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Douglas Community Services Hosts Toys For Tots Distribution

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Volunteers from various Pike County and Northeastern Missouri organizations helped workers with the Douglas Community Services (DCS) pass out toys to more than 80 families on Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Pike County Fairgrounds.

The effort was part of the US Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program.

The program was founded after World War II with the intention of bringing the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children.

Douglas Community Services based out of Hannibal is the local sponsor/event organizer for the program in Marion, Ralls, Pike, Monroe, Shelby, and Lewis Counties.

The private, not-for-profit's efforts were bolstered by volunteers from the Pike County Health Department, Options for Women, area churches, and more.

According to DCS Toys for Tots coordinator, Stephanie Himmel, there were around 30 volunteers who collected, packaged, and arranged the toys prior to distribution.

While most of those volunteers were needed for pre-event tasks, those involved had a busy two hours as pre-registered families arrived at the drive-thru event between 1-3 p.m. on the day before Christmas Eve.

"We started collecting toys and preparing for the event in October," Himmel said. Although she has worked on the project before with DCS, this is her first year as the event coordinator. "Seeing everything come together and knowing so many families can breathe a little easier on Christmas makes every minute worth it. Seeing individuals and communities giving freely and serving others has been humbling."

In between helping volunteers hand out packages, Himmel told The Tribune that the distribution days were the payoff for the real work of gathering and then packaging around 12,000 toys.

Volunteers and workers with the Hannibal and Quincy, Ill., Salvation Army were also on-hand at the event to pass out food boxes to families in need.

According to the organization, they packed 1,600 food boxes to be

distributed in Quincy, Hannibal, Canton, Shelbina, Bowling Green, and Pittsfield last week.

Volunteers at the Bowling Green distribution said they gave out around 90 boxes.

Families in need can register to receive toys next Christmas by visiting the Douglas Community Services website.

Himmel said registration usually begins in October. The organization helps those in need throughout the year with various events which can be found on their website or by calling the number below.

Community members or businesses interested in volunteering to help with Toys for Tots, donate new unopened toys, or money next year are encouraged to contact Stephanie Himmel at Douglas Community Services by calling 573-221-3892 or visit their website: www.douglasonline.org

To learn more about Toys for Tots in Northeast Missouri visit their website: <https://northeastmissouri.toysfortots.org> or their Facebook page: Toys for Tots of Northeast Missouri.



Workers and volunteers helped to distribute over 80 packages of toys for families in need on Thursday, Dec. 23, as part of the Toys for Tots program. The local sponsor for the event is the Douglas Community Services based out of Hannibal. They were also helped by members of the Salvation Army and other organizations in the Pike County community.

Trib photos by Kimberly Chandler



Holiday Sounds

A group of musicians welcomed parishioners to Christmas Eve services at Centenary United Methodist Church in Louisiana. Performances in past years have been held during much colder weather. A record high temperature of 72 degrees -- which topped the old mark of 70 from 2012 -- was welcomed by all except those who like snow for the holiday. The service included Bible readings and Christmas hymns as well as a performance by Centenary's hand bell choir.

The Christmas That Stunk

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: The following is a previously-published true story submitted by Brent Engel of Louisiana in honor of his father, John Theodore "Jack" Engel, who died on Dec. 22, 2013, at age 85, and family friend Larry Eilers, who passed on March 19, 2020, at age 80.

"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."

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



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

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."

"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 perfectly 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."



The City of Louisiana was proclaimed a Purple Heart City at the December city council meeting. City council members along with Mayor Smith and guests were in audience to observe the proclamation. Pictured, from left: Ward IV councilperson Bob Ringhausen, Ward I Councilperson Dean Burleson, Mayor Kathy Smith, MOPH Commander Sydney Staton, Purple Heart recipient Brice Chandler, and State Representative Chad Perkins

Trib photo by Brice Chandler



Louisiana Mayor Kathy Smith receives a plaque from Sydney Staton, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 125 out of Fenton. The plaque signifies the city's work to become a Purple Heart City.

Trib photo by Brice Chandler

Louisiana Becomes Purple Heart City

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Louisiana Mayor, Kathy Smith, read off a proclamation declaring the city a Purple Heart City.

Sydney Staton, chapter 125 commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, was also on hand for the council's December meeting and presented the city with a plaque and Purple Heart flag.

Staton, a Purple Heart recipient as a member of the US Army during Vietnam, read off the importance of award and recognizing the city for its efforts to honor combat wounded service members.

Staton traveled from Fenton to attend the meeting. He was joined by

State Representative, Chad Perkins.

Louisiana Council members Dean Burleson and Bob Ringhausen, both former military service members, accepted the plaque along with Smith.

"Today in the state of Missouri, we have 240's near 250 Purple Heart cities in Missouri," Staton said. "There are nearly 2 million service men and women who have been decorated with the PurpleHeart. It is a medal no one seeks to attain, but it serves as a reminder of the high price we have paid for freedom."

Mayor Smith will continue to work with Staton on obtaining and placing road signage to display the city's new designation.

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory

Jennifer Marie Lee, 39, Silcox

John Robert Bange, 55, Elsberry

William H. Brown, 84, Troy

Alvin 'Al' E. Wortman, 83, Vandalia

Jim Williams, 75, Vandalia



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Red Cross: Donate Blood, Platelets Now To Help Patients Avoid Delays In Care

As holiday celebrations continue, concern is rising for the nation's blood supply, which has now dipped to concerning levels and could force hospitals to hold off on essential blood and platelet transfusions for patients.

Historically low blood supply levels not seen in more than a decade persist for the American Red Cross, which supplies about 40% of the nation's blood. The ongoing decline comes at a time of year when donations typically fall. Holiday get-togethers, school breaks and winter weather often lead to lower donor turnout, potentially further compounding the situation.

Potential donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If there is not an immediate opportunity available to donate, donors are asked to make an appointment in the days and weeks ahead to ensure the Red Cross can replenish and then maintain a sufficient blood supply.

In thanks, all who come to give through Jan. 2 will receive an exclu-

sive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate in January will also be automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for more information.

Blood drive safety
Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Save time during donation
Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®,

donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Health insights for donors
At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black

donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

About the American Red Cross
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

CRAB STUFFED MUSHROOMS

prep: 20 mins.
cook: 20 mins.
Servings: 6
Yield: 6 servings
Ingredients
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons minced green onion
1 cup cooked crabmeat, finely chopped
½ cup dry bread crumbs
¼ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon dried dill weed
½ cup butter, melted
1 ½ pounds fresh button mushrooms, stems removed
½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
¼ cup dry white wine
Directions
Preheat oven to 400 F (200C).
Step 2 - Melt 2 tbs. butter in a skillet; cook and stir green onion until softened, about 2 min. Transfer green onion to a bowl. Stir in crabmeat, bread crumbs, 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese, egg, lemon juice, and dill weed until well mixed.
Step 3 - Pour 1/2 cup melted butter in a 9x13-inch baking dish; turn mushroom caps in butter to coat. Fill mushroom caps with the crab mixture and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese. Pour white wine into baking dish.
Step 4 - Bake in preheated oven until cheese is melted and lightly brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

Medical Marijuana Sales Reach \$200 Million In Missouri

Fourteen months after the first sale to a qualified patient occurred in a Missouri medical marijuana dispensary, the total sales as part of the state-regulated medical marijuana program reached the \$200 million mark.

Facilities began receiving licensing and certification from the Section for Medical Marijuana Regulation within the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) two years ago this week, and they began receiving their approval to operate following the commencement inspection process in June 2020. More than 300 facilities are now operating in Missouri as cultivators, manufacturers, dispensaries, testing laboratories, transporters and seed to sale providers.

"Nearly every facility who was part of the initial round of licensing is now up and running and providing beneficial products and service to the patients of Missouri," said Lyndall Fraker, Director of the Section for Medical Marijuana Regulation. "We are proud of the tenacity shown by both our regulatory team and all of the facility operators who were able to clear so many hurdles that COVID-19 presented during a critical time."

DHSS is charged with providing safe and secure access to medical marijuana for qualifying Missouri patients. 158,169 qualified patients and 3,283 caregivers are currently active in Missouri's program.

Including Missouri, 21 states have implemented medical mari-

juana laws since 2005. The national average for implementation is 29 months, and Missouri was able to implement its medical program in just over 23 months. Only five states implemented medical programs faster than Missouri (Pennsylvania, New York, Utah, Minnesota and Oklahoma).

More information about Missouri's medical marijuana regulatory program can be found at medical-marijuana.mo.gov.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

I would like to make Bowling Green aware of a program called Alzheimer Support.

It is a free service that assist Bowling Green families who have loved ones with Alzheimer disease or dementia. They offer a free search tool and database of Alzheimer care facilities for families in need of care which are licensed care homes and facilities in the Bowling Green area that are best equipped to provide care for loved ones. Their website is: www.alzheimersupport.com/memory-care/Missouri/.

Tis the season for giving and so many of us in our Bowling Green area have so much to give. Giving is not measured by the dollar bill but through the heart and love for the people in our city. Do you really love Bowling Green and its people? I'm reminded of a nurse that mentored my granddaughter while she was going through nursing school. Retired teachers can be a mentor to our high schoolers and college students as a way of giving. We have many business owners and many retired business people that could mentor young start-up businesses. We have many in our local nursing homes/high rise without families that could be blessed by a card or small gift. The list could go on for those in need or hurting. A city's identity is known by their deeds and their care not just for roads and sidewalks, but for the care of the forgotten; the invisible; the lonely. Places like Hope Center can't reach the people that you can.

I wrote about this last year so forgive me for any redundancy, but I must remind you that so many businesses depend on their earnings during this season of the year. It can make or break Mom and Pop non-franchised businesses. As easy as online shopping is, it is so tempting to do all your Christmas shopping via the inter-



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

net. As a former small business owner, we depended greatly on resources that came in during this time of year. I have attempted to encourage SHOP LOCAL over the last year and a half to bring revenue into our city for owners and workers of Bowling Green. Going to big national chains only puts money into the pockets of big corporations. I understand that as inflation

hits six percent, every savings is valuable. Retail stores have been hit extremely hard by inflation and "smash and dash" robberies across the country. Our Bowling Green and Pike County retail stores have worked hard on business strategies to make your shopping experiences joyful and affordable. SHOP LOCAL is not simply a business strategy but a necessity. Many of our local businesses do offer online ordering, purchasing and delivery.

As we transition into 2022, we must pause and take time to reflect of 2021. It has been a roller coaster year of changes, readjustments, mandates, price increases at the gas pumps, grocery stores, clothing outlets; worker shortages, supply shortages, weather disasters, and fighting burn outs from the pandemic. Without pausing for review, however, it is easy to forget what lessons we have learned and the blessings we have received/experienced. We have had to learn how to stand firm and how to be flexible and yet resilient.

If we look at the rest of the country and the world, we can feel very fortunate that we have not been the recipient of major violence, tragedy, destruction from man nor nature, and have been very blessed with low numbers affected by COVID. This may be the coldest temperature time of the year, but it also the warmest time of the year. Enjoy the Christmas Season and Reason.

HOT SPINACH DIP

prep: 20 mins
cook: 20 mins.
Servings: 24

Ingredients

1 (10 oz.) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed & drained
½ cup red bell pepper, diced
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 (6.5 ounce) jar artichoke hearts, drained and mashed
½ cup sour cream
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
salt & ground black pepper to taste
¼ cup heavy cream

Directions:

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
Step 2 - Mix together spinach, bell pepper, garlic, artichokes, sour cream, and parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Mixture will be thick; add cream to thin to dip consistency. Spoon into a 1-quart baking dish.
Step 3 - Bake for 20 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve with crackers.

New Online Master Gardener Training To Begin Jan. 19

Gardening is an activity with many rewards, said David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

"One of them is the satisfaction of sharing your plant knowledge with others. The Master Gardener program was initiated to do just that," Trinklein said. Its motto, "helping others learn to grow," emphasizes service to others as the program's main objective, he said.

A new session of online Missouri Master Gardener core training begins Jan. 19, 2022.

Trinklein and MU Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler teach the 14 online sessions. "These classes represent a viable option for people who can't take the weekly classes in person," Trinklein said.

Classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system as a series of scripted and narrated presentations. Students work at their own pace.

A composite score of 70% on chapter quizzes is needed to pass the course.

Topics include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, landscape design, woody ornamental plants, herbaceous ornamental plants, turf management, insect and disease management, and pesticide safety.

Core training is the first step toward certification as an MU Extension Master Gardener. Trainees must also complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service, Trinklein said. Local Master Gardener coordinators can help online trainees find volunteer opportunities to meet the service hour requirements.

Registration for the spring online session closes Jan. 14, 2022. To register, go to muext.us/4.

Learn more about the Missouri Master Gardener program at mg.missouri.edu.

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OBITUARIES



Jennifer Marie Lee

Jennifer Marie Lee, 39, of Silex died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 at her home.

Funeral services were Thursday at 1 p.m., and McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home in Troy.

Visitation was Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the funeral home.

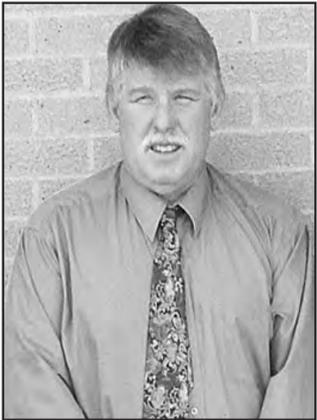
She was born on May 22, 1982 in St. Louis to Robert E. and Patsy Pott Lee. Jennifer attended the local schools and graduated from McLuer North High School. She was blessed with three amazing children, Sean, and twins, Robert and Alissa. Jennifer had been working from home during the pandemic and doing medical billing, insurance and coding. She was a dedicated employee who was a hard worker. Her favorite times were spent with her family. She will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Jennifer is survived by her children, Sean Schafer, Robert Schafer, and Alissa Schafer, all of Silex; her mother, Patsy Lee of Florissant; a brother, Robert Lee and wife, Cindy of Georgia; two aunts, Susan Ridenhour and Judy Krshul of Hazelwood; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert E. Lee.

Memorials may be made to Schafer Children, c/o Patsy Lee (grandmother) may be mailed to McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory 1304 Boone Street Troy, MO 63379

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



John Robert Bange

Funeral services for John Robert Bange of Elsberry will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. Fr. Charles Tichacek, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elsberry, will officiate with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday (today) at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

The family invites everyone back to Smith Chapel UMC for a fellowship meal following the burial.

Mr. Bange, 55, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at his home near Elsberry.

Born Oct. 15, 1966 in St. Charles, he was the son of Herbert John and Ina Darline Gray Bange. John was a 1985 graduate of Clopton High School near Clarksville. He was employed for many years as a chemical mixer at Reckitt and Benckiser in O'Fallon.

John was proud of his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro and was eager to take it for a spin. He spent much of his time doing projects around his house and helping friends with anything from renovations to building houses. John enjoyed riding motorcycles and spending time with his family and friends. John was a member of the Mid-MO APA Pool League.

Survivors include a son, Kyle Andrew Bange and companion, Kaylee Palmer of Elsberry; one granddaughter, Evelyn and a granddaughter Everleigh, on the way. John also leaves two brothers, Jeff Bange and wife, Kim of Eolia, and Chris Bange and wife, Emily of Fayette; three sisters, Katrina Bange of Elsberry, Suzanne Hall and husband, Rob of Eolia, and Theresa Reed and husband, Denis of Clarksville; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herb and Darline Bange; and his beloved dog, Buster.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mark Kroeger, Steve Lipe, Tim Hurley, Andrew Mueller, Lynn Parsons and Paul Mueller. Honorary pallbearers will be Carroll Raspberry, Pat Kroeger, Steve Boedeker, Don Rogers, Kim Mueller, Kim Bange and Bob Braden.

Memorials may be made to the GIST Tumor Research Fund (or) the charity of the donor's choice, c/o

Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



William H. Brown

William H. 'Tim' Brown beloved husband, father and grandfather, died at home on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021.

A Celebration of Life event is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 16, 1-3 p.m., at The Factory, 410 W. Cherry Street, Troy. Friends and family are welcome.

Tim was the sixth of eight children born to William J. and Faye Horton Brown on Oct. 3, 1937 in Whiteside. Tim graduated from Clopton High School in 1955. He lived his entire life in Whiteside, where he was a farmer, air craft assembler, truck driver, and business owner. Tim owned and operated the Whiteside Timber Company from 1979-2021.

Tim was married to Dolores Orf Brown on June 4, 1960 at St. Clement Catholic Church. They had two children, Kenneth Brown of Silex, and Shelly Brown Alore of Chesterfield, Mich.

Tim is survived by his wife, Dolores; son Ken, daughter, Shelly and husband, Brian; grandchildren, Erica Gimmy and husband, Dustin, Levi Brown, Max Gordon, and Stephanie Fullerton and husband, Matt; great-grandchildren, Ava, Carter, Hazel, Brianna, and Mark. Tim leaves behind his siblings, Wilalma Bishop and husband, Glen, Eldora Day and husband, Ralph, Beverly Hood and husband, Rodes, and Dixie Jingst and husband, David; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Tim was predeceased by his parents and siblings Maurita Colbert, Joanne Simpson, and Eugene Brown.

The family would like to recognize his good friends Roland (T.D.) Akers, Alvin Adams Junior, Robert Wright, Glen Leverenz, Bobby Cannon, and Corey Patrick.



Alvin 'Al' E. Wortman

Alvin "Al" E. Wortman, 83, of Vandalia died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday at First Christian Church. Pastor Jamie Franke and Pastor Seth Wortman will officiate. Burial will be in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating the life of Alvin "Al" E. Wortman will be held from 3-7 p.m., Wednesday at the First Christian Church.

Roadwork Scheduled To Temporarily Impact Pike Routes

Weather permitting, MoDOT crews will be performing culvert replacements on routes in Pike County. See below for locations and additional information

Pike County Missouri Route 79 – January 5, the road will be closed from the Route YY Junction to County Road 135 between 8 a.m.

and 4 p.m. while work is being completed.

For more information on this and other roadwork in your area, you can visit us online at www.modot.mo.gov/northeast, or call our customer service number at 1-888 ASK MoDOT (275-6636).

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traveler map. Please drive slowly during winter weather. Subscribe to our e-update service and receive road condition emails when winter weather could affect travel, and you can get text alerts on road closures, too!

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Mr. Wortman was born Feb. 17, 1938, in Hawk Point, the son of Julius and Mrytle Wulff Wortman. He was united in marriage to Grace Bueneman on June 8, 1958, in Troy. She survives.

Other survivors included a son, Mark Wortman of Troy; one daughter, Carla Wortman of Vandalia; sister-in-law, Kay Wortman of Salem; as Al would say, "his favorite niece" Cindy Stanek of Hawk Point; and many other loved nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Norman Wortman, and Donald Wortman; and a sister-in-law, Mary Wortman.

Al graduated from Troy Buchanan High School Class of 1956 and went on to further his education at Lincoln Christian University. He attended school there for one year before deciding to attend barber school in St. Louis. Al was a barber for 17 years at the Vandalia Barber Shop with his good friends, Bob Pabst, and Dale Askey.

After that he worked for Moorman Feed Company out of Quincy, Ill., for 17 years as a salesman before being promoted to the district manager. He then went to work for Ozark National Life and NIS Financial Services as an insurance agent for 17 years. He was not a stranger to hard work and dedication.

Al also farmed during these years and after. His love was being at his farm riding horses and taking care of his cattle. He also enjoyed coon hunting and spending time with his family. He did not know a stranger and would visit with everyone he saw. He was an amazing father and loved his children more than words can explain. Al had a big heart for all children and was often helping others in need.

He was a devoted and active member of the First Christian Church in Vandalia and put the Lord first in his life, but anyone that knew Al knew the love of his life was his wife, Grace. He honored his vows to her for 63 years.

Pallbearers will be Keith Kersting, Callen Tackett, Tim Kurz, Dewight Galloway, Phillip Gore, Marvin Yager, Robert Gregory, and Charles Spiers. Sr. Honorary pallbearers are Jim Elzea, Donald Ray Morris, H.E. Libby, Bruce Burnett, Deanna Burnett, Michelle Kurz, Charlie McCurdy, and Paul Gore.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch 316 South 2nd Street, Shelbina, MO 63468, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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

Jim Williams

Jim Williams, 75, of Vandalia died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia.



Christmas Tree Pickup

The City of Bowling Green Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees, weather permitting, Monday, Jan. 10, 2022. Please have trees at curb Monday morning. Call City Hall at 573-324-5451 or Alliance Water Resources at 573-324-2660 if you have any questions.

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Dept. Natural Resources Offers Home Weatherization Assistance

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has weatherization assistance available to increase energy efficiency and improve the health of your home. As families spend more time at home during winter, they tend to use more energy, which means energy efficiency benefits become even more critical.

The department's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is critical to meeting heating and cooling needs of Missourians with low-incomes, especially as many seniors and other vulnerable households shelter at home due to COVID-19. WAP makes homes more energy efficient, safer and healthier.

To apply for assistance, clients should contact their local weatherization agency. The agency will ask applicants to complete the appropriate forms, including income documentation, to verify eligibility. Once the client is verified as eligible, an auditor from the agency will conduct

an energy audit of the home to determine what measures will produce the greatest energy savings. The next step is for the agency crew or contractor to install the energy-efficient measures on the home. After the weatherization is complete, a quality control inspector will examine the home to check quality and completeness of the work.

Eligibility is based on the family unit's size and total income. A single person with a maximum income of \$25,760 is eligible and a home with two residents must have a maximum income of \$34,840 to qualify. Local weatherization agencies can provide further information about maximum family income and other details regarding program eligibility.

Properly insulating and sealing air leaks can help many homes save as much as 30 percent in winter heating costs. Home weatherization not only saves homeowners money and leaves them with a more com-

fortable living space, it also reduces the pollution associated with generating energy used for heating.

Weatherization leads to significant health benefits. Read the @ENERGY "Home Rx" report available at bit.ly/2iUEQ59. Residents with asthma reported fewer hospitalizations and emergency room visits after weatherization and families' out-of-pocket medical expenses decreased by an average of \$514, according to @ORNL. Children missed fewer school days after their homes received energy efficiency services from WAP. Weatherization returns \$2.78 in health-and-safety related benefits for every \$1 invested.

For more ways to weatherize your home visit the department's Weatherization webpage at dnr.mo.gov/energy/weatherization or contact the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Energy at 855-522-2796.

Planting Seeds of Thought For Choosing Seeds

As winter sets in, gardeners thumb through seed catalogs in anticipation of next year's gardens.

But not all seed sources are created equal, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Katie Kammler.

Choose a reputable source known for disease-free seed, high germination rates and good results, says Kammler. Consider the variety selection, seed treatments and organic versus non-organic.

Missouri's climate and diverse soils make seed selection an important decision. If you are selling your produce, consider your market and how you might educate buyers on

new varieties. Commercial catalog offerings differ from those in catalogs aimed at the home gardener. Commercial catalogs offer larger quantities, bulk pricing and seed treatments. Catalogs for home gardeners offer smaller quantities that come in packets.

Kammler suggests that gardeners compare prices and varieties, make lists and take inventory of seeds. If you have leftover seed, store it in the refrigerator or freezer in tightly sealed glass containers.

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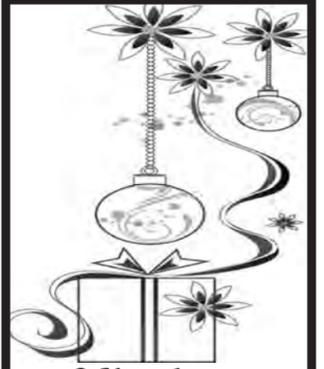
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COMMUNITY NEWS

MU Extension Offers Private Pesticide Applicator Training For Farmers

In order for farmers to purchase or apply restricted use pesticides on property owned or rented by them, they must have a private pesticide applicator license. Applicants must be 18 years of age and directly involved in the production of agricultural commodities to obtain this license. Farmers can obtain or renew this license at a training session held January 26 at the MU Extension Center located at 503 E Northtown Road in Kirksville. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and be repeated at 2:00 p.m. You must pre-register by calling 660-665-9866. In addition to attending the training session, each farm must possess a copy of the Missouri Private Pesticide Applicator Reference Manual. If you already have one, please bring it to the session, or they may be purchased at the Adair County MU Extension Center.

The training will also be held at other locations across northeast Missouri during January and February.

·Lewis County, Jan. 13, 2 or 6 p.m., Lewis County Courthouse, Monticello. Call 573-767-5273 to register.

·Clark County, Jan. 19, Time TBD. Call 660-727-3339 to register.

·Knox County, Jan. 24, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., Greenley Research Center, Novelty. Call 660-397-2179 to register.

·Scotland County, Jan. 31, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., Scotland County Fire Department, Memphis. Call 660-465-7255 to register.

·Linn County, Feb. 1, 2 or 6 p.m., Forage Systems Research Center, Linneus. Call 660-895-5123 to register.

·Putnam County, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., 4-H Building at the Park, Unionville. Call 660-947-2705 to register.

·Macon County, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., MU Extension Office, Macon. Call 660-385-2173 to register.

·Sullivan County, Feb. 9, 10 a.m., City Hall Community Room, Green

City. Call 660-265-4541 to register.

·Schuyler County, Feb. 9, 2 p.m., Courthouse Basement, Lancaster. Call 660-457-3469 to register.

There is an online option for completing private pesticide applicator training. Anyone can join these meetings from their home computer. Go to www.extension.missouri.edu/events and search for private pesticide applicator training to find more information on the next virtual training event.

For more information, or if you need special accommodations, contact Valerie Tate, Field Specialist in Agronomy by email at tatev@missouri.edu or call 660-895-5123. MU Extension programs are open to all.



Chris Iick of Pleasant Hope harvested the first elk by archery methods in Missouri's modern elk hunting history during the archery portion, Oct. 16-24

MDC Reports Five Elk Harvested During Second Season

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports hunters harvested three elk during the firearms portion of the elk-hunting season, Dec. 11-19. An archery portion ran Oct. 16-24 with two elk harvested. Five Missouri hunters were selected for elk permits through a random drawing.

Last year's inaugural elk hunt ended with all five hunters harvesting bull elk during the firearms portion. No elk were taken during the 2020 archery portion.

"We couldn't be more excited for these five hunters," said MDC Deer and Elk Biologist Aaron Hildreth. "After a decade of restoration efforts, the hard work these hunters put in was rewarded with five truly magnificent bulls. This is a conservation success story, and Missourians can be proud of the healthy, growing elk herd we have in our state."

Elk are a native species in Missouri but were hunted to extinction in the state through unregulated hunting during the late 1800s. Missouri's first elk hunt last year came after years of restoration efforts of the native species by MDC, numerous partners including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and many supporters including local communities and area landowners. Learn more about elk restoration in Missouri at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZYJ>.

Learn more about elk hunting in Missouri online at <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/elk>.

Louisiana Library Story Hour

Friends of the Louisiana Library will hold a story hour on Wednesday, Dec. 29 from 2-3 p.m.

Children ages 4-12 are invited to attend. There will be read alouds, crafts, refreshments and small gift items. Each child that participates will be able to select a "keep" book.



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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 14th at the Vandalia Library at 312 S Main St in Vandalia. Bids will be accepted until Saturday, January 22nd at 12 noon. The library district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Please contact Library Director, Christal Bruner

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Genial Judge - Pike Man Marches To His Own Beat

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

People today might question the sanity of a judge who, during a trial, hops down from the bench to sit with courtroom spectators or calls a recess to go outside for a hearty chuckle.

And while Ezra Hunt certainly was an extraordinary character, he was far from being a lunatic.

Hunt oversaw the Missouri Third Judicial Circuit covering Pike and four other counties for 12 years starting in 1837. It was an eventful time in the state and at courthouses where he adjudicated.

"To write the history of Judge Hunt is almost equivalent to writing the history of the county - especially its judicial history, for the judge was the first lawyer who ever settled in Pike County," according to "The History of Pike County, Missouri" from 1883.

A Massachusetts native and Harvard graduate who managed to remain unpretentious, Hunt was smart, dedicated, witty and kind.

He despised politics and wasn't worried about wealth. He loved books, jokes and hearty conversation, and never seemed to run out of energy. While not the best public speaker, Hunt's message was always clear. His only apparent shortcoming was an inability to write legibly.

The judge probably would have been aghast that some history books list him as the inspiration for the Randolph County town of Huntsville. That honor actually goes to Kentuckian Daniel Hunt.

Ezra Hunt first thought about becoming a minister, but instead took teaching jobs in Massachusetts and Tennessee before coming to Missouri around 1818. He studied law at the St. Louis office of Judge William Chiles Carr, an abolition sympathizer and major landowner who in 1825 would run unsuccessfully for governor and later be acquitted of corruption charges.

Upon becoming an attorney, Hunt moved to Pike County. He would live in Louisiana and Bowling Green over the years. The 1878

book "Reminiscences of the Bench and Bar of Missouri" says "a discriminating and logical mind" and a "love for legal research" helped him become "a sound lawyer and ripe scholar."

On May 18, 1830, Hunt married a daughter of Missouri Supreme Court Justice Rufus Pettibone. They would have four children. At the time, he was serving as a circuit prosecutor whose "learning and pluck" enabled him "to attain more than ordinary success," the Pike County history book noted.

Hunt was named a circuit judge in 1837 at an annual salary of \$1,000 - about \$27,000 today. Not only did the paycheck have to support his family, but it also had to cover costs of travel and judicial duties in the five counties.

There was some controversy surrounding the appointment. A state law approved two years earlier required new circuit judges to be chosen by the governor at the beginning of 1836.

Priestly McBride, who lived on a farm just west of Bowling Green, was ousted to clear the way for Hunt. McBride lost a lawsuit seeking a reversal and moved to Monroe County, where he was a circuit judge before going on to serve as a Missouri Supreme Court justice.

Hunt and James O. Broadhead, a Bowling Green man whom the judge had appointed to the bar, were delegates to the November 1845 Missouri State Constitutional Convention, which drafted a proposal that was rejected by voters the following August.

Anecdotes about the judge abound. Lawyers who droned on before a jury could count on Hunt leaving his chair to sit and talk with someone in the audience. Most baristers "never regarded this as any exhibition of a want of that dignity which is necessary in the administration of justice," according to "Reminiscences."

Hunt once found the proceedings so hysterical that he "left the bench, went to the rear of the courthouse

and laughed till his very sides shook," the book notes.

Hunt was sympathetic toward many criminals, especially younger people who had been convicted of lesser offenses. A lot of observers believed him too lenient.

"He was never heard to speak in harsh terms of anyone, and we question if his heart ever bore malice to any living being," the "Reminiscences" author wrote.

Hunt was "not a man who would attempt to impress an audience with a sense of his own importance, for he was very unassuming, and cared nothing for office except so far as it enabled him to accomplish something for the public good," the book continued.

Though his spirit was wonderful, the judge's handwriting was atrocious. Hunt once promised a written explanation to a man involved in a lawsuit.

When the man later asked the judge to read it for him, Hunt had trouble making out the words and said "Some damned fool has been trying to write, but failed."

When the man slyly pointed out that the judge had written the opinion, Hunt looked it over again, peeled off the words easily and told the man "Anybody but a damned fool could read that."

A law similar to the one which had ousted McBride forced Hunt to step down in 1849. The Missouri Historical Review called it "a cruel blow to one of the most honest, deserving men" on the bench. He "never uttered a word of complaint, but resumed the practice of law with all the energy and ardor of a new beginner," the Review said.

Hunt was in the midst of a case in Troy when he died at age 70 on Sept. 19, 1860.

"As a private attorney, a public prosecutor and circuit judge, he was never accused of a mean, dishonest act, and he went down to his grave with the almost universal confidence and respect of his fellow citizens," the Pike County history book observed.



26th Clopton Basketball Tourney Kicks Off Monday, Jan. 3

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The 26th Annual Clopton Tournament will kick off just after the New Year's holiday.

Fans will enjoy improved lighting this year as workers installed new lights in the Clopton middle school gym.

The tournament will begin on Monday, Jan. 3 with opening round action on the girl's bracket. In the Middle School gym, top-seeded Elsberry will play (8) Louisiana at 6 p.m. followed by (4) Mark Twain will take on (5) Monroe City at 7:30 p.m.

In the High School gym, (2) Clopton will face (7) Wright City at 6 p.m. followed by (3) Winfield squaring off with (6) Silex.

The championship and consolation semifinals will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 5 in the new and old gyms respectively with games at 6 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

The consolation final will be held on Friday, Jan. 7 at 5 p.m., the third-

place game following at 6 p.m. and the championship will take place at 8 p.m.

For boy's side of the bracket, opening round action will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 2. In the High School gym it will be top-seeded Monroe City against (8) Silex at 6 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. (4) Elsberry takes on (5) Clopton. In the Middle School gym (2) Winfield will square off against (7) Mark Twain at 6 p.m. followed by (3) Louisiana taking on (6) Wright City at 7:30 p.m.

The championship and consolation semifinals will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6 in the new and old gyms respectively with games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The consolation final will be played on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. The third-place game will take place at 5:30 p.m. and the championship will be played at 7 p.m.

Look for updated scores and sports photography on our Facebook page.

Department Of Natural Resources Offers Tips For Holiday Recycling

The end of another holiday season means it will soon be time to start taking down holiday decorations. As Missourians start this often bittersweet task, they often wonder how to properly dispose of Christmas trees, strands of old lights, gift packaging and other items, including broken or unwanted electronics. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has some helpful suggestions for disposing of these items this holiday season.

Because about 80 percent of what is thrown away during the holidays can be recycled, the department encourages everyone to take time to sort out the many items that can be diverted from landfills. These include holiday lights, bubble wrapping, cardboard, wrapping paper, food containers and other holiday-related items.

Here are some tips to help with disposing of these items:

- Items thrown in the recycling bin should be clean and dry. Many half-filled water or beverage bottles before throwing into bins at holiday gatherings. Take a moment to empty the bottles and throw them in the recycling bin.
- Avoid bagging recyclables. Cans, plastics and cardboard boxes can be thrown in the recycle bins as is. There is no need to place these recyclables in plastic bags before disposal in recycle bins.
- Batteries have become a waste of concern in solid waste disposal facilities. As you throw away electronic toys or other battery-operated

items, take a minute to remove the batteries, tape both battery terminals to prevent fires and deliver them to neighborhood stores participating in battery take-back programs.

• See the department's online Registered Electronics Recycling Businesses List at dnr.mo.gov/waste-recycling/reduce-reuse-recycle/what-to-do-with-specific/electronics/registered-recycling-businesses-list.

Strings of lights can also be recycled. When holiday lights are thrown into the waste bin, the wires can damage equipment at waste processing facilities. The bulbs may contain metals that could leach into water systems and be a potential source of harm for residents. Recycle decorative lights by taking them to electronic recyclers and keep working lights for the next holiday season. The department also promotes holiday light recycling in certain areas of the state, such as the Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City.

Natural Christmas trees, wreaths and other decorative greenery make beautiful holiday decorations, but deciding what to do with them after the holidays can be challenging. Here are some tips:

- Check with local tree farms and other retailers for take-back options.
- Remove all of the decorations and trimmings; most are reusable and could contaminate the environment or harm wildlife.
- Avoid burning trees and other

greenery in wood stoves or fireplaces; the resins could cause a flue fire.

• Compost or dispose of natural decorations in an environmentally safe manner.

The holiday season traditionally means lots of delicious food, but it can also mean food waste. In fact, about 97 percent of food waste ends up in the landfill. Uneaten food in landfills generates greenhouse gases such as methane that could impact the environment. Help protect the environment and save money at the same time by following some of the following suggestions:

- Have extra zip-lock bags or reusable containers available for your guests to take leftovers home for next-day meals or snacks.
- Compost uneaten food. You can compost uneaten food and turn your trash into lawn and garden treasure.
- Prevent food waste money by transforming your leftover holiday food items into fresh meals for your household.
- Search online for recipes for creative dishes using holiday leftovers. Learn more at gov/foodwaste/faqs.
- Guidance on how to safely handle holiday leftovers and other food safety information is available at mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/consumer/seasonal.php.

For more information on recycling, contact the department's Waste Management Program at 800-361-4827 or 573-751-5401, or visit dnr.mo.gov.

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Local Students Named To Columbia College Dean's List

Columbia College recently announced its dean's list for the Fall 2021 Semester (August-December, 2021.) To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 semester hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

The following students who received the honor from the area included:

Bowling Green - Claire Graver,

Day Campus - Columbia, and Victoria Meier, Day Campus - Columbia.

Elsberry - Breanna Fowler, Online, and Kylie Kinsler, Day Campus - Columbia.

Silex - Jaclyn Adams, Day Campus - Columbia.

Vandalia - Olivia Bybee, Day Campus - Columbia; Regina Clausen, Day Campus - Columbia; and Emily McBride, Day Campus - Columbia.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Vandalia Area Historical Society Plans Annual Card Party

The Vandalia Area Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Those attending were Vicki Wright, Paul Ray, Ann Kohl, Kevin and Teresa Wenzel, Andrew Bartison and Joy Davis. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as corrected. The financial report was made.

The Hometown Christmas event on Saturday, Nov. 27 and the Chamber of Commerce Jingle Mingle on Thursday, Dec. 16 had both been successful events at the Museum and Genealogy Center.

The 2022 Annual Card Party and Soup/Sandwich Supper will be Saturday, Jan. 29. Tickets are on sale for \$25. Contact Vicki Wright at 573-721-8074 for reservations. January 20th will be the last day for ticket purchase. Supper will be at 6 p.m. with cards to follow at 7-10 p.m. Card prizes will be given and door prizes will be available as well. Supper will include soup, sandwich, chips & cookies plus beverage. There was discussion about the

museum exhibits for the 2022 season. The most popular exhibits are veterans and country schools. Possible interviews on these two topics were mentioned. The Museum opens sometime in May and remains open on weekends through the month of October.

The next meeting is Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 a.m., at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

MDC Changes Some Regulations Related To Paddlefish

The Missouri Conservation Commission gave final approval during its Dec. 10 open meeting in Jefferson City to several proposed regulation changes to the Wildlife Code of Missouri by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for paddlefish, related fishing methods, and commercial fishing. The regulation changes will become effective Feb. 28, 2022.

MDC asked for initial public comments on the proposed regulation changes this past spring. The Commission gave initial approval to the proposed regulation changes at its Aug. 27 open meeting in Jefferson City. MDC then had a public comment period during October.

Snagging Definition

One regulation change establishes a formal definition of "snagging," which was undefined in the Wildlife Code of Missouri. Snagging is a popular method for taking fish, such as paddlefish, that do not go after baited hooks because they "filter feed" on tiny crustaceans and insects by swimming through the water with their large mouths open. Snagging uses a heavy-duty fishing pole with a large, three-pronged hook on a line to snag a fish along its body as it swims.

The MDC definition of snagging is: Hooking or attempting to hook a fish in a part of the body other than the mouth or jaw by means of a pole, line, and hook. Snagging is characterized by a repeated drawing or jerking motion of the pole, line, and hook or by trolling with an unbaited hook rather than enticement by bait or lure.

Statewide Minimum Length

A regulation change establishes a statewide minimum length limit of 32 inches -- measured from eye to fork of tail -- for sport/recreational taking of paddlefish, up from the current minimum length of 24 inches for most areas of the state. The existing minimum length limit of 34 inches -- measured from eye to fork of tail -- will remain in effect for Lake of the Ozarks, Table Rock Lake, Truman Lake, and their tributaries. All paddlefish under the legal minimum length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

Paddlefish can grow to a length of about seven feet and weigh 100 pounds or more. According to MDC, the increased length limit will allow female paddlefish to reach sexual maturity before they can be harvested. This will help make paddlefish waters more sustainable for natural reproduction and result in larger fish available for harvest.

15 More Days to Season

Another regulation amendment adds 15 days to the fall/winter snagging, snaring, or grabbing season for taking fish -- except paddlefish -- by extending the season end from Jan. 31 to Feb. 15. It also prohibits snagging for all species of fish on Table Rock Lake after taking the daily limit of two paddlefish.

The paddlefish snagging season for the state's major paddlefish snagging waters -- Lake of the Ozarks, Truman Lake, and Table Rock Lake -- and most other waters in the state remains March 15 through April 30. The paddlefish season for the Mississippi River remains March 15 through May 15 with a fall season of Sept. 15 through Dec. 15.

According to MDC, the amendment extending the fall snagging, snaring, or grabbing season provides additional opportunities for anglers. It also aligns the snagging, snaring, or grabbing season with the season allowing some fish to be taken by gig or atlatl.

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Van-Far FFA'ers Paint Emblem

Van-Far FFA Chapter members, Abbi Hunn and Sophie Rost are pictured with the FFA emblem they along with Devyn Keller (not pictured) painted on the wall outside the ag room.

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MO Agriculture Economic Contribution Study Results

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce the results of an economic contribution study showing the value of agriculture, forestry and related industries to the state's economy. Results show a contribution of nearly \$94 billion to the economy and more than one in every 10 jobs is supported by agriculture.

"As a third-generation farmer, I am proud to live in a state where the number one economic driver is agriculture," said Missouri Governor Mike Parson. "The results of this study show how impactful agriculture is for families and communities in every corner of the state. From rice and cotton in the bootheel to corn and cattle in the north, the diversity of our producers is highlighted in the fact that Missouri ranks among the top 10 states for 14 different commodities. Agriculture benefits every Missourian, and we are so fortunate to be part of the Missouri farming community."

Compared to the previous study

conducted in 2016, the economic contribution of agriculture, forestry and related industries in Missouri increased significantly. Key findings show:

- Output contribution is \$93.7 billion, an increase of \$5.3 billion
- Jobs contribution is 456,618, an increase of 78,386
- Value-added contribution is \$34.9 billion, an increase of \$1.9 billion

"I am so proud to see the contributions of Missouri farms and ranches recognized through the results of this independent study," said Missouri Agriculture Director Chris Chinn. "These numbers verify the strength of our industry and the tremendous reach when it comes to jobs and added value of the commodities raised here."

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Crop production (grains and oilseeds) ranks first in value of sales, followed by cattle and calves, poultry and eggs, hogs and pigs, and cotton.

The Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Authority (MAS-BDA) funded the study, which was initiated by supporting partners Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Forest Products Association, Missouri Cattlemen's Association and Missouri Farm Bureau.

To see the full report, as well as more information on the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs, visit the Department online at Agriculture.Mo.Gov.



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72nd Annual Training Conference For MO Soil, Water Districts



Pictured, from left: Megan Deeders, State Specialist IV; Charles Becker, Chairperson Pike SWCD; and Karen Sinclair, State Specialist III.

Recently, at the Annual Missouri Soil & Water Conservation District Conference, held at Tan-Tar-A, Bowling Green landowner Charles Becker, was recognize as the Missouri SWCD Supervisor the Year 2021.

This is an award voted on and presented to the Supervisor to the year, by the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation District Employees Association.

Currently, in the State of Missouri, there are 114 County Soil &

Water Conservation Districts. Each of the county SWCD districts have four community elected supervisors who serve four year terms, each of whom represents one of the four areas of the county. The fifth Supervisor on the Board is a University of Missouri Extension Specialist. Charles currently represents Indian, Spencer and Penno Townships.

The main responsibility of the Supervisors in Pike County, in addition to supervising District employees Specialists, is approving and administering the multiple State of Missouri cost share programs. Funding for such State Cost Share Programs, comes from 1/10th of 1 percent of the Missouri State Sales Tax, which is split with Missouri State Parks..

Photo by Rick Merritt

Master Gardener Club To Meet

The MU Extension - Salt River MasterGardener Club monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at 7 p.p.

There will be a demonstration detailing winter sowing, a method of starting seeds outdoors in winter. All SRMG club members and guests will be asked to please social dis-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Brotherhood Of Bikers Donate To Seven Families

Brotherhood of Bikers, based out of Summerhill, Ill., had its annual Kid's Christmas in Pike County, Ill.

They chose seven families to buy clothes and toys for. Also first time

to include Pike County, MO., and there was a local at Bowling Green Walmart greeting families and letting kids "Shop With a Biker."

This put smiles on 18 children's

faces. A ride, mainly donations made by club members and a \$500 Woods Smoked Meats bundle was raffled off to raise all the funds to do this special event. Ben Evans was the winner of the meat bundle.



Pictured are members of the Brotherhood of Bikers after shopping for the Kid's Christmas.



Pictured are members of the Brotherhood of Bikers during the Kid's Christmas.

Put Your Live Christmas Trees To Use After The Holidays

A live Christmas tree can give your home a one-of-a-kind ambiance during the holiday season. From the 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 tamed 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 drop off their trees and return later to collect the mulch. Or, if homeowners have no use for it, the mulch might find a place in public works projects to benefit the entire community.

Along the same lines, gardeners can cut boughs and branches from their trees and place over perennial beds to help protect from frost and snow. Pine needles are very moisture and mold-resistant, thanks to their waxy qualities.

Used Christmas trees can also give a holiday gift to wildlife, according to Grueber. "They are great for habitat - place them in a quiet corner of your yard to provide cover for wildlife or stand them up and place bird feeders on them for winter feeding," he recom-

mended. MDC Community Forester Danny Moncheski offered an idea for outdoor lovers who like to camp or spend time by the outdoor fire pit in winter.

"Try filling a coffee can or container with needles and small twigs to make an excellent year 'round fire starter," suggested Moncheski. "Cover the twigs in melted wax to increase the shelf life and make it more effective. A can of needles and wax covered twigs can make a great gift for the camper in your life."

And naturally, there are plenty of craft ideas that make use of post-holiday trees. Grueber said there are plenty of ideas to be discovered on the internet. The branches can find a use as part of a potpourri mix or be woven into an after-holiday wreath. Discs cut from the trunk, dried in the oven, and painted, can create a multitude of things, like drink coasters, refrigerator magnets, wall art, even ornaments for next year's tree.

How about creating a home for fish? Landowners can take advantage of used trees to help fish in ponds on their property. The trees benefit some of the most popular fish that anglers like to pursue, including largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and crappie.

Since these fish typically spawn in shallow water, MDC recommends tying the tree to a cement block and submerging it at a depth of four-to-seven feet. This gives emerging fish easy access to the cover. No need to cut it up, the entire tree is best for creating fish structure. Of course, you do need to remove all traces of decorations, tinsel or garlands. Since the underwater habitat will concentrate fish, place the tree so you can easily cast nearby and see if your catch rate improves.

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- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Instructions

Ingredient Note: We develop our recipes using a 4-to 5-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast half per serving. However, there are a range of sizes available in-store, from the butcher counter to the meat case and the freezer section. Use whichever you prefer- just follow the recipe as written above for the best result. If you're using larger chicken breasts they may require a little longer cooking time.

Step 1 Season the chicken with the garlic powder and black pepper.

Step 2 Cook the chicken in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat for 10 minutes or until well browned on both sides. Remove the chicken from the skillet.

Step 3 Heat the broth and thyme in the skillet over medium-high heat to a boil. Stir in the rice. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in the peas. Return the chicken to the skillet. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the rice is tender. Stir the cheese into the rice mixture before serving.

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 24 mini sandwich rolls
 1 pound thinly sliced cooked deli ham

1 pound thinly sliced Swiss cheese
 Add all ingredients to shopping list
Directions
 Step 1 - Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
 Step 2 - In a bowl, mix together butter, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce, poppy seeds, and dried onion. Separate the tops from bottoms of the rolls, and place the bottom pieces into the prepared baking dish. Layer about half the ham onto the rolls. Arrange the Swiss cheese over the ham, and top with remaining ham slices in a layer. Place the tops

of the rolls onto the sandwiches. Pour the mustard mixture evenly over the rolls.
 Step 3 - Bake in the preheated oven until the rolls are lightly browned and the cheese has melted, about 20 minutes. Slice into individual rolls through the ham and cheese layers to serve.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Kiel Signs To Play Baseball At CMU

Bowling Green senior, Cooper Kiel, signed his letter of intent to play baseball at Central Methodist University on Friday afternoon. Kiel says he plans to major in physical therapy while at CMU and is excited to start his journey in college baseball after graduation. Pictured, front row, from left: Bailey Kiel, Cooper's mother Jill Kiel, Cooper Kiel, and his father, Brandon Kiel. Second row: BGHS baseball head coach Matthew Jayne, and grandmothers, Marsha Kiel and Ann Brewer.

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