



# THE PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

NEWS FOR PIKE, EASTERN AUDRAIN & NORTHERN LINCOLN COUNTIES

FREE

Published Every Tuesday • Vol. 27 - No. 3 • Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023 • Online at [www.thepeopletribune.com](http://www.thepeopletribune.com)



## Christmas In The Green

Christmas In The Green was held Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18 in Bowling Green. Crowds of residents and visitors had the opportunity to stop by 21 venues filled with crafts and treats to kick off the holiday shopping season. The Pike County Fairgrounds roofed over a dozen vendors during the popular event. Pictured are shoppers at Ann Layne Boutique.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

## Angel Tree Recipient Excited To Give Back



and toys are especially needed. All gifts must be new, but shoppers are allowed to substitute age-appropriate items.

Ackerman, who works full-time, moved to Pike County from Upstate New York more than a year ago, and is raising three grandchildren.

"I'm better than I was last year and the year before," she said. "I don't have a lot, but I try to give back. The Angel Tree program shows there are people out there who give. That tree is going to mean a lot."

Ackerman also plans to ring bells for the Red Kettle

campaign overseen by NECAC, the Salvation Army, Walmart and County Market in Louisiana. It runs through Dec. 24. People are needed to ring bells for a couple of hours at a time. Day and evening shifts are available, and the schedule is flexible.

Ackerman urges others to give or volunteer as they can this holiday season.

"There's more to life than taking," she said. "Christmas is about giving, not getting."

More information about Angel Tree and bell ringing is available by calling NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon at 324-2207.

NECAC, the Salvation Army and Walmart have teamed to offer the Angel Tree program in Pike County.

The Pike County woman's family received gifts last year. So, this Christmas, she plans to give back.

Angel Tree is an effort of NECAC, the Salvation Army and Bowling Green Walmart. People who shop at Walmart will be able to select a tag from the Angel Tree and buy gifts listed. NECAC and the Salvation Army will make sure the packages get to families.

"I think it's a great program," Ackerman said. "It's helped me in the past. Times are tough. It's always good to know there are people out there to help."

Angel Tree is open to Pike County residents only. Tags will not identify recipients, but will have their age, gender and gift requests. Clothing



## Coming To Town

The Louisiana Area Historical Museum at 304 Georgia Street will host a visit by Santa Claus in conjunction with the Louisiana Community Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 25. Santa will hear children's gift requests following the parade and tree-lighting ceremony. The parade begins at 5 p.m., at Sunset Park and follows Georgia Street to the downtown. The museum will offer candy canes to the kids and free tours will be available.

## Variety Show Promises Fun On Nov. 25

BY BRENT ENGEL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When an audience is told to expect the unexpected, the result is an entertainment extravaganza.

Such is the prognosis for "The Variety Show," a production by The Changelings Theatre Company of Raintree Arts Council.

It's at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at The Apple Shed on Highway 79 in Clarksville. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors.

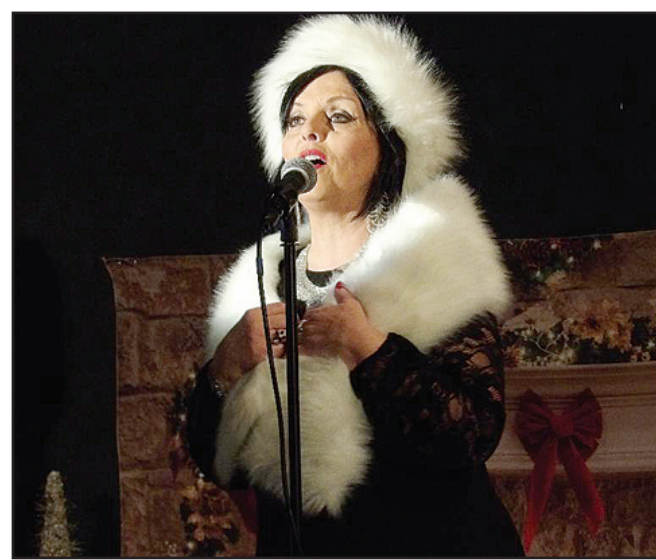
Director Mary Lang Fournier says the program will have many of the same elements as "The Carol Burnett Show" or "Saturday Night Live."

"Variety is the spice of entertainment," she said. "It allows us to sample a plethora of genres, all in one hour."

The "cocktail of goodies" includes songs, sketch comedy, an original reading by a local author and even a puppet performance. Watch out, but Fournier also promises a little artificial intelligence-inspired audience participation.

Any surprises? "Can't tell...shhh," Fournier whispered. At least there won't be much seasonal stuff.

"We leave the holiday fare to Santa," she said. "There seems to be so much out there already."



Donna Grote, pictured at a show she did in December 2022, will perform during "The Variety Show" sponsored by The Changelings Theatre Company of Raintree Arts Council at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at The Apple Shed in Clarksville.

Bowling Green songstress Donna Grote is a regular performer with The Changelings, and encourages people to attend.

"One thing I love about theatre is the variety, and that's what you'll get," Grote said. "We have great songs, skits and some hilarious fun. Variety shows give everyone a chance to showcase their talents. And Pike County has in addition, the audience likely will notice upgrades that Raintree volunteers have made recently. The renovations

continue, and Fournier said the theatre company is grateful.

The Changelings has just launched a website at [www.changelingstheatre.com](http://www.changelingstheatre.com). Raintree, which covers Pike and Lincoln counties, may be reached at [www.raintreeartsCouncil.org](http://www.raintreeartsCouncil.org). If for no other reason, there's at least an intrinsic reason to attend.

"The appeal of tidbits of entertainment is in our culture," Fournier said.

## Bobcats Move Into Final Four

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

After a weekend victory over East Buchanan, the Bowling Green Bobcats have moved into the final four of Class 2 state championship bracket and now have their sites set on the championship hardware.

The Bobcats handed the back-to-back Class 1 champions their first loss since Sept. 2 of last season.

Bowling Green's offensive line asserted their dominance right away with an opening kick off return to midfield. They followed that up with a march downfield, culminating in a one-yard touchdown run by Bleyne Bryant.

Bobcats' quarterback Jace Eskew connected a quick pass to Aiden Grote in the corner for the two-point conversion.

The effort established an early 8-0 advantage on their first push within the first few minutes of the game.

Head Coach Mark St. Clair noted how the defensive line stepped up their game since the clash with South Shelby.

That factor came into play early on as the Bobcats held the Bulldogs and pressured the East Buchanan quarterback, Gage Busby.

Three minutes into the Bulldog's possession, Neil Raney intercepted a pass and made a huge run from the Bowling Green 35-yard line for a touchdown, followed by Bryant's successful two-point run.

Bowling Green continued their relentless pressure, forcing a turnover on downs on

East Buchanan's next possession. This led to another scoring drive, finished off by Bryant's five-yard touchdown run and a two-point connection from Eskew to Zach Gibson, pushing the lead to 24-0.

Bryant opened the second quarter with a huge run just shy of the goal line, setting the stage for Eskew's two-yard keeper, extending the Bobcats' lead to 30-0.

Bulldogs' returner Trevor Klein made a deep run into Bobcats' territory following the kickoff, but he was cut short at the 10-yard line by Aiden Grote. A flag against the Bulldogs along with Bowling Green's defense forces a turnover on downs at the Bowling Green 16-yard line.

Bryant made an impressive 49-yard touchdown sprint extending Bowling Green's lead, which, after Eskew's two-point run, stood at 38-0.

Klein again broke through the line until he was chased down by Drew Dalton.

The Class 1 state champions found themselves dangerously close to being blanked for the first half of the game until East Buchanan finally marked their presence on the scoreboard with 1:24 left in the second quarter, thanks to Klein's seven-yard touchdown run.

In the second half, Busby connected with Trey Johnson for a touchdown in East Buchanan's first possession closing the gap to 22 points. The Bulldogs defensive line focused on stopping the

Eskew/Bryant threat and kept Bowling Green off the board in the third quarter.

But the Bobcats were far from rolling over. They fought back to snuff out the Bulldogs momentum with Bryant running in a two-yard touchdown on a huge fourth-and-goal early in the fourth quarter.

Eskew's long pass to Oliver Niemeyer preceded another two-yard touchdown by Bryant later in the quarter solidifying the victory with five minutes left.

East Buchanan's Klein managed to score his second touchdown of the game with a 10-yard run, marking their final scoring play of the game.

Eskew took a knee to draw the clock down with a final score of 50-22.

The Bobcats will make the long journey to face a tough 11-1 Lamar High School on Saturday.

This marks the Lamar Tigers fourth consecutive trip to the state semifinals after they crushed Lafayette County 41-7.

Bowling Green's offensive speed with an average of 59.9 points per game is higher than anyone the Tigers have faced so far.

Lamar has a strong defensive game game only giving up 10.8 points per game according to MSHSAA.

The game could prove to be the Bobcat's toughest challenge to date.

Opening kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.



Pictured are the Bowling Green High School football players making their way to the field on Saturday for the 1 p.m. faceoff against East Buchanan. The Bobcats were victorious and will play Lamar on their home field in Lamar at 1 p.m.

Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson

## K-Ship Announces Collaboration With The Voice Singer

While local fans of The Voice may have their attention focused on Ruby Leigh, they might recognize another competitor's name who has an upcoming collaboration with local vocalist, Kathryn Washington Shipley (K-Ship) "Well, the cat is out of the bag!" Shipley announced in a media release. "The collab is happening. Myself and award-winning artist, Jackson Snelling, whom many of you recently saw singing on the first Team Reba, during the battle rounds of The Voice are hitting the studio at the first of the year!"

According to his show bio, Snelling and his brother, Dawson, were both adopted by two loving parents. Their father passed away when they were young, leaving their mother to raise them as a single parent. Both brothers have autism.

Jackson experienced has sensory and behavioral challenges while Dawson struggled with severe cognitive difficulties and didn't speak until he was 7. Despite these challenges, Jackson and Dawson shared a love of music that brought them closer together and became a way for them to communicate. Jackson received his first keyboard at 13 and started performing professionally in the last four years. He's also a prolific songwriter and released a song and music video titled "Please Listen," dedicated to his late father. Jackson is passionate about giving back to the community and donates his time to various charities, including Autism Speaks, the Boys & Girls Haven and WHAS Crusade for Children.

Despite Shipley's battle with colon cancer, she continues to claim more

awards in the independent artists scene. Her album "If These Boots Could Talk" won the Josie Music Awards Gospel Album of the Year.

"I had the honor of singing at a Charity with Jackson called, "The Sparrows Nest" which is a Christ-centered, multi-support resource for young families here in St Charles County Missouri," Shipley explained. "I knew it was only a matter of time before we got to reconnect again and get in the studio and record an original."

"We Are Called" was written by award winning Songwriter Patrick Dodge.

"We are over the moon to do this collaboration to kick off 2024." She said of the collab and upcoming album. "This song is going to take on some very cool dynamics, and we are excited to see where it goes! stay tuned."

## Louisiana Community Christmas Parade

Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc. is sponsoring the Louisiana Community Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 25. The parade will begin promptly at 5 p.m. Parade line up will take place at a Sunset Park on Georgia St. at 4 p.m.

The theme for this year's parade is "Everything That

Sparkles!" Christmas Parade applications and Pop-up Vendor apps are available by contacting Diana Huckstep at [Lmocombtrmt@yahoo.com](mailto:Lmocombtrmt@yahoo.com) or by calling: 314-640-4420.

Visits with Santa will take place at the Louisiana Historical Museum immediately follow-

ing the lighting of the Christmas Tree. The museum invites the children to help decorate the museum Christmas tree. As a reminder, the ornaments are the property of the museum and not for taking home. There will be MoMo t-shirts, MoMo decorations and other museum items for sale.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Hunter Bags 9-Pointer

Allison Hunter of Eolia shot this 10-point buck last week during the opening of firearms season.



## Gamm Brings Home Big Buck

Noah Gamm of Bowling Green brought home this 12-point buck during opening week of firearms season.



## Purple Heart

Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 Commander Herbert Everett and Auxiliary President Mary Tarpein participated in the Purple Heart celebration held at the Bowling Green courthouse on Thursday, Nov. 9. It was a great celebration, and they really appreciated being asked to be a part of it.

## Ecumenical Cantata In Louisiana, Clarksville

Mark your calendar! The Louisiana Ecumenical Choir has returned. It's sure to put you in the Christmas spirit. Hope to see you there.

They will be performing Joy to the World: A Celebration of Carols on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana. They will have 20 choristers and 11 in the instrument ensemble. This will be the first time that we have sung with an orchestra format.

It is a wonderful cantata made up of familiar carols and the best part is that the congregation is welcome to join along. They hope that you will join us to celebrate in song the birth of Jesus.

Then the Christmas celebration will continue on the same day at 4:30 p.m., at the Clarksville Christian Church, as the Clarksville Ecumenical choir presents "Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him," a Christmas candlelight service. Familiar carols and popular selections will be performed.

Please come and share in the Christmas spirit and enjoy a soup and sandwich fellowship after the program.

# TROY BLACKWELL FARM Retirement Auction



**FRIDAY, DEC. 1 at 10 AM**  
**AUCTION LOCATION:**  
**7002 Hwy 61 Outer Road East, Frankford, MO**

*TRACTORS: INCLUDING JD 9RX, 9R, 8R, AND 6RS*  
*COMBINES: 2 JOHN DEERE STOS ON TRACKS,*  
*HEADERS: 2-708C CORNHEAD & 2-735FD'S*  
*PLANTERS, TILLAGE, HAY EQUIPMENT*  
**FULL LINE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: DOZERS,**  
*EXCAVATORS, SCRAPERS, HAUL TRUCKS*  
*LOGGING EQUIPMENT, SEMI-TRUCKS AND TRAILERS,*  
*FARM VEHICLES & MUCH MORE!*

## Wheeler AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE

23101 HWY. 24, PARIS, MO 65275 | 660-327-5890  
 WWW.WHEELERAUCTIONS.COM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Kirby Fecht at 217-248-2906 or Wheeler Auctions at  
 660-327-5890 or visit our website at [wheelerauctions.com](http://wheelerauctions.com).



# 3.20% INTRO APY\*

KEEP YOUR MONEY

# LIQUID

with a  
**HOME BANK**  
 SUPER MONEY FUND ACCOUNT

# WOW!

Promotional 6-month introductory rate  
 is a limited time offer!  
 (Not a Certificate of Deposit)

**START EARNING TODAY!**

Visit our branch at:  
 1108 US-61 Business  
 Bowling Green, MO  
 or give us a call: 573-448-7400



Kailee McDaniel

Kirsten Buchanan

Dana Portwood

Halie Wyble

Katie Smith

\*Introductory Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is effective for six (6) months from account open date. After six (6) months, introductory APY will revert to applicable tiered variable rate chart. Introductory rate applicable to new money brought to HOMEBANK only. Minimum deposit to open account is \$5,000.00. A minimum balance of \$5,000.00 must be obtained to receive APY and avoid fees. A monthly balance fee of \$15.00 will be imposed every statement cycle the account balance falls below \$5,000.00 any day of the statement cycle. Withdrawals or transfers (debits) are limited to six (6) per statement cycle. An excess withdrawal fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each debit transaction in excess of the six (6) allowed transactions. Rates effective as of 09/19/2023. Rates subject to change without notice. The introductory APY is valid for accounts opened at HOMEBANK - Bowling Green branch only and is a limited time offer.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## From The Mayor's Desk...

November is Native American Indian Month as well as being the month we celebrate our Thanksgiving for all with which we are blessed. We owe much to our American Indian heritage which influenced a great deal of our American culture. It is also National "Caregiving" Month. It is not easy to do, especially while you are trying to manage a full-time job. It is a hard part of life for all involved but it is also a precious time.

Christmas in the Green was once again a very successful activity in Bowling Green and a wonderful tradition which brings our community and visitors together. We have so much to be thankful for in our fantastic community! (I made mistakes in spelling last week. Kay Reading and Evelyn Graham started Christmas in the Green at least 34 years ago and Amy Worthington's new business is called Worthington House).

Trust and belonging are two big reasons why people move into a neighborhood and stay there. Yes, many look to the house itself and amenities like sidewalks, nearby parks, access to grocery, pharmacy opportunities, plus medical accessibility.

Yet "Trust and Belonging" make for solid neighborhoods, workplaces, and towns. Safety and transportation rank up there also, but the bottom line is wherever you have a people-centered neighborhood, workplace, or community where trust and belonging exists, you will have a thriving situation. Where trust and belonging do not exist, it is one of the top reasons why



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

people leave a neighborhood, job, or community. Empowering each other is mandatory for a successful environment.

Congratulations again to the players, coaches, and fans of the Bowling Green Bobcats 2023 football team as they are the District Champions for the third time in three years! There are three more wins to be the state champions!

Congratulations also goes to the Pike County Commission for being named a Purple Heart County. They join our Bowling Green School District and the City of Bowling Green for also being selected Purple Heart school and city recipients.

Thanks to the Bowling Green School Middle School for providing and recognizing our area Veterans with a luncheon, slide show, and a special speaker. Thanks also to the VFW for their involvement in our great city in recognizing not only those who fought overseas but also our American Armed Forces. Our Pike County Health Department also provided a breakfast and resource fair for our Veterans who, along with their families, sacrificed so much to preserve our Nation, our liberty, freedom of speech and Rule of Law. Again, we have much to be thankful for.

Appreciation goes to LaDon and Alliance for holding off putting up Snowflakes and Christmas Ornaments throughout the City due to citizens that requested they wait until after Veterans Day and yet up for Christmas in the Green. Good hustle and Crew!

## Learn About Bears At Nov. 30 MDC Virtual Program

To Missouri citizens, black bears have become a source of fascination, curiosity – and, in cases where property has been damaged – irritation.

People can learn more about bears at the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Black Bears of Missouri" on Nov. 30. This online program will be from 1-2 p.m. and is being put on by the staff at MDC's Twin Pines Conservation Education Center. People can register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/196479>

At the Nov. 30 program, MDC Naturalist Wendy Lott will have interesting facts about black bears in Missouri. She will discuss some of the bear research currently underway in the Show-Me State. She will also have tips on how to keep these curious animals away from your home and how Missourians can become "Bear Aware." This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer option where participants can have their bear questions answered.

The Twin Pines Conservation Education Center is located just east of Winona at 20086 Highway 60. For more information about the Nov. 30 virtual program or other upcoming events being put on by the Twin Pines staff, call 573-325-1381. People can also call this number to get signed up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins about upcoming programs being put on by the Twin Pines staff.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at [mdc.mo.gov/events](http://mdc.mo.gov/events).



## Churn, Baby Churn

The Louisiana Area Historical Museum graciously accepted the recent donation of a Triumph model butter churn made in the early 20th century by the John Peter Lynott Hardware Co., of Louisiana. The hand-cranked device still works. Lynott got his start in the business in the early 1860s at Troy and eventually moved to Louisiana. He held or applied for many patents over the years, generally for stoves or heating elements. Lynott and his wife, Magdalen "Lena" Rice Lynott, had four daughters. He died at 69 on March 23, 1912, and is buried in Louisiana's St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Lynott products can still be found for sale online.

## ACCEPTING PROPOSALS

The **Bowling Green R-I School District** is accepting proposals for contracting out the Food Service Program with a **Fixed Price** contract for the **2024-2025 school year**. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be **Dec. 6, 2023 at 1 p.m.** Request for Proposals are due by **Jan. 5, 2024 at 4 p.m.** (This will not be a public opening.)

For questions and bid specifications, please contact the **Bowling Green R-I School District** at **573-324-5441**.

The **Bowling Green R-I School District** reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

## Department Of Corrections Director Anne Presythe To Step Down

Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) Director Anne Presythe has announced that her last day with the state of Missouri will be Dec. 5, 2023.

She has served as director of Missouri DOC since January 2017, following a 30-year career in the North Carolina Division of Community Corrections, where she retired as director in 2017. Presythe plans to return home to North Carolina to enjoy a well-earned retirement with friends and family.

"Director Presythe has been a great leader, colleague, and champion in state government, and we wish her the absolute best," Governor Mike Parson said. "As we set out to transform and improve the culture across state government, Anne was there every step of the way."

Under Anne's leadership, not only have DOC staff turnover rates decreased but they've reversed, and we've witnessed a renewed sense of pride in public service among team members. Her leadership has been an inspiration not only to DOC but our entire Cabinet, and we will all greatly miss her infectious humor, quick wit, and tireless spirit."

Presythe has been responsible for 19 adult correctional facilities, six community supervision centers, two transition centers, and more than 40 probation and parole districts.

Under Presythe's leadership, the Missouri Department of Corrections has implemented dozens of major innovations to advance its mission of improving lives for safer communities in the state of Missouri:

Justice Reinvestment programs supporting more comprehensive and effective probation and parole supervision

Reentry programs, reentry centers, and transition centers better preparing Missourians for post-incarceration success

New higher-education partnerships and vocational training programs

A custom workplace-culture model and supervisory support system

Investment of nearly \$175 million in staff pay raises

New staff health, safety, wellness, and trauma services

Transformation of staff training and development

Measurable improvements in staff morale, recruitment, and retention

Data-informed decision-

making and evidence-based practices

"When I came to Missouri, my goal was to help elevate the Department of Corrections, and I believe my team has accomplished most of what we set out to do," Presythe said. "It has been a great honor to serve as director of this department. I am proud of my team and confident that I'm leaving the department in good hands."

While director of DOC in Missouri, Presythe also served on the National Institute of Corrections Advisory Board, the Correctional Leaders Association Executive Committee, the Council of State Governments Justice Center Advisory Board, and the inaugural class of the Council on Criminal Justice. She has been president of the national Correctional Leaders Association since 2020.

A DOC interim director will be announced in the coming days prior to Presythe's last day with the state on December 5.

"Our office's focus will be on ensuring stability within DOC as we work together to navigate this transition in leadership," Governor Parson continued.

## 2nd Annual Fall Tack & Donated Items Auction Saturday November 25, 2023

Directions:  
From Bowling Green take to Hwy Y to 477 make a Rt on 477  
Go to 476 make a Rt go to 478 make a Lt on 478 Auction Site will be on your Rt  
From Curryville Take M South to 467 make a Lt on 467 go to 468 make a Rt on 468 go to 478 make a Lt on 478 Auction Site will be on your Lt.

**Auction Starts At 2:30 PM**

Serving Coffee & Kettle Corn Till Dinner Time

**Full Course Dinner Starts at 5:00 PM**

Dinner Consists of Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Etc.

**Toys Sell Following Tack About 6:00 PM**

50+ Toys & Implements

Including John Deere, IH Case & Oliver  
Some New In Box

**Several Items Already Donated:**

New Cedar Chest, 48" Round Barn Wood Table,  
Dinner Bell, Set Of Butter Churns, Gun,  
5.5 Fiberglass WheelBarrow With Flat Free Tire

**New Items:**

Complete Harness Sets, Collars, Pads, Ropes, Halters,  
Harness Parts, Maps, Riding Tack, Tools, Gloves, Shovels,  
Forks, Ratchet Straps, Sporting Goods, Etc.

**All Quality Donations Will Be Appreciated**

**Jasper Jost Auctioneer**

Profits To Benefit Pike Amish Community Schools,  
For More Info Contact Mitzi At 573-213-1355

Registered bidders will be entered in a \$50 CASH DRAWING At 5:00 pm and at the end of the sale. Must be present to win.



**Drop the Turkey Leg!  
Get off the Couch!**

**Raintree Arts Council  
presents**

**THE VARIETY  
SHOW**

**7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25,  
The Apple Shed  
in Clarksville**

**Tickets \$15 for adults,  
\$13 for students & seniors.  
A complimentary cookie reception is included.**

## Girod Family Auctions LARGE CHRISTMAS AUCTION

**Saturday, December 16, 2023, 9 am  
KC Hall, 318 N. Sturgeon St., Montgomery City, MO**

**Auction will be held inside, heated and seated. Lunch will be served. We will have several cash drawings before and after the auction. Must be present to win.**  
Selling several loads of antiques and collectibles, lots of crocks, several tables of toys and die cast cars, furniture, housewares, new and used tools, lots of new Christmas items.

The rest of the Charles Fleming Estate guns will be at this auction, approximately 30. We will have 100+ lots of gold and silver coins including several GSA Carson City Morgan dollars. Lots of graded Morgan Dollars-A Rare 1844-) \$10 Liberty Gold in AU53, a 1934 A \$500 Kansas City Federal Reserve note, a Raw 1883 CC Unc., and a rare 1918 Abe Lincoln Commemorative 1/2 Dollar just to mention a few.

The building will be completely full. We may have to run 2 rings, so please come prepared. As always, we offer hauling services if needed. We appreciate your past support of our Auction and look forward to your future business.

We had an outstanding fall auction, Oct. 28. We want to thank all the buyers and sellers. We had a gun top of 1950 and a coin top of 2300. If you have good items to sell we would like to talk to you. We hope everyone had a good year and we wish all a Blessed Holiday Season and 2024. We are taking consignments for our Spring Auction held the last Saturday of April 2024. We already have several Estates Consigned. If you need a building or house built, we do that to.

**Contact us at 573-470-3660 or 573-470-8693.**

Girod Family Auctions is not responsible for accidents or theft. Everything sells where is, as is, with all faults. We are agents only. Give us an opportunity and we can earn the rest. Follow us on AuctionZip Number 49777.

# OBITUARIES

## Phillip Leon Harrison

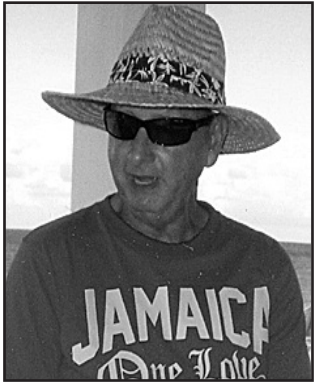
Phillip Leon Harrison, 73, of Louisiana died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 at his home. Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Phillip was born Nov. 30, 1949 in Louisiana to Everett and Vivian A. Brown Harrison. Phillip grew up and lived in Louisiana most of his life, graduating from Louisiana High School. After school, Phillip served his country by serving in the United States Navy for three years. Phillip was Baptist by faith.

Phillip is survived by brothers, Tim Harrison and wife, Janet of Texas City, Texas and Terry Erdman of Lake St. Louis; sisters, Melody Matulich and husband, Bill of Dayton, Nev., and Geri Carr and husband, Mike of Huntsville, along with several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Sheila Brown.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com).



## Keith Moran Palmer

Funeral services for Keith Moran Palmer of St. Louis, formerly of Elsberry were at 1 p.m., Thursday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Sam Byers, pastor of Elsberry First Baptist Church and the Rev. David Rubemeyer, Director of Gospel Reach Foundation reaching Panama and Colombia, officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery in Elsberry.

Serving as pallbearers were Carlos Donald, Andrew Donald, Greg Pflasterer, Bryan Collins, Brad Canalejo, and Tim Montgomery. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Dennis Hammack, Jerry Wagner, Denny Lovelace, Billy Collins, Lance Long, Kelly Long, and Mark Long.

Keith was born June 5, 1947 in St. Louis. He died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 at his home in Ballwin. Keith was 76 years old. He was the son of Thomas Arlington and Marie Moran Palmer.

He was a 1965 graduate of Elsberry High School. He attended William Jewell College before attending Mizzou where he earned his bachelor degree in education in 1969. Keith married the love of his life, Judy LaRue Palmer on June 22, 1968. They were blessed with two children, Lisa Renee and Mark Alan.

Keith served his country in the United States Army from 1970-72 when he was honorably discharged as a Spec. 4. Keith was an educator, coach and athletic director, first in the Bowling Green R-I School District and many years in the Elsberry R-II School District. He retired in 1999. Keith collected basketball cards, made model cars and had an obsession for mowing his yard. Keith was an active deacon at Elsberry First Baptist Church for many years, and at Fellowship of Wildwood since 2017. He loved the Lord God with all his heart and served with a willing and loving spirit. Keith will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hugo and Maggie Moran, and Harry and Annie Palmer; his parents, Ting and Marie Palmer; his in-laws, John and Ima Dean LaRue; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Marian LaRue.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Judy Palmer; his children, Lisa Donald and husband, Carlos and Mark Palmer, all of St. Louis; grandchildren, Rachel and Andrew Donald; a brother, Stephen (Theodosia "Teddy") Palmer of Port Haywood, Va.; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. until the time of funeral services at 1 p.m., Thursday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Elsberry First Baptist Church or Fellowship of Wildwood, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

Online condolences may be made at [www.carterricks-funeralhome.com](http://www.carterricks-funeralhome.com).



## Matthew D. Salmon

Matthew D Salmon, 97, of Vandalia died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, at the Pike County Memorial Hospital, Louisiana.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Vandalia Second Christian Church. Oscar Williams will officiate. Burial will be in the Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating the life of Matthew D Salmon will be held from 10-11 a.m., Wednesday at Vandalia Second Christian Church.

Matthew was born March 18, 1926, in Vandalia, the son of John and Gertrude Barber Salmon. He was united in marriage to Mary Cathrine Miller on July 26, 1952, in Frankford. Mary Cathrine survives in death.

Other survivors include a daughter, Gretha Furqan; two sisters, Inez McPike of Vandalia, and Lillian Johnson of Vandalia; grandchildren, Rasheedah Furqan Clay and wife, Stacy, Matthew Furqan and wife, Ritarsha, Muhammed Furqan and wife, Lindsay, Najla Furqan, Walidah Furqan and husband Terrell Dale, and Nabilah Furqan; great-grandchildren, Na'ilah, Averie, Lucy, Matthew Jr., Amir Novan, Harper, Aretha Grace and Muhammad Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Gertrude Barber Salmon; four brothers, Benjamin Salmon, Dolly Leo Salmon, Jesse Salmon and Robert Salmon; two sisters, Virgie Ethel Overton and Bezolia K Salmon.

Matthew attended school and went on to join the Air Force in 1942. Matthew honorably served and spent his last six months with the United States Army where he was honorably discharged on Dec. 3, 1946.

After returning home Matthew and worked for Harbison-Walker Refractories in Vandalia until his retirement after 43 years.

Matthew was a member of the Second Christian Church. He enjoyed singing in the men's chorus as a bass. He adored his family. Enjoyed fishing at the dam; watching game shows, Gun Smoke and NBA games-whatever team LeBron James was on. Matthew was a man of few words, but had a good heart; loved his church and never missed many days attending service.

Pallbearers will be Stacy Clay, William Wheeler, Matthew Furqan, Wali Furqan, Walter Salmon Jr., and Ronnie Green. Honorary pallbearers will be Mickey Salmon and Art Wiser.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vandalia Second Christian Church, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Matthew's memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com)



## James Russell 'J.R.' McDonald

James Russell "J.R." McDonald, 84, of Silex died Friday, Nov. 17, 2023.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday (today) from 9:30

a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

A funeral service will also be held Tuesday (today) at 1:30 p.m., at the funeral home in Troy. The Rev. Bob Feeler to officiate. Interment to follow in the Olney Cemetery, Olney.

Family and friends are invited to sign our guestbook at [www.mccoyblossomfh.com](http://www.mccoyblossomfh.com).



## Larry Albert Grote

Larry Albert Grote, 80, of rural Bowling Green, was reunited with his beloved wife Cathy on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at St. Clement Catholic Church with visitation 9-11 a.m., and Mass to follow.

Larry was born May 30, 1943, on the family farm in Ashley. He was the only son of Bernice Orf and Albert Grote. He attended elementary school there in Ashley and junior/high school in Bowling Green, graduating in 1961.

On April 8, 1967, he married Catherine Mae York at the Catholic Church in Elsberry. They made their home in Ashley, where they raised their four daughters.

He is survived by these daughters, their spouses, and grandchildren, Felicia and Tim Gamm, Hannah, Jessica, Breanne, and Chloe Kroencke, Noah and Avery Gamm; Tina and Roy Niemeyer, Loren, Kimberly, and Megan; Melinda and Jason Kneib and Bryleigh; Angela and Ben Eckler, Carissa, Delci, and Ellis.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a son-in-law, Jon Kroencke.

Larry instilled in his children and grandchildren the value of hard work as he himself worked at Galloway and Magruder Limestone for over 40 years while also raising hogs and a few cattle at the family farm. He found solace in the simple joys of life—sitting outside under a shade tree, going to church, or praying the rosary.

He had an incredible memory and could retell stories with family and friends with a voice that always let you know he was in the room. While able, he always tried to get to a ball game or recital when his grandchildren were involved.

Pallbearers will be his sons-in-law, Tim Gamm, Roy Niemeyer, Jason Kneib, and Ben Eckler, along with family friends, Russell Orf and David Pine. Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Grote, Michael Swarnes, Sam Hook, and Bob Galloway.

Memorials may be made to the St. Clement Catholic Church for Masses in his memory or the St. Clement Cemetery Association.

May Larry Albert rest in eternal peace, his spirit living on in the hearts of those who loved him.



## WWII Uniform Donated

Terry Fox recently donated a World War I uniform to the Louisiana Area Historical Museum. It belonged to Walter Clarence Patrick, who was born in Pike County, Ill., and is buried in Louisiana's Riverview Cemetery. The uniform is displayed with other contributed items in the museum's front window in honor of Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. The facility at 304 Georgia Street has an extensive collection of veterans' memorabilia, and will be open during the Louisiana Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 25.



## Pink Ribbons

Pastor Dr. Phyllis Dowden-White and Members of the Susianna Houston Missionary Society wore Pink Ribbons to the Morning Worship Service on Sunday Oct. 29 in Observance of Breast Cancer Awareness. Sister Yvette Webb gave a Great Message "We Are Followers" Worship Leader for the Morning was Sister Virginia Starks, Pastor White gave some very inspiring remarks. The Missionary Society goes above and beyond in doing Mission Work. Pictured, from left: Pastor Dowden White, Sis. Virginia Starks, Sis. Joanne Hammuck, Sis. Yvette Webb, Sis. Becky Yates and Sis. Ora Belle Conway.



## Christmas In The Green

Pictured, top: Pike Resale Shop employees Janet Campbell and Christina Spears were a flurry of activity on Saturday, Nov. 18 during Christmas in the Green.

Pictured, are employee and owners of The Kountry Store, from left, Ginny Andrews, Cindy Perkins, and Anna Moore during the Christmas In The Green held in Bowling Green, Nov. 16-18.

## Gov. Parsons Signs Order On Drought

On Friday, Nov. 17, Governor Mike Parson signed Executive Order 23-10, extending Missouri's drought alert until May 1, 2024.

Currently, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that all or portions of at least 85 Missouri counties are experiencing moderate, severe, or extreme drought conditions. The Executive Order declares a Drought Alert in these Missouri counties and any additional county that begins experiencing drought conditions.

"Having to issue a drought alert this spring was quite unprecedented, and unfortunately, drought has persisted in Missouri," Governor Parson said. "While we've had periods of marginal improvement, farmers and ranchers are still feeling the impacts, many forced to sell livestock early and scrambling for alternative feed sources. Some of the most impacted areas are our waterways, slowing barge and river port activity during our busy harvest season. We're extending this alert to continue providing every resource possible to help mitigate the impacts and in hopes that we get plenty of rain throughout the coming winter and spring."

In response to Governor Parson's initial Executive Order declaring a drought alert on May 31, 2023, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources activated the Drought Assessment Committee, a workgroup set up to assess drought levels and work with impact teams on response and recovery recommendations.

The Executive Order was set to expire on December 1, 2023. Extending the order will allow the Drought Assessment Committee and associated impact teams to continue supporting affected communities throughout the winter and continue to expand the state's capabilities to respond to and lessen the impacts of future droughts.

During drought, local condition reports are crucial to understanding impacts to provide timely and appropriate assistance. Citizens can submit information about local drought conditions at Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR).

A variety of helpful resources are online at [www.dnr.mo.gov/drought](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/drought). The Department of Natural Resources is adding information on drought mitigation and assistance opportunities daily as it becomes available. The one-stop drought website features a link to CMOR, current drought-related news, the current United States and Missouri drought maps, the Missouri Drought Mitigation and Response Plan, and other resources, including information on previous droughts.

**KEEP YOUR DOLLARS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

**We Welcome Your Local News**

## Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank the church, community, McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home in Bowling Green and the Church of the Nazarene for everything during our time of bereavement.

**The Family Of William Talton**

**MCCOY-BLOSSOM FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY**

Bowling Green

**MODERN FACILITIES**

**AT AFFORDABLE COSTS**

**- COMPARE PRICES**

**SIMPLE CREMATION OR**

**TRADITIONAL -**

**CARING, FRIENDLY**

**STAFF**

**1-573-213-5110 or 1-636-528-8244**

**McCoy-Blossom FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY**

All classified ads are payable in advance. 40-cents per word, \$4 minimum. Deadline: Monday at 11 A.M.

### MOBILE HOMES

USED DOUBLEWIDE - DUTCH. Amish built in Indiana, excellent condition, 3 bed., 2 bath. FINANCING. Call for info 573-249-3333, marktwin mobilehomes.com. (tf)

I BUY . . . . used mobile homes. Call or text 573-338-6250 or email GregS.CDH@outlook.com.

### FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM Louisiana apartment. Upstairs. Nice, see to appreciate. References and deposit required. \$500 month. 636-345-1925.

SELF-STORAGE - In Vandalia. Units in 3 sizes - 10x20, 10x10, and 8x10. L&S Storage, 573-248-4563. (tf)

MODERN MATURITY BUILDING - Vandalia - Family reunion, shower, birthday. Call Art Wiser, 594-3224. Memberships available. (tf)

### FOR SALE

CHICKENS and turkey hens for sale and some FREE, 573-975-7484.

PUPPIES FOR SALE - Blue heeler Australia shepherd cross, \$100 obo. Paul Eicher, 8210 Pike 466, Curryville. (x3-2)

MO. FIREARMS CO. is celebrating 15 years in business with a storewide sale. 573-470-9111. (c8-1)

REFURNISHED COMPUTERS, parts, accessories. Call Geeky Hillbilly Computers 573-324-7176.

GOOD used tires, passenger & light truck, \$15 & up. Vandalia Firestone & Appliance, 594-6624.

METAL - We specialize in new pole buildings and new metal house roofs and all buildings. Wagler Metals: 21764 Pike 409, Bowling Green.

### FOR SALE

HYDRAULIC rock clearing rake, \$1,500. 636-697-8499. (tf)

### NO HUNTING

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING on the Raspberry Farm. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for injuries on the property.

NO TRESPASSING OR HUNTING on the property of Cheryl Woods. Violators will be prosecuted and not responsible for accidents on property. (tf)

NO HUNTING/TRESPASSING on land belonging to Clarissa Woods. Violators will be prosecuted. Will not be responsible for accidents on property. (tf)

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING, Murry Shepherd Farms. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for injuries or accidents. (12-25)

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING on land owned by Orey and Elizabeth Shepherd. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents on the property. (11-24-24)

### SERVICES

HORSE BOARDING - Stable, large stalls, tack room, full care. Clarksville area. 573-926-9049.

### SERVICES

RICK'S LAWN EQUIPMENT & GOLF CARTS - Sales, service, and parts. Used golf cars and mowers. Hwy. 54 West, Louisiana, MO 63353, 573-754-5055.

BETTS EXCAVATING - All kinds of work. Reasonable rates. 754-2371. (tf)

GEEKY HILLBILLY COMPUTER SERVICES LLC - B.G. computer repair & recycling, 573-324-7176, 573-567-6164. (tf)

B&J SEPTIC PUMPING - Commercial or residential, septic pumping & repair, sewer augering & repair, grease trap pumping and porta potty rentals. Butch Menne, 573-384-5536. (tf)

BROWN'S SEPTIC PUMPING - Commercial or residential, portable toilet rental, job sites, special events, auctions. Brown's Septic Pumping, 206 Brown Lane, Louisiana, 754-5812.

NAME DOILIES - Hand crocheted by Ann Hecox. Make great personal gifts. 217-656-3654 annahcx@gmail.com. (tf)

### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Bowling Green R-I School District is accepting applications for a PreK Para (3 and 4 year old students) to start January 5. Must have a Substitute Certificate. Application deadline is until position is filled. Contact the Superintendent's Office for application, 700 W. Adams, Bowling Green, MO 63334 Phone 573-324-5441. (EOE)



### NOW HIRING PLANT

Monday-Friday  
6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - No weekends  
**HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE / 401K / PAID HOLIDAYS / PAID VACATION**  
Apply at:  
**Target Windows & Doors**  
**800 W. State St. - Vandalia - EOE**

Accepting most credit cards

### HUNTING BOOTS

**302442** 1200 GR Insulated  
**266040** 400G Insulated  
**267040** 400 Grams Insulated

HOURS: Sat. 9 a.m.-noon

### Hickerson Shoe Repair

116 N. Court - Bowling Green - 324-3688

### Cut Rate Plumbing, Sewer & Drain Service

**Gary Motley**

**CALL TODAY - 573-330-8507**

"Specializing in home repair, plumbing, drain cleaning & service work"

### TOP SOIL FILL DIRT

For Sale

**754-5812**

### Scherder Autobody LLC

Phone: 573.324.6023  
Email: scherderautobody@gmail.com

16637 Pike 318  
Bowling Green, MO 63334

5.4 miles from St. Clement on Hwy J (call for directions if needed)

- Collision repair
- Insurance work welcome
- Free estimates
- Pick up and delivery

We Buy Salvage Cars and Farm Equipment Will Pick Up

### Ben's Auto Salvage

754-3265 or 754-0508

### Accepting Applications

Louisiana R-II is accepting applications for a custodian. This is a great opportunity for someone that prefers to work independently. Applicants may apply at the Superintendent's office located at 3321 Georgia Street, Louisiana, MO 63353.

The Louisiana R-II School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation or gender identity), national origin, disability, age, or genetic information (including family medical history). Reasonable accommodations will be provided to applicants who need them for medical or religious reasons, as required by law.

**Dr. Tom Ward**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

### JAY HURD TREE SERVICE

485-2332 or 573-470-1929  
FREE ESTIMATES - LICENSED - BONDED - INSURED  
I.S.A. Certified Arborist On Staff  
Now accepting most major credit cards

Recreational • Farm • Home • Commercial

### SCOTT KLEIN

636-970-9932  
636-775-2025  
Engelmeyer Realty LLC

### ACCEPTING BIDS

The Van-Far R-I School District is accepting bids for a Compact Track Loader. There are three bid options:

- Option 1:  
74 - Gross Horsepower  
2,550 - Pound Rated Operating Capacity (35% of Tipping)  
3,700 - Pound Rated Operating Capacity (50% of Tipping)
- Option 2:  
74 - Gross Horsepower  
2,240 - Pound Rated Operating Capacity (35% of Tipping)  
3,200 - Pound Rated Operating Capacity (50% of Tipping)
- Option 3:  
90 - Gross Horsepower  
3,150 - Pound Rated Operating Capacity (35% of Tipping)  
4,500 - Pound Rated Operating Capacity (50% of Tipping)

Details for the three options can be found on our website (vf.k12.mo.us), school app, Facebook or by contacting Ryan Talkington via email at rtalkington@vf.k12.mo.us or Tony Lower via email at tlower@vf.k12.mo.us. The district will only be choosing one of the options.

Sealed bids will be accepted in person or must be received in Central Office by Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Bids will be opened publicly at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. in Central Office.

Delivery of the Compact Track Loader is expected by Friday, Dec. 29, 2023.

### Be Part of the MoDOT Team

Join a team environment to help the Missouri transportation system progress. MoDOT is now hiring quality individuals with a good work ethic and positive attitude.

NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:  
**FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKERS**  
MEXICO, HANNIBAL, WARRENTON, AND WAYLAND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES  
**HEAVY EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS (MECHANICS)**  
EDINA/MEMPHIS/WAYLAND AND SHELBY MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

Qualified applicants will have a valid operator's license and a passing grade on the written portion of the CDL exam; or a Class A or Class B CDL with tanker endorsement and no air brake restrictions.

For more information or to be considered for these opportunities apply on-line at [www.modot.org/careers](http://www.modot.org/careers) by Sunday, November 26, 2023.  
Drug Free Work Environment •  
Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer  
M/F/D/V

**48,873 Miles**

### 2019 Ford F-150 #812

2.7 L Eco Boost, 3.5 axle ratio, automatic transmission, headlight automatic high beams, compas

**573-324-5130**

1110 Bus. Hwy. 61 S. • Bowling Green, MO

**Shop 24 hours at**  
**www.poageford.com**

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Pictured are the ladies of the BGHS Class of 1973, front row, (l-r): Harriet Sisson Meissen, Paulette Purk Bruch, Jance Brewster Brake, Carla Cottrell Mills, Debby Gollaher Tepen, Sherry White Boyer, Sallie Mettler Grote, and Dianne Scherder Oliver. Second row: Sally Wilson Lindsay, Judy Spegal Epperson, Kaye Moore Bowen, Marty Briscoe Morrison, Rita Allen Morris, Marcia Peden Tepen, Sandy Rutherford Edmond, Kathy Parcell Gamm, LuAnn McDannold Meyer, Marjetta Hurd Atkinson, and Cynthia Knock Perkins.

## Bowling Green High School Class '73 Reunion

The Bowling Green High School Class of 1973 celebrated their 50th class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 5 from 3 p.m.-12 a.m., at David and Laura Portwood's Lakeview at the Broken P in rural Bowling Green.

Forty six classmates and spouses/friends enjoyed a day of reminiscing, snacks, music, and a meal catered by the Portwoods.

A memory table was displayed with photos honoring 23 deceased classmates: Sandra "Speedy" Talton Sledge, Sherry Funk, Roger Jones, James "Jim" Graver, David Motley, Gary Thorpe, Mar-

cille Bell McQuay, Frances "Frannie" Deters Boyd, John T. Grote, Loretta Welch Keller, Thomas "Cotton" Ingram, Charles "Chuck" Korte, John Deters, Cevero "Butch" Boyer, Daniel Spegal, Ricki Lee Burnett, Brenda Sue Stief Preston, William "Bill" Caldwell, Dale Miller, William "Bill" Bontz, Terrie Trower Neal, Janet Hearn Lucas, and Lenora Welch Cairo. Recently the class lost another classmate, Bernadette "Bernie" Scherder.

A short meeting was held by Rita Allen Morris with Debby Gollaher Tepen giving

the treasurer's report. The planning committee for the reunion was Rita Allen Morris, Paulette Purk Bruch, Kathy Parcell Gamm, Marty Briscoe Morrison, David Fisher, Debby Gollaher Tepen, Bruce McCallister, Lu Meyer, Marjetta Hurd Atkinson, Tex Williams, and David Brooks.

Eight members of the class of 1973 attended the Bowling Green High School Alumni Banquet where the class donated \$1,200 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

A class party is being planned for 2023.



Pictured are the gentlemen of the BGHS Class of 1973, front row, (l-r): Jerry Edmond, Phil Luebberts, Archie Taylor, David Brooks, Randy Lawrence, Alan Adkison, David Fisher, Robert Gregory, and Bruce McCallister. Second row: Klifford Shinn, Karl Hall, Donnie Hendricks, Bob Baxter, Tim Luebrecht, Robert Vaughn, Chris Hummel, Terry Burris, and Tim Salfen. Third row: Danny Kolb, Gene Twellman, Marion Branstetter, Roger Ingram, Tex Williams, John Smith, Kenneth Myers, Leon Holcumbink, and Barry Jenkins.

## Keep Risky Habits Out Of The Kitchen This Thanksgiving

America's biggest food holiday is almost here, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) wants to remind consumers to avoid habits that increase the risk of harmful bacteria in their Thanksgiving meal.

"Unsafe handling and undercooking your turkey can cause foodborne illness," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Emilio Esteban. "To ensure your Thanksgiving meal is wholesome and memorable without the illness, follow the four steps to food safety: clean, separate, cook and chill, and avoid risky food handling habits that go against USDA guidelines."

Here are seven dangerous habits USDA would like consumers to drop:

#1 Not washing your hands or kitchen surfaces before, during and after food prep: Handwashing is the first step to avoiding foodborne illness. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before, during and after handling food.

Clean and sanitize any surfaces that have touched raw turkey and its juices and will later touch food, such as kitchen counters, sinks, stoves, tabletops, etc. Cleaning with soap and water physically removes the germs, and sanitizing kills any remaining. Many different sanitizers can be used: an easy homemade version is to make a solution of one tablespoon of liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water, or you can use a commercial sanitizer or sanitizing wipe.

Thorough handwashing remains a concern for the USDA. The most recent USDA study shows that 87 percent of participants self-reported they washed their hands before starting to cook in the test kitchen. However, only 44 percent of participants were observed doing so before meal preparation. Additionally, handwashing was not attempted 83 percent of the time when it should have been done (after handling raw meat or touching contaminated surfaces). Throughout the study, 96 percent of handwashing attempts did not contain all necessary steps.

#2 Using the same cutting boards and utensils for raw and ready-to-eat foods: Cross-contamination is the spread of bacteria from raw meat and poultry onto ready-to-eat food, surfaces, and utensils. Avoid this

by using separate cutting boards — one for raw meat and poultry and another for ready-to-eat foods like fruits and vegetables that will be served raw.

#3 Defrosting your turkey on the kitchen counter: Leaving any frozen package of meat or poultry for more than two hours on the counter at room temperature is dangerous. Even though the center of the package may still be frozen, the outer layer of the food is in the "Danger Zone" between 40 and 140 F — a temperature where foodborne bacteria multiply rapidly. You can safely thaw a turkey using the following methods:

Refrigerator Thawing: When thawing in a fridge, allow roughly 24 hours for every four to five pounds of turkey. After thawing, a turkey is safe in a refrigerator for one to two days.

Cold Water Thawing: When thawing in a cold-water bath, allow 30 minutes per pound and submerge the turkey in its original wrapping to avoid cross-contamination. Change the water every half hour until the turkey is thawed. Cook it immediately after thawing.

#4 Cooking your turkey overnight at a low temperature: It is not safe to cook any meat or poultry in an oven set lower than 325 F. At lower temperatures, meat stays in the Danger Zone for too long. Cook your turkey at 325 F or above and ensure all parts of the turkey reach a safe internal temperature of 165 F.

#5 Relying only on a pop-up temperature indicator: While the pop-up timers found in many turkeys tend to be fairly accurate, they only check the internal temperature in one spot when we recommend three. Always use a food thermometer to ensure your turkey has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 F in the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing, and the innermost part of the thigh to check its internal temperature.

#6 Stuffing your turkey the night before: USDA recommends against stuffing your turkey since this often leads to bacteria growth. If you plan to stuff your turkey, follow these steps:

Prepare the wet and dry ingredients for the stuffing separately from each other and refrigerate until ready to use. Mixing the dry and the wet ingredients produce an environment that bacteria can thrive in hours before being placed in the

oven. Mix wet and dry ingredients just before filling the cavity of the turkey.

Stuff the turkey loosely — about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound.

Never stuff a whole turkey and store in the refrigerator before cooking. Immediately place the stuffed, raw turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 F.

A stuffed turkey will take 50 percent longer to cook. Once it has finished cooking, place a food thermometer in the center of the stuffing to ensure it has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 F.

#7 Keeping leftovers for more than a week: Store leftovers in small shallow containers and put them in the refrigerator. Thanksgiving leftovers are safe to eat for up to four days when stored in the refrigerator. In the freezer, leftovers are safely frozen indefinitely but will keep the best quality for two to six months.

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHonline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. On Thanksgiving Day, the Hotline will be open from 8 a.m. -2 p.m. Eastern Time.

Access news releases and other information at USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) website at www.fsis.usda.gov/newsroom. Follow FSIS on X at @usdafoodsafety or in Spanish at: X @usdafoodsafes.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

## MDC Thanks Deer Hunters For Help With CWD Sampling

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) thanks the thousands of deer hunters who participated in its mandatory sampling efforts in 39 counties this past weekend to test for chronic wasting disease (CWD) in harvested deer. Thanks to hunter participation, MDC collected tissue samples from more than 20,600 hunter-harvested deer for CWD testing on Nov. 11 and 12.

CWD sampling consists of MDC staff removing lymph nodes from the necks of harvested deer for testing. Tissue samples are sent to an independent lab for testing.

"We greatly appreciate the many thousands of hunters who brought their deer to mandatory CWD sampling station over the weekend," said MDC Cervid Program Supervisor Jason Isabelle. "Hunters who provide samples from harvested deer play a critical role in MDC's efforts to monitor the spread of CWD and identify new areas of infection."

According to MDC, the opening weekend of the November portion of firearms deer season is the most popular two days for most deer hunters in Missouri. Hunters typically harvest between a quarter to a third of the state's total annual deer harvest during those two days. Focusing on this key weekend gives MDC the best opportunity to collect the most tissue samples for CWD testing during a very concentrated time period.

"Finding CWD as early as possible provides us with the ability to work with landowners and hunters to effectively manage the disease to slow its

spread and protect Missouri's deer population," Isabelle said. "The high number of samples collected during opening weekend gives us a much better understanding of the distribution and prevalence of the disease — where the disease is located and what percentage of the deer population is affected."

Isabelle noted that MDC collects samples for CWD testing throughout the state each year over the entire deer season. Mandatory sampling is a more intense form of disease surveillance in select CWD Management Zone counties where the greatest potential for new areas of CWD infection exists.

Including the recent sampling efforts, MDC has collected more than 263,000 tissue samples for CWD testing since surveillance for the disease began more than 20 years ago. To date, MDC has found 411 confirmed cases of CWD since the disease was first detected in wild deer in Missouri in 2012. Learn more about CWD surveillance at [mdc.mo.gov/cwd](http://mdc.mo.gov/cwd).

MDC is also offering free voluntary CWD sampling and testing of harvested deer during the entire deer season at select locations throughout the state, including some MDC offices and participating taxidermists and meat processors.

MDC also offers self-service freezer deer-head drop-off locations within the CWD Management Zone for hunters to deposit harvested deer heads to have tested for CWD. Instructions, packing supplies,

and information tags are available at the sites.

Get more information on voluntary sampling locations and drop-off locations online at [mdc.mo.gov/cwd](http://mdc.mo.gov/cwd).

Hunters can get their CWD test results for free online at [mdc.mo.gov/cwdResults](http://mdc.mo.gov/cwdResults). Results are available within four weeks from the time of sampling and the wait time if often much less.

According to MDC, white-tailed deer are an extremely important wildlife resource of the state and deer hunting is tremendously popular. Each year, nearly half a million hunters pursue deer in Missouri, which provides a tremendous boon to Missouri's economy and supports thousands of jobs.

CWD is a deadly, infectious disease in deer and other members of the deer family (cervids) that is 100% fatal. There is no vaccine or cure. CWD can be spread from direct deer-to-deer contact, through improper disposal of deer carcasses, and through the environment by deer contacting infectious material from other deer.

Left unmanaged, CWD could have significant effects on Missouri's deer population, hunting culture, and economy. Hunters play a critical role in helping MDC find and manage CWD by having their deer tested and following carcass movement restrictions and other CWD regulations. Learn more at [mdc.mo.gov/cwd](http://mdc.mo.gov/cwd).

## Card Of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers, food, prayers, donations, and kind expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow. Your support at this difficult time is appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family.

Thank you,  
**Anissa Toenjes & Family**

## NOTICE OF FILING FOR THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITIONS

Filing for positions on the Bowling Green R-I School District Board of Education begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, and ends at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26. Persons interested in running for a position on the school board may file at the superintendent's office located at 700 W. Adams Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334. Candidates will be placed on the ballot in order of filing. There are three positions available on the April 2, 2024 election ballot, two with a three-year term and one with a two-year term.

Candidates may only file for the three- or two-year term. Candidates may file during the district's central office hours, which are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. On Dec. 22, filing will be open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and on Dec. 26, filing will be open from 2-5 p.m.

Hours are subject to change except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district's central office is closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseeable reasons. The district may not open on the first and/or last day of filing if weather conditions make it unsafe for school staff to travel. Filing will also not occur on the following date when the district's superintendent office will be closed: Dec. 25. For more information, contact the superintendent's office at 573-324-5441.

## Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m. meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The October meeting minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. Joy Davis reported that Shaylen Bailey's eighth grade communication arts students had written Patriot's Pen essays and the top six were being judged for the winner to send on to District 17 competition.

Thank you notes were read from member Cindy Pirch for the 50 Buddy Poppies sent to her for a DAR program and from the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League for donations to their bingo program.

During the business meeting it was decided to give cash awards to the essay contest winners totaling \$90.

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The five members attending were Joy Davis, Val Galloway, Ruth Miller, Lionel Shaw and Victoria Shaw.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



Smell Gas. Leave Fast.

**Natural gas is a safe and efficient fuel, but also flammable — use it safely.**

If you **hear** a high-pitched whistle, **see** an unusual area of dead grass, or **smell** rotten eggs, leave the building or area immediately and call us at 1-800-552-7583 to report the leak. As another important safety step, make sure you install carbon monoxide detectors within 15 feet of every sleeping area.

Ameren Missouri responds to gas leak calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week — and we never charge for this service.

**We value your safety.**

High-visibility markers identify the approximate location of pipelines and provide emergency contact information.

AmerenMissouri.com/Safety

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Learn About Attracting Birds To Backyards At MDC Virtual Program

In winter, backyards can be great places to learn about some of the bird species that can be found in this area at this time of year.

People can get information about how to create bird-viewing opportunities in their own backyards at the Nov. 30 Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Birds: Attracting Backyard Birds." This online program is being put on by the staff at MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin and is being presented in two time slots.

People can register for the 11 a.m.-noon program at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/195872>

For those who can't make the mid-day program, the pro-

gram will be given again from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can register for this time period at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/195873>

At this program, MDC Naturalist Jessie Ballard will discuss common winter bird species that typically can be found in backyards and will have information about how they can be attracted to yours. Ballard will discuss the different types of feeder options (tube feeders, suet feeders, tray feeders, feed on the ground, etc.) and will explain that, the more options you can provide, the wider range of species you are likely to attract.

Ballard will also discuss how backyard bird observers can provide valuable data for Project FeederWatch. Project

FeederWatch is operated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada. It is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, and community areas, and other sites across North America. Participants periodically count birds they see at their feeders from November through April and send their information to Project FeederWatch. This widespread collection of data helps biologists track broad-scale movements of winter bird populations. It also provides valuable information about long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.

Though the Nov. 30 program is free, registration is required to participate in either time slot. Use the links above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.

MDC's Shoal Creek Center is located at 201 Riviera Drive in Joplin. People can stay informed about upcoming programs at the Shoal Creek Center by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. People who have questions about how to sign up for text alerts from the Shoal Creek Center can call 417-629-3434.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at [mdc.mo.gov/events](http://mdc.mo.gov/events).

## Give Nature-Themed Holiday Gifts From MDC

Have nature lovers on your holiday gift list? The Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) online Nature Shop makes holiday shopping a breeze for anyone interested in nature-themed gifts. Offerings include the ever-popular Natural Events Calendar, plus a variety of books and more for all ages.

Holiday shoppers can also skip retail stores and visit one of the MDC nature centers around the state in Kirkwood, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Kansas City, Blue Springs, and Jefferson City for an array of reasonably priced, nature-themed holiday gifts. Find MDC nature centers at [mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/nature-centers](http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/nature-centers).

MDC holiday gift offerings include:

**2024 Natural Events Calendar** -- This annual favorite has amazing images of native animals, plants, and places, along with phases of the moon, holidays and days of recognition, daily notes about natural events, and more.

**Coneflower Nature Journal** -- It includes simple tips to get started drawing or writing about nature. It is spiral bound with plenty of blank pages.

**Cooking Wild in Missouri** -- This favorite cookbook features more than 100 recipes for native game, fish, fruits, nuts, and mushrooms.

**Strange but True** (-- This fun offering was adapted from the pages of MDC's Xplor magazine and features 350 weird and wild facts and illustrations about creatures that inhabit Missouri.

**A Paddlers Guide to Missouri** -- This newly revised edition makes a great gift for canoeists, kayakers, and floaters with color photos, maps, and descriptions of 54 rivers and streams. The 102-page, spiral-bound guide includes trip planning tips,

equipment recommendations, paddling pointers, and more. New to the 2023 edition are maps of the upper Mississippi River from Hannibal to St. Louis and an expanded section on the Big River.

**Owl & Nuthatches Notecard Sets** -- This is great for gift giving. Each set includes 12 cards of either a barred owl or brown-headed pair of nuthatch birds.

**Missouri's Wild Mushrooms** -- This book is a great guide for hunting, identifying, and cooking the state's most common mushrooms.

**Discover Missouri Natural Areas, Second Edition** -- This handy reference helps nature lovers experience 50 great examples of our state's natural heritage. The new edition features updated maps, text, references, and scientific names.

**Amphibians and Reptiles of Missouri, Third Edition** -- This classic book has been updated and expanded to a 522-page illustrated guide that provides descriptions, distribution, habitats, habits, breeding, and other information on nearly 130 species of native salamanders, toads, frogs, turtles, lizards, and snakes.

Buy these and other items at MDC nature centers, through the MDC online Nature Shop at [mdcnatureshop.com](http://mdcnatureshop.com) or by calling 877-521-8632. Order early. Applicable tax, shipping, and handling costs will apply.

Give the gift of hunting and fishing permits for hunters and anglers on your list. Buy permits from vendors around the state, online at [mdc.mo.gov/buypermits](http://mdc.mo.gov/buypermits) or through the MDC free mobile apps, Mo Hunting and Mo Fishing, available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.

## Thanksgiving's Bouyant Bitter Berry Boasts Health Benefits

Cranberries have long been considered the crown jewel of Thanksgiving dinners, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

"This comes at somewhat of a surprise, since cranberries likely were not served at the first Thanksgiving in 1621," Trinklein says.

Although the pilgrims undoubtedly were aware of the bitter berry, which was indigenous to the area, cranberries probably were not used as a food source until later. Early colonists likely used cranberries first for medicinal purposes, he says.

For most of the year, cranberry keeps a low profile. But during the holidays it shines and sparkles as dazzling as its ruby color. Last year, the United States produced more than 400,000 tons of the berry. An estimated 25 percent of cranberry consumption occurs from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

Cranberry, blueberry and American grapes are North America's only native fruits grown commercially. Cranberries are native to the acid bogs of New England and parts of Canada.



## Silex October Students Of The Month

Silex Middle School/High School Principal Robert James recently recognized the October students of the month. Pictured, from left: sixth grade, Ava Johnson; seventh grade, Allie Ostmann; eighth grade, Hunter Hall; ninth grade, Gianna Zappala; 10th grade, Brooke Craig; 11th grade, Easton Twellman; 12th grade, Joseph Perkins; and middle school/high school principal, Robert James.

## Clarksville VFW Post 4610, Auxiliary To Participate In Celebration

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary to Participate in the Christmas in Clarksville Celebration to be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, 5-7 p.m.

The activities will begin with cookie walk cards at the Visitor's Center for gifts, lots of cookies and treats compliments from the different businesses their on Howard St.

The VFW and Humphreys will be serving chili, hot dogs, chili dogs and donut holes, for Donations if anyone would like to the Mexico Veteran Home for supplies, they will be greatly appreciated.

Cookie cards will be turned in at the pocket parks for door prizes, maybe having some music for the event.

There will be a memorial

tree set up in the window at Humphrey's for anyone that would like to place an ornament in memory of their loved one. The evening will end with the lighting of the Christmas yree in the pocket park at 7 p.m. Looking forward to this being a great event, so please try to come and make this a great fun evening.



## Clarksville VFW Auxiliary Hold Pre-Veterans Day Dinner

Clarksville Memorial VFW Auxiliary Held their pre-veterans dinner and celebration at the post home on Saturday, Oct. 4. A special service was held with Auxiliary President Mary Tarpein presiding. Prayer was given by Veteran Family/Support Chairman Ailene Henry, Pledge of Allegiance by the Group and A Veteran Poem was read by Senior Vice President Helen Riffle and Americanism Chairman Joanne Hammuck, gave the message for the event. Gifts were presented to all veterans and spouses in attendance. A meal was served. Special guest in attendance was Clarksville Mayor JoAnne Smiley.



## Bowling Green FFA Fruit Sales

Bankhead Chocolates  
Quality Hand-Dipped  
Chocolates Since 1919



### 2023 Christmas Sales Bowling Green FFA Chapter

700 W. Adams • Bowling Green, MO 63334 • (573) 324-5341

Sold To \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

COUNT	ITEM	PRICE	\$ AMOUNT
	1. Clementines (5-lb.)		\$14.00
	2. Gala Apples (Half Case 15-20-lb.)		\$24.00
	3. Yellow Apples (Half Case 15-20-lb.)		\$27.00
	4. Navel Oranges (Full Case 35-40-lb.)		\$50.00
	5. Navel Oranges (Half Case 15-20-lb.)		\$30.00
	6. Pink Grapefruit (Full Case 35-40-lb.)		\$45.00
	7. Pink Grapefruit (Half Case 15-20-lb.)		\$31.00
	8. Pears (Half Case 15-20-lb.)		\$28.00
	9. Mixed Apples & Oranges (18-20-lb.)		\$34.00
	10. Mixed Fruit Basket (15-18-lb.)		\$36.00
	11. Mixed Fruit Box (18-20-lb.)		\$29.00
	12. Roasted in Shell Peanuts (5-lb.)		\$12.00
<b>AGRI- MO PRODUCTS</b>			
	13. King Hill Cracked Pecans (5-lb.)		\$20.00
	14. Bankheads Chocolate Fudge (1-lb.)		\$17.00
	15. Bankheads Chocolate Dipped Peanuts (1-lb.)		\$15.00
	16. Bankheads Turtles (12 Pieces)		\$20.00
	17. Bankheads Chocolate Covered Pecans (1-lb.)		\$18.00
	18. Woods 8 Beef Stix (2-4oz. pkgs.)		\$10.00
	19. Woods Sweet Peppered Bologna (3-lb.)		\$29.00
	20. Woods Apple Smoked Bacon (Two 12-oz.pkgs.)		\$19.00
	21. Woods BBQ Babyback Ribs (Pre-cooked)		\$23.00
	22. Woods Smoked Boneless Ham (7-8-lb.)		\$52.00
	23. Woods Gift Box		\$28.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		

Student's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Delivery - December 8th  
While & Yellow - School Pink - Customer

**Fruit, Nuts & Hometown Products**  
**Woods Smoked Meats**  
**•Smoked Duck •Ham**  
**•Apple Smoked Bacon**  
**•Beef Sticks**  
**•BBQ Baby Back Ribs**  
**Bankhead Chocolates**  
**•Chocolate Covered Pecans**  
**•Turtles**  
**•Chocolate Dipped Peanuts**  
**SALES END Nov. 28**  
**FFA MEMBERS DELIVER!**  
**EXPECTED DELIVERY DEC. 9**

**Contact any Bowling Green FFA member or the Advisors**  
**High School Office: 573-324-5341**

## ONE STOP to handle your insurance... auto, home, life, farm, business



We're your Shield.  
We're your Shelter.



ShelterInsurance.com



**Brent Branstetter**  
740 S Bus Hwy 61, Ste A  
Bowling Green  
573-324-2446  
BBranstetter@ShelterInsurance.com



**Ashley Jenkins**  
3404 Georgia St.  
Louisiana  
573-754-3453  
Tjenkins@ShelterInsurance.com



**Frank Wallace**  
610 W Hwy 54  
Vandalia  
573-594-2235  
FEWallace@ShelterInsurance.com

# Get Ready for the Holidays with a New Chevy!



**PRO CERTIFIED  
LIFETIME  
LIMITED WARRANTY**

**YOUR VEHICLE INCLUDES  
A LIFETIME LIMITED  
POWERTRAIN WARRANTY**



## Interest Rates Starting at **1.9%**

**TOY &  
FOOD  
DRIVE**

# "Heck of a Deal, Ain't it!"



**GET \$300 OFF ANY NEW OR USED VEHICLE WITH A \$25  
DONATION OF TOYS OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD!**

**605 E. Champ Clark Drive | Bowling Green**

**573-213-1055**

**[www.bolandchevrolet.us](http://www.bolandchevrolet.us)**