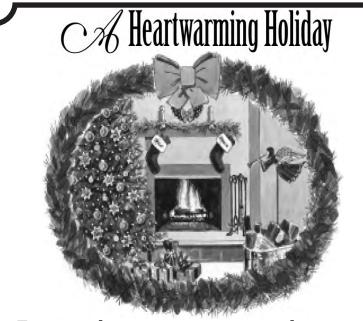
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Larry retired from Harbison-Walker. Throughout his life he was a member of many clubs and served on various boards. Larry was also a fast-pitch softball coach.

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 fiancee, Rachel Long, Landon, Langston and Larkin Lalor; two step-grandchildren, Raquel Filzen and Justin Filzen; two great-children and four step-greatgrandchildren.

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

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 Ke-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 proceeded 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

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 Continued from page 12

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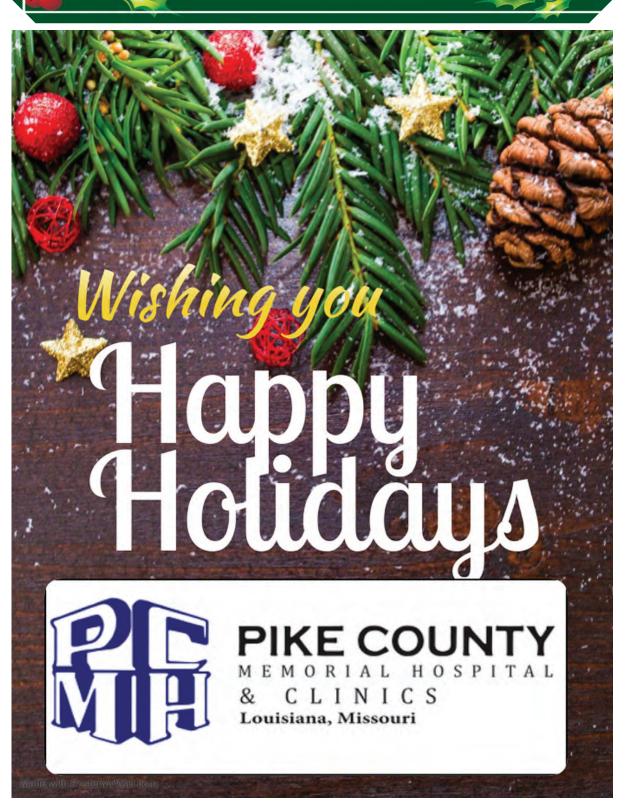
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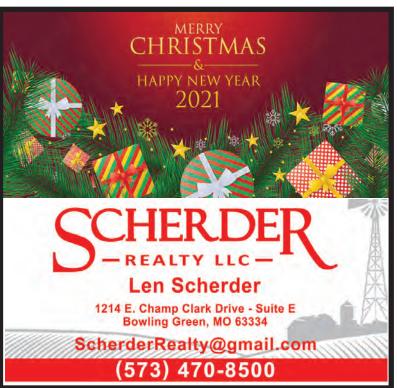
Pike County shoppers responded generously to a request by Chandra Roberts, Pike County Service Coordinator at the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) to take a name tag off the Salvation Army Angel Tree at the Bowling Green Walmart. More than 220 young people will have a brighter Christmas because of the public's good will. Each tag featured the name of a disadvantaged Pike County child and a gift request. Gifts were to be delivered to Roberts by 5 pm. by Dec. 23 at the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Business Highway 61 in Bowling Green. Among requests this year were toys, games and Legos. Roberts can be reached at 573-324-

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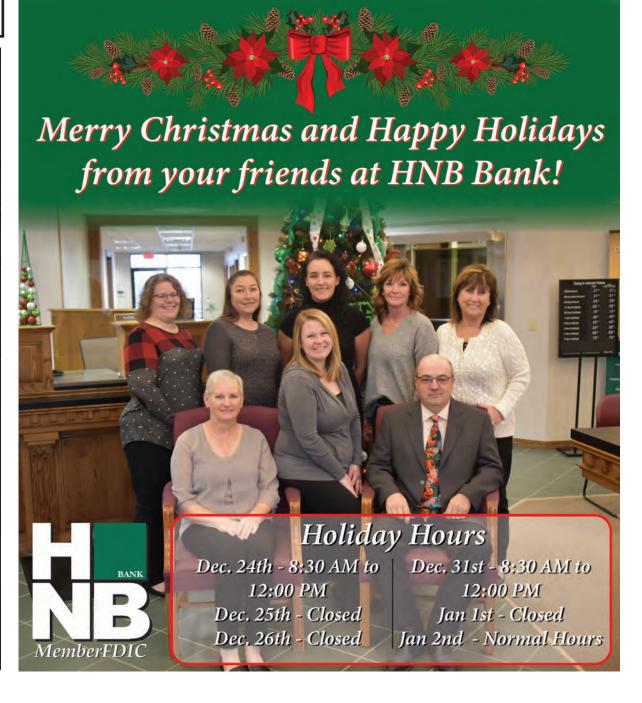


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CRUSTLESS

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. 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 have and original purpose that you whole ham and spinach quiche that your whole ram 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. Total: 1 hr

Jack cheese 2 large eggs

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-

Whisk together milk and remaining ingredients until smooth; pour over col-

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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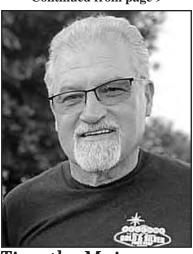
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Timothy Major Brown

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 down it helps keep soil moist and cool drop of their trees and return later to col-

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 conservationfriendly 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

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

during the summer and warmer during the winter."

Many municipalities will offer mulching services, where residents can

lect the mulch. Or, if homeowners have no use for it, the mulch might find a place in public works projects to benefit the community.



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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

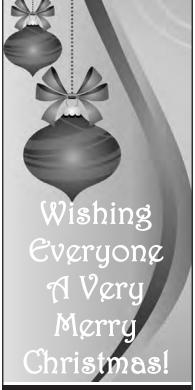
"It is our belief that kids need to be kids and this includes enjoying a snow day off every now and then,' Hamlett explained. "It is our hope that kids will enjoy their day playing in the snow, spending time with family, drinking hot cocoa, or just enjoying a good movie."

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 com-

menters 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.



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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-

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 501c 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 volun-





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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> 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 years date was Saturday, Dec. 19. for Wreaths Across America. Parts of this presentation was taken from the Wreaths Across America website.







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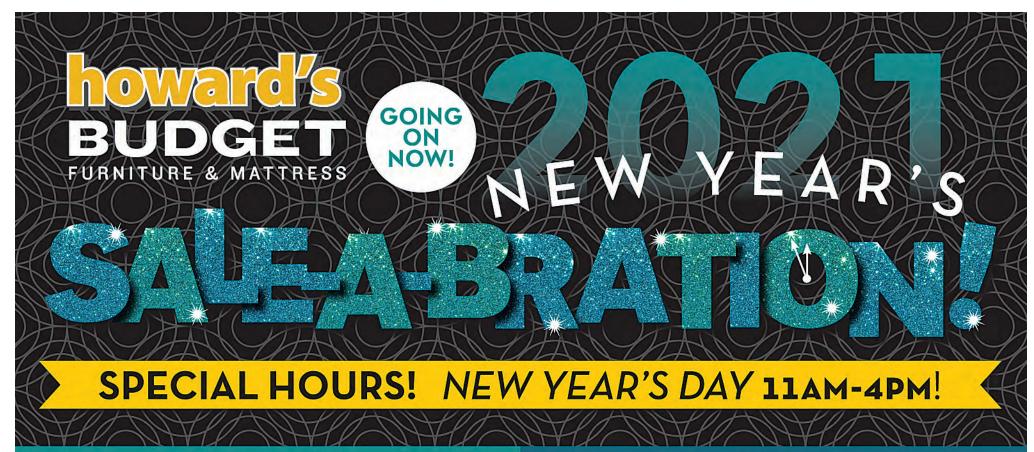




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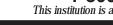
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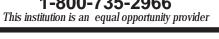
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STUNK

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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.

loudly and muffling the last two.
"You'd better get going," Mother

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

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

"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

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

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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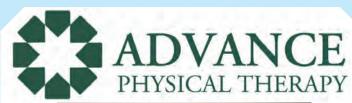
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