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High School Sports Action Hits The Courts

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

With the excitement of football ending, fans and players are gearing up for an exciting basketball season as area high school teams hit the courts last week. The Tribune caught up with the coaches from Bowling Green, Clopton, Louisiana, Silix, and Van-Far to find out how their teams are lining up for the season.

With the extended football season for Bowling Green, the Bobcats are playing catch up on the courts starting last week in the Montgomery County Tournament. According to Head Coach Craig Smith, Zach Gibson is the only returning senior. He'll be joined by returning junior, Jace Eskew.

"These first couple weeks will be a learning process, as these players shift gears into a basketball mentality," Coach Smith said. "The coaching staff is focused on getting these players to learn our system offensively and defensively and to get in basketball shape. The coaches are also focused on building relationships with new players in the program, and at the same time, trying to put Bobcat basketball in a position to be successful when post-season play begins. If winning is the only focus, we will not be satisfied unless we go undefeated. Coach Martinson, Coach Brewster, and myself strive for a win everyday in practice and every game but we also strive for our players to get better at being a teammate, a basketball player, and a human being. If we strive for that we believe the "wins" will follow."

The Bobcats look to bounce back from a loss against Clopton for the consolation hardware at the Montgomery County Tournament last week.

The Lady Bobcats are 0-4 as of this writing after a tough bracket at the Montgomery County Tournament last week.

The Bowling Green ladies will be looking for their first win as they host the St. Louis Christian Knights on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m., for their first varsity home matchup.

The Clopton Hawks picked up their first win of the season with a 63-26 victory over Climax Springs on Saturday, Nov. 18. After an opening round loss to Hermann in the Montgomery County Tourney, they rebounded with wins against Wellsville-Middletown and Bowling Green to bring home the consolation hardware. They return home on Dec. 5 to face (3-0) Canton at 7 p.m.

"We began the season at the Vienna shootout on November 18, defeating Climax Spring 63-26," Head Coach and Athletic Director, Tony Francis told the Tribune. "The Montgomery County Tournament is always tough. The EMO Conference will be a test as it always is. You look at Montgomery County, Van-Far, North Callaway, and Bowling Green as teams that are going to be very good!"

Clopton has senior guards Chase Hall and Nick Myers returning along with forward Cash Eivins.

"Our defensive philosophy is to keep the ball from getting into the kill-zone," Coach Francis continued. "We are not overly athletic, so we will have to disguise and change coverages to keep opponents' offenses from getting into a flow. We must dominate the glass every night. This team must be able to score at all five positions. We need to have at least three guys in double figures with two others very close to that. We must continue seeking ways

to build mental toughness along with team connectedness."

The Clopton Lady Hawks also opened their season against Climax Springs with a 72-34 win. They went on to earn third place trophy at Montgomery County after defeating Wellsville-Middletown.

"We opened our season in the Vienna Shootout where we defeated Climax Springs 72-34," Head Coach Deaven Streed explained. "We have a good group of returners this year including some solid leadership from our 3 seniors. We also added a few freshmen that we think will help have an immediate impact and add to our depth. We are hoping to build off of the valuable experience we gained a year ago and hopefully see more consistent success this season."

Clopton will host Canton in varsity action on Dec. 5 starting at 5:30 p.m.

In Louisiana, the Bulldogs jump-started their season with a 66-47 win over Pleasant Hill on Tuesday, Nov. 21. They then fell to Highland and their first home game against Van-Far.

"I believe that we are gonna be a work in progress type team," Bulldogs Head Basketball Coach Matt Smith explained. "We don't have a lot of experience returning from the previous year. Guys will play positions and do things that they have never been asked to do or put in that situation before. We've got to find a way to handle pressure better and take care of the basketball. Pleasant Hill game we turned the ball over way too much which resulted in easy baskets for them. I'd like to see us be a team where we come in and just work extremely hard. But those types of teams there are not a lot of shine and notoriety, so that makes it hard to get kids to buy in."

The Bulldogs will look to bounce back from their recent losses in the Monroe City Tournament going on this week.

The Lady Bulldogs started their season on the road with a loss against Highland. Despite the loss, they came out strong and defeated Van-Far 64-48 last week.

"We're very optimistic going into the season and



hope to build on the momentum that we gained last year," Head Coach Derrick Branstetter said. "Our biggest challenge will be handling those expectations. We've been locked in a struggle to be competitive, but we've gotten to the point that just being competitive isn't enough. We have gradually increased our pace over the last couple of seasons and we expect to do so again this year. We have plenty of depth, so we will play as fast as the girls are willing to go."

They will also compete at the Monroe City Tourney this week.

The Silix Owls fell by two points at home against the Missouri Military Academy for their first game of the season 49-47 on Nov. 17. The first road game also proved challenging with a 79-57 loss against a tough North Callaway team.

"We began the season with a tough loss to MMA by 2 in a game where we missed 18 free throws," Head Coach Ethan Evans told the Tribune. "We have a lot of seniors that start and contribute off the

bench and I am looking for them to step up and provide leadership. Our defense needs to step up and make stops. Our offense is looking better but we need to work on finishing through contact."

The Lady Owls claimed a 56-36 win over Mexico on Nov. 21 to kick off the season before falling to Warrenton.

"We've played a tough schedule thus far playing Mexico and Warrenton," Head Coach Robert James said. "We were able to beat Mexico 56-36 and lost to Warrenton 73-57. We lost a lot of leadership from last year and thought it may be a slow start, but girls are responding. I am pleased with their effort and the start we are off too."

They host Community prior to this writing and hit the road to New Haven on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Van-Far Indians picked up a couple big wins to start their season before traveling to the Centralia Invitational this week. The Indians got a big 57-36 win over Cairo on Nov. 20. They followed that up by beating Louisiana 63-51.

"It was good to get back on the floor after 10 days off," Indians Head Coach Pat Connaway explained. "This is the 1st time in several years that we haven't played South Callaway before Louisiana so we had a long break after our opening road game at Cairo.

Despite getting a couple early victories, Coach Connaway said the team is still finding their stride.

"We are still trying to get into game shape so we can play the style we want to play, but we are getting closer. You can see glimpses, but we can't sustain it yet. We have a lot of things to work on, but anytime you can go on the road in the EMO and get a road victory, it is a good night. LA is a good team that plays really hard. We need to get better and get more in sync as we prepare to go to the tough Centralia Tournament where only 2 of the 8 teams are Class 2 schools. It will be a great test for us early and allow us to know what we can do and what we need to work on. Opening round is Tuesday night at 6 vs. the host school Centralia."

The Lady Indians are working with a smaller, younger team and fighting injuries. They are 1-2 for the season so far after losing to the Lady Bulldogs last week but they'll be looking to bounce back at the Centralia Invitational.

"We have a total of nine girls, right now we are working with six girls," Head Coach Heather Minter told the Tribune. "McKenna is close to being released to play from an ACL injury. Khloe Wallace got injured in cross country and has been released, so she just needs fourteen practices. Trinity Skwartz joined the team late and needs fourteen practices also. Carmen Wilburn has started for me since her freshman year and this year she will be looked to lead this team. Right now besides her we are also starting 4 freshman with her. Once we get some games under our belt and fine tune some things, I believe we can compete and be a fun team to watch. These freshmen have been playing together since they were little. They bring a lot of experience to the table, but I have to remind them they are freshman playing against upper class. We will take one game at a time and build."

Make sure to follow The People's Tribune social media pages for sports photography of your favorite teams along with updates throughout the season.

Murder Shocks Vandalia Community

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Vandalia community was both frightened and shocked Thursday, Nov. 30, after a broad daylight shooting claimed the life of one Vandalia man and caused the Van-Far R-I Schools to go into a "soft lockdown".

According to Audrain Sheriff, Matt Oller, during the mid-day hours, deputies were dispatched to a location along Audrain Road 556 in rural Vandalia on a report of a shooting.

They arrived to find a 24-year-old Matthew Stewart of Vandalia already deceased. Stewart had been shot multiple times.

Due to the proximity of the incident to the Van-Far Schools, the School Resource Deputies both remained on campus and assisted the district with a soft lockdown/lockout and monitored the campus for the remainder of the school day. It was later determined there was no threat to the safety of the schools.

An investigation led to two suspects, both of whom are now in custody.

At about 4 p.m., a suspect, who is a juvenile, was arrested.

The juvenile was later turned over to the Audrain County Juvenile Office for detention and remains detained for first degree murder and armed criminal action, pending a mandatory hearing for adult certification.

At about 11 p.m., the second suspect, Christopher Brickey, 18, of Laddonia was arrested and has been formally charged with first degree murder and armed

criminal action. He remains in the Audrain County Jail with no bond set, as captioned in Cause 23AU-CR00791.

Information obtained indicated that Robbery for the victim's firearm, along with an alleged previous altercation between the victim and a family member of one of the suspects was the motive.

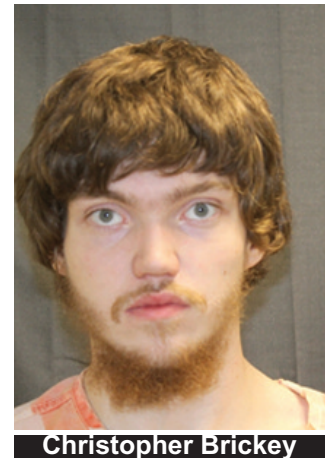
On Friday, Dec. 1, at about noon, a search warrant was executed at a suspect's residence in Paris, Monroe County. During the search, deputies located the firearms believed to be used in the Murder, along with a firearm that was taken from the victim by the suspects during the crime.

According to court documents, Brickey and the unidentified teen met with Stewart at a residence he shared with another person to purchase a .380 caliber firearm. Stewart's roommate saw the initial transaction and claimed both of the teens possessed handguns: a 9mm and .45 caliber.

According to the witness's statement, the teens then left with Stewart to test-fire the weapon before finalizing the purchase.

The court documents detail a post-Miranda Rights interrogation given to Brickey by Sheriff Oller and Chief Deputy Major Shrader in which the suspect allegedly confessed to the motives of the shooting.

"Christopher Brickey told us the [unnamed juvenile] and he drove to Confidential Victim's residence to 'handle' a previous dispute between Confidential Victim and a family member of [the unnamed juvenile]." Major



Christopher Brickey

Shrader wrote in the probable cause statement.

Allegedly, Brickey said the teen wanted to shoot Stewart; however, the juvenile wanted Brickey to shoot first. Brickey then admitted to traveling to the crime scene and shooting Stewart with the .380. Stewart then attempted to run away while the juvenile began firing at him. Both Brickey and the juvenile approached the victim after he had fallen down and shot him multiple times.

According to the court document, "Christopher Brickey stated during this portion of the shooting incident he shot at Stewart with a .45 caliber handgun which he had brought to the scene."

Both Sheriff Oller and Prosecuting Attorney Shellabarger stressed that the charges are accusations and that all the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Anyone with information regarding this murder is encouraged to call the Audrain County Sheriff's Office at 573-473-5801.

The Tribune will update as this story develops.

Festival Of Trees Adds Two Viewing Dates

BY BRENT ENGEL
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People who didn't get to see a decorative symbol of the holiday season will get a second chance.

The Honey Shuck Festival of Trees will be open from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, and Friday, Dec. 22, at the Champ Clark home in Bowling Green.

There is no admission charge and tours of the historic house will be available.

More than 260 people viewed the 17 trees during Bowling Green's "Christmas in the Green" promotion Nov. 16 to 18. Honey Shuck Board Member Milan Berry suggested opening the home for two more dates.

"We want those who were unable to join us for the Festival of Trees to have the opportunity to visit," said Julie Leverenz, another Honey Shuck board member and organizer of the event. "The home will be beautiful in the evening, and we encourage families to celebrate the season with us."

Most of the original 17 trees will still be up, but a few may be moved. Unlike at Christmas in the Green, there will be no voting for visitor favorites. However, donations will be accepted.

"The lights on each of the trees highlight their beauty," Leverenz said. "Many merchants were working during Christmas in the Green and didn't have the opportunity to run by. We hope these hours will give them the chance to stop in."

Leverenz said Honey Shuck is "a community treasure" that especially shines during the holidays.

"Christmas is a wonderful time for family and friends to gather and enjoy one another and the rich history that lives on through Honey Shuck," she said.

Van-Far School Seeks Superintendent

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Van-Far School District will soon begin a search for a new superintendent after current superintendent John Fortney announced his resignation on Thursday, Nov. 17.

According to Fortney the Van-Far Board of Education accepted his resignation as superintendent at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year.

"The move is bittersweet," Fortney told the Tribune. "We are excited for the move but will miss the district and community terribly. Many great relationships have been built and it is hard to leave a place we have and always will love.

Fortney says he and his

wife will be moving to New Hampshire where he has accepted a position as superintendent.

"The district is in great shape for my successor," he continued. "Financially doing well, great programs in place but most of all a culture of support for teachers so they can impact kids. I am proud of our work and look forward to seeing the ongoing success. I am thankful to our amazing Board for their guidance, support and willingness to try new things and really impact the community."

Fortney expressed that he would do everything he can to ensure the district's success continues with the next Superintendent.

Church Walk Marks 30 Years On Dec. 10

Martha Sue Smith knew from the start that the Louisiana Mid-Town Church Walk would be a joyous holiday experience.

As the first president of the sponsor, the Louisiana Area Historical Museum, Smith for years led crowds from sanctuary to sanctuary.

And though she won't take the lead this year, a part of her legacy will certainly be prominent.

The free event on Sunday, Dec. 10, is open to the public. It begins at 3 p.m. at Bethel AME Church at Sixth and Tennessee and then progresses on foot to First Christian, First Baptist, Centenary United Methodist, Calvary Episcopal and First Presbyterian.

Each church presents a 15-minute program. Refreshments will be available afterward at First Presbyterian. People may join or leave at any point.

The first walk was Dec. 11, 1984 – two years after the museum was established. The late Jeanne Lovell, a museum board member, came up with the idea.

"What a wonderful afternoon," Smith said at the time. "I'm going home filled with the most wonderful anticipation of the season."

and such "a fitting way the museum can help top off the Christmas season."

The rich history and distinct beauty of each parish adds to the experience. Some of the structures date to the late 1800s, serving as ephemeral foundations of lasting faith.

Bethel AME is on the National Register of Historic Places, while First Christian at 517 South Carolina has a modern sanctuary that makes it acoustically welcoming.

Large pipe organs serve as a backdrop to the altars at First Baptist and Centenary United Methodist, which stand across from each other at Seventh and South Carolina.

The breath-taking stained-glass windows in Calvary Episcopal at 704 Georgia are intricate, as are the larger, elaborate stained-glass offerings inside First Presbyterian at 121 S. Eighth.

Smith always signaled when it was time to move to the next stop by ringing an antique bell from Louisiana's Eugene Field School.

While there is no admission charge, donations are welcomed. All proceeds will go toward the museum at 304 Georgia Street. The facility is generally closed during the winter, but arranged tours are available. Regular hours will resume next spring.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Agape House Decorated For Christmas

Board members met Tuesday, Nov. 28, to decorate Agape House of Vandalia for the Christmas holidays. A tabletop tree with miniature ornaments was donated by Mary Thomas to add to the colorfully decorated community room. Guest hours will remain the same throughout the holidays so that family members can visit loved ones at the correctional centers in Bowling Green and Vandalia. The house manager reported many guests had stayed at the house in November, including a guest from Minnesota. Guests over the Thanksgiving weekend enjoyed a meat and cheese tray. The house manager also mentioned the need for minor repairs in the apartment area. A need for more comfortable chairs in three guest rooms was also highlighted. These needs are being addressed.

Board members in attendance were Janet Heim, Eldora Lowry, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett, Terry Rudolph and Mary Thomas. Monetary gifts received in October include the following: Anonymous gift by guest; United Way of Audrain County; Edgewood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Curryville Baptist Church; Farber Baptist Church; Laddonia Christian Church; Hopewell Baptist Church and John Yost of Thompson; Spencer Creek Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church, all of Vandalia; and Church Women United of United Methodist Presbyterian Church of Wellsville.

NIVW Is First Week Of December

A MESSAGE FROM PIKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE
National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is recognized the first week of each December and your local health department, this is a critical opportunity to remind everyone six months and older that there's still time to protect themselves and their loved ones from flu this flu season by getting their annual flu vaccine if they have not already. CDC data shows that flu vaccination coverage was lower last season, especially among certain higher risk groups, such as pregnant people and children. When you get a flu vaccine, you reduce your risk of illness, and flu-related hospitalization if you do get sick. This week is meant to re-

mind people that there is still time to benefit from the first and most important action in preventing flu illness and potentially serious flu complications: get a flu vaccine today. Check out CDC's NIVW toolkit for more shareable resources and content. Have you gotten your annual flu vaccine yet? There's still time! A flu vaccine is the best way to help protect yourself and your loved ones against flu and its potentially serious outcomes. Flu vaccines among many others are available at our walk-in clinic with no appointment necessary, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-12-1 p.m.-4 p.m. Call our office at 573-324-2111 and ask to speak with one of our public health nurses or visit our website at www.PikeCountyHealth.org to learn more.

MDC Reports Hunters Harvested 11,705 Deer During New CWD Portion

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that hunters harvested 11,705 deer during the state's new chronic wasting disease (CWD) portion of the firearms deer-hunting season, Nov. 22-26, in CWD Management Zone counties. Of the 11,705 deer harvested, 4,707 were antlered bucks, 1,074 were button bucks, and 5,924 were does. Get harvest numbers for the new CWD Portion by county at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest-table/. According to MDC, the CWD portion was timed to occur during the end of the primary rut when deer movement is typically good and hunter interest remains high. Hunters were allowed to use any unfilled firearms deer hunting permits during the CWD portion and had to abide by the

statewide limit of one antlered deer during the firearms deer season, all portions combined. Hunters also had to abide by county-specific firearms antlerless permit numbers. CWD testing was not required during the CWD portion, but voluntary CWD testing is available through the entire deer season. Learn more at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/chronic-wasting-disease/voluntary-cwd-sampling. MDC initiated the new portion to increase deer harvest in the CWD Management Zone to help slow the spread of the disease. The CWD Management Zone consists of the following counties in or near where CWD has been found: Adair, Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Caldwell, Camden, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas,

Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Grundy, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Jefferson, Knox, Laclede, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Madison, McDonald, Mercer, Montgomery, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ray, Ripley, Schuyler, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Vernon, Warren, and Washington. Learn more about CWD at mdc.mo.gov/cwd. Archery deer hunting contin-

ues through Jan. 15, 2024. The late antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 2-10 in open counties and the alternative methods portion will occur Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2024. Get more info on Missouri deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where hunting permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer.



Ring Away

NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page and his wife, Kim, rang bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart in Bowling Green on Black Friday, Nov. 24. People are needed to fill shifts for a couple of hours at a time outside Walmart or County Market in Louisiana. Day and evening hours are available, and the schedule is flexible. Proceeds will stay in Pike County to help the disadvantaged. If you'd like to sign up, call NECAC Pike County Coordinator Penny Dixon at 324-2207.

MDC Reports Young Hunters Harvest 3,574 Deer

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows young hunters ages 6-15 harvested 3,574 deer during Missouri's late youth portion of the 2023 firearms deer hunting season, Nov. 24-26. Of the 3,574 deer harvested, 1,697 were antlered bucks, 361 were button bucks, and 1,516 were does.

Top counties for the late youth portion were Texas with 77 deer harvested, Pike with 62, and Callaway and Morgan, each with 61. For more information on this season's harvest totals, visit the MDC website at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest-table/. Last year's harvest total for the late youth portion was 2,870

deer. For more information on harvest summaries from past years, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries. Archery deer hunting continues through Jan. 15, 2024. The late antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 2-10 in open counties and the alternative

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COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

Thanks to all who made Christmas in the Green such a success. As Karen and I went through the town and stores, we encountered masses of people, few parking spaces, and people from Illinois and St. Louis/St. Charles areas. "Shop Local" and "Shop Small Business" were this past Saturday and again, thank you Bowling Green for supporting our local shops and businesses. It was fun getting to brag about Bowling Green to new people coming into our fine city! Big THANKS goes out to the BG Parks and Rec Board along with the BG Chamber of Commerce for having presented "Small Town Christmas in the Park" with activities in the main park and a lighted parade last Friday evening. Lots to do in our amazing town if you look for it!

Congratulations once again is expressed to the 2023 Bobcats football program. It was a terrific season, and your fans, parents, Mama Cats, and families were greatly proud and entertained by your performances this season. Well done coaches, cheerleaders, marching band, concession stand workers, and downmarkers personnel. Ethan, it was fun having you announce again and KJFM play-by-play radio announcers. You gentlemen were certainly "radioactive" in your game-by-game analysis.

Transparency is always important whether it is a company's sustainability or the day-to-day operations of a city government. It's important to be honest about your business, service, or local govern-



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

ment. Transparency shows constituents, investors, and citizens they are strong in these areas and are working on weaker areas. A business or city gains loyalty when organizations are open, honest, ethical, and approachable. Businesses, manufacturers, industry, and technologies look beyond their day-by-day operations and become proactive in preparing for the future.

Rising prices from inflation in food, rent, clothing, fuel, and building supplies have put a tremendous strain on America's wallet over the last couple of years. Senior poverty is the highest it's been over the past 20 years according to AARP. Check on your senior adult family members and friends. Surprise them with a Christmas gift of food, clothing, and/or gift card.

Businesses are invited to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. They are preparing for their big fundraiser in January where they announce various businesses, teachers, services, and other categories "of the year awards," as well as Bowling Green Citizen of the Year. It's always a fun time. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, marks the Chamber's Annual Award Banquet at the Pike County Fairgrounds.

"Cookies with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Health Department. The Pike County Health Department offers "Coffee Commanders" which is for veterans to freely speak and communicate with other veterans on the second Friday of every month. Great work, Health Department! Toys for Tots and Angel Tree are still in need of toy donations!

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On Dec. 17: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" Celebrate Christmas Ecumenical Choir Clarksville Christian Church-Musical Candlelight Program, 4:30 p.m. Everyone please come and join in the spirit of the season. Soup and sandwich fellowship to follow.

On Dec. 9: The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association's planning committee will meet at the Trimble House at 10 a.m. Topics will include reviewing the all-school reunion events held recently, website update, etc. A brief board meeting will follow for election of officers for 2024. Anyone who attended school in Louisiana, was a staff member or administrator there are encouraged to attend.



Gobbling It Up

Volunteers packed and delivered 500 meals during the 28th annual Community of Faith Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 23 in Louisiana. Assembling took place at Centenary United Methodist, but included help from other local churches and organizations. The meal featured turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and pie.

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Kenny Chastain

NECAC Crew Leader Rescues Woman After Fall

Little did Kenny Chastain know that a routine job would lead to an extraordinary act.

The alert NECAC weatherization crew leader helped an elderly woman who suffered severe injuries in a fall at her home. Typical of his personality, Chastain downplayed his role, but he may have saved the woman's life.

"I don't want nothing from it," he said. "I think people should help without asking for anything in return."

Chastain remembers it starting as an unremarkable day. He and weatherization technician Jacob Schler arrived at a client's house for an ordinary hot water heater installation. That's when things took a turn. Chastain looked across the street and saw a woman's feet protruding from the front door.

"She was hollering 'Help,'" he recalled. "My instinct told me to go and check what was going on. I asked her what she thought was wrong. She said she thought she had a broken neck."

The elderly woman had fallen as she came back into her house, and had been stranded on the floor unable to move for more than an hour.

Chastain immediately called 911 and waited with the woman until a fire truck and paramedics arrived. He credits his training from six years of working at prisons in Bowling Green and Vandalia for guiding him on how to handle the emergency.

An ambulance took the woman to a Columbia hospital. She had, indeed, broken her neck and also had spinal injuries. The woman's daughter contacted Chastain through Facebook and thanked him for his efforts.

Chastain, who has been with NECAC weatherization for more than three years, remained humble about his actions. As soon as first responders took care of the situation, he went back to work.

So, did the hot water heater get installed that day at the client's house? Well, nothing unusual.

"Yeah," Chastain said with a smile. "We did it."

Public Auction

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 9:00 a.m.

KC Hall, 318 N Sturgeon St., Montgomery City, MO.

Auction will be held indoors, heated and seated. Lunch will be served. We will have several cash drawings before and after the auction. Must be present to win.

ANTIQUES-COLLECTIBLES MISC & TOYS

- Hull & Roseville Pottery
- Several Old Metal Wind-up Toys
- Brass School Bells
- Cast Iron String Holders
- Brass Buckets & Scales
- Wooden Sugar Molds
- German Crock Pitchers
- Old Shoe Shine Kit
- Pepsi & Other Soda Crates
- Approx 10 Sets of Pyrex & Fire King Bowls
- Set Wooden Goat Wagon Wheels
- Bow Saws
- Lots of Old Windup Alarm Clocks
- Hen on Nests
- #3 Crown Crock
- Lot Cast Iron Toys
- Cast Iron Dog Nut Cracker
- Alumn. Double Tubs
- Lots of Old Bottles & Jars
- #30 Crock
- Large Military Shell Casing Windup Bartenders
- 2-Domed Budweiser Fish Lights
- Lot of Metal Signs-Old & New
- 10 Axes & Hatchets
- Lot Granite Ware
- Lot Crock Bowls Lot Cast Iron
- Collection of Old Fishing Plugs
- Old Cardboard Dr. Pepper
- Goodyear Ash Trays
- Lard Tins
- Kitchen Scales
- Large Old Master Mix Feed Sign
- Hay Trolley
- Lot Galv. Watering Cans
- Crock Jugs
- Broad Axe
- Copper Tractor Weathervane
- Old Wooden & Metal Pulleys
- Childs Pony Saddle
- Milk Cans
- Ammo Boxes
- Brown Top Crock Jug
- #4 & #6 Crocks
- #8 Blue Band W/Wooden Handles
- Copper Pig & Cow Weathervanes
- Large Regulator Clock
- Old Roto Phones
- #3 Salt Glazed Bee Sting Crock
- Camel Light-up Sign
- Cast Iron Horse Head Tie
- Coffee Grinders
- Copper Fire Extinguisher
- Several Flats of Fishing Items
- Cast Iron Tractor Seat
- Large Army Tank
- Cast Iron Railroad Sign
- Strohs Beer Light-up Sign
- Early Wall Phone
- #5 & #7 Griswold Skillets
- Approx 12 Other Pcs of Cast Iron
- Cleaned
- Lot Adv. Thermometers
- Cast Iron Lamp w/Leaded Shade
- Large Carquest Muffler Thermometer
- Large Hallmark Light-up Sign
- Lot Framed Coke Posters
- Barn Lanterns
- Old Sled
- Childs Standup Chalk Board
- 6-Railroad Lights including Burlington-C & M CP & S, Handlon St. Louis & LC, all in nice condition

- Large Metal Train Engine & Car
- Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Sign
- Several Train Sets
- Large Fire Hydrant
- There will be approximately 4 tables of toys old and new, tractors, die cast cars, lots of NASCAR items, & Die Cast Coin Banks.*

TOOLS

- 2-Portable Air Tanks
- 2-Come Alongs
- Several Floor & Bottle Jacks
- 12" Skid Steer Auger
- 2-Metal Tool & Storage Boxes
- Blue Point Roll Around Tool Cabinet
- Poulan Pro Chain Saw
- Tool Boxes-Lots of Flats of Tools
- Battery Jump Pak
- Portable Air Compressor
- Air Hose & Reel
- New Stanley 2800 PSI Power Washer
- 16' Werner Extension Ladder-like new

FURNITURE

- 2-Roll Top Desks
- Several Swivel Bar Chairs
- Metal Patio Chairs
- Lots of unlisted furniture*

NEW ITEMS

Folks, there is a 16' Cargo Trailer load of new items including, you name it-tools, toys, signs, gift items. As always we are completely loaded. Come take a look. This is a very partial list.

GUNS

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- Come take a look, very good and very clean. The guns sell absolute to the highest bidder.*
- Marlin Model 60 22 cal.
- Savage Axis 22-250 Rem. w/Bushnell Scope-like new
- Remington Model 700 7MM Rem. Mag w/Bushnell Scope
- Winchester Model 94 30-30 Lever, Pre 1964
- Winchester Super X Pump 12 ga. Vented Rib-NIB
- Browning Belgium Made Golden Hunter 12 ga. Auto Camo
- 2-Browning Belgium Made Golden Hunter 12 ga. Auto, Gold Trigger-Like New
- Browning Belgium Made Old Style Light 12 12ga. Gold Trigger
- Remington Model 1100 12 ga. Auto Gold Trigger-Like New
- Remington Model 1100 150th Anniversary 12 ga. Auto, Vented Rib
- Remington Model 870 Express Super Magnum 12 ga. Pump
- Remington 870 Pump Super Mag-Camo
- CVA 50 cal. Black Powder In-Line Rifle
- Stevens Model 200 25-06 Rem. Bolt Action Simmons Scope
- Remington Model 870 Wingmaster 12 ga. Pump Vented Rib
- Remington Model 870 Wingmaster 12 ga. Pump Classic Trap, Super Engraved
- Winchester Model 74 22 cal. Butt Tube Feed
- Remington Model 1100 20 ga. Auto
- Winchester Model 72A 22 cal. Bolt Action, Missing Tube

- Ruger Target Model 22/45 22 cal. Hard Case & Extra Clips
- F.A.P. 45 LC 6 Shot Revolver w/Box
- Connecticut Valley Arms 40 cal. Black Powder Pistol
- ASM 44 cal. Black Powder Pistol
- EIG Spain Black Powder Pistol
- PR Made in Italy Black Powder Pistol
- Ruger Super Black Hawk 44 mag.
- Springfield Armory Champion 44 cal. US Stamp on Butt Plate
- Llama 9 mm Revolver
- SAR Arms 9x19 cal. Pistol
- Rock Island Armory 45 ACP
- Colt Auto 25 cal. Hand Gun
- Witness Made in Italy 45 ACP
- Makrov 9x18 mm w/Holster
- S & W 38 Special Double Auction Revolver w/Holster
- Tristar G100 9 mm w/Hard Case & Extra Clips
- Remington Wingmaster Model 870 20 ga.

Guns will sell approx 3 pm. There will be several cases of ammo, knives, and gun related items following the sale of guns.

COINS

Folks, what a line-up of coins again. We have one of the best coin markets in the area and they keep on bringing us the good ones. If you have coins to sell, contact us.

- 1820 Large 1¢
- 2-1825 Large 1¢
- 1830 Large 1¢
- 1999 & 2000 US Mint Proof Sets
- 2-2002 US Mint Proof Sets
- 2-2005 US Mint Proof Sets
- 2-2006 US Mint Proof Sets
- 8-Johnson Matthey 1 oz. .999 Silver Bars
- 2-NIR Metals 10z. .999 Silver Bars
- 14-Mixed Date Franklin Silver Halves- All Good
- 26 Mixed Date Walking Liberty Halves- All Good
- 2006 W First Strike Silver Eagle PCGS PR69DCAM
- 1991-1992 Silver Eagles NGC MS 69
- 2003 Silver Eagle NGC MS69
- 1921 Morgan \$ All these Morgan Dollars are in Wow Condition
- 2-1880-O Morgan \$
- 1881-O Morgan \$
- 1882-O Morgan \$
- 1884-O Morgan \$
- 2-1885-O Morgan \$
- 1880-S Morgan \$
- 1882-S Morgan \$
- 2-1880-P Morgan \$
- 2-1887-P Morgan \$
- 1888-P Morgan \$
- 1884-P Morgan \$
- 1891 CC Dollar
- 1878 CC Dollar
- 1883 CC Morgan Dollar-this coin is raw and not graded but is as high a grade CC as I have seen.
- 1918 Abraham Lincoln 90% Silver Comm. Half-Very Rare
- 1996 \$5 Gold Eagle 1/10 oz Gold
- 2022 \$5 Gold Eagle 1/10 oz Gold
- 3-2023 \$5 Eagle 1/10 oz Gold
- 1879-P Morgan \$
- 1889-P Morgan \$

- 1900-P Morgan \$
- 1898-P Morgan \$
- 1882 CC GSA Morgan MS 63
- 1884 CC GSA Morgan MS 64
- 1883 CC GSA Morgan MS 65
- 1934 A \$500 Federal Reserve Note, Kansas City, MO
- 5-1998 \$5 Maple Leaf 1/10 oz. .999 Gold
- 1887 ANACS MS 63 GSA Morgan
- 1883 CC UNC GSA Morgan
- 1879-S GSA MS65 Morgan Wow
- 2-2016 \$5 Gold Eagle 30th Anniversary 1/10 oz NGC MS70
- 1797 Large Cent
- 1814 Large Cent
- 1837 Large Cent
- 60 Indian Head Cents
- 1923 Series One Dollar Silver Certificate, Choice
- 16-One Dollar Silver Certificates
- 3-Five dollar Blue Seal Silver Certificates
- 5-Coin Type Set
- 10-Barber Half Dollars
- 1900-P Barber Half Dollar
- 1915-S Barber Half Dollar
- 1915-S Barber Half Dollar
- 1920-P Liberty Half Dollar
- 1928-S Liberty Half Dollar
- 1937-D Liberty Half Dollar
- 1938-P Liberty Half Dollar
- 1976 U.S. Mint Set
- 1979 U.S. Mint Set
- 5- 1 oz. .999 Silver Rounds
- 3-2023 Silver Eagles
- 5-1992 Proof Sets
- 1993 Gem Proof Silver Eagle
- 1997 Gem Proof Silver Eagle
- 2000 Proof Set
- 2-1992 Silver Proof Sets
- 1999 Silver Proof Set, Rare
- 2000 Silver Proof Set
- 2001 Silver Proof Set
- 2005 Silver Proof Set
- 1885-P Silver Dollar-Very Choice
- 1886-P Silver Dollar-Choice
- 1895-P Silver Dollar, Very Choice
- 1886-P Silver Dollar, Choice
- 1895-O Silver Dollar
- 1898-P Silver Dollar, Choice+
- 1899-S Silver Dollar Nice+
- 1921-P Morgan Dollar, Choice BU
- 1884-CC Silver Dollar, GSA Black Box
- 1890-CC Silver Dollar-Nice
- 1891-CC Silver Dollar-Nice
- 10-Silver Dollars
- 1923-P Peace Dollar, Choice Gem BU
- 1908 Five Dollar Liberty Gold PCGS MS63
- 1910-S Five Dollar Indian Gold-Choice
- 1844-O Ten Dollar Liberty Gold, Very Choice

Coins sell at 1:00 p.m. We will sell in 2 rings while we sell coins. Again folks, what an outstanding list of coins.

This is our final auction for 2023. We wish you all a Blessed Holiday Season and New Year. We look forward to doing business with you in 2024. Thanks again, and don't forget our annual Spring Auction the last Saturday of April 2024.

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OBITUARIES



Bertha Ann 'Bert' Niffen

Bertha Ann "Bert" Ralston Niffen, 76, was born March 13, 1947 in Louisiana to Harold "Pancake" Ralston Virginia and June Ralston Williams Pete.

Bert died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 at home surrounded by family.

Bert married Rossie "Ross" Niffen on Nov. 15, 1963. They recently celebrated 60 years. Rossie still survives.

Also surviving are their five children, Lisa Minor of Louisiana, Rossie "Bub" Niffen of Nebraska, Stacy Phillips and husband, Nathan of Carrollton, Ill., Ray Niffen of Bowling Green, and Chrissy Curry and husband, Phillip of Bowling Green. Bert and Rossie have 12 grandkids and 19 great-grandkids. She is also survived by a sister, Carolyn Charlton of Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-parents; one infant brother, Benjamin Ralston; a sister, Lois Day; and one infant grandson, Dustin Niffen.

Bert worked at Stark Bros. Nurseries for approximately 30 years and at Longrier Farms in Mineola, Texas for eight years. Bert enjoyed flowers and plants, camping on the river, and most of all spending time with her husband, Rossie, and her many grandkids. Anyone that knew her, knew she was a big Elvis fan and she loved the Kansas City Chiefs. You could usually see her sitting on the front porch.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Any donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Community Loving Care Hospice.

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

Dennis Calvert Foree

Dennis Calvert Foree, 80, of rural Farber, recently of Jefferson City died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2023, at Citizen's Memorial Hospital in Bolivar.

Dennis was born June 22, 1943, in Mexico. The son of Joseph Milton and Margaret Lucile Hodges Foree. He married Ruth Hopke Weilmuenster on Aug. 5, 1978, at Mt. Olivet Church in Vandalia.

Survivors include his daughter, Jessica Rogers and husband, Michael of Willard; stepsons, William Hopke and wife, Joy of Belton, and Michael Hopke and wife, Felicia of Mexico, a sister, Penny Gottschalk and husband, Alan of Jefferson City; sister-in-law, Linda Witte and husband, Terry of Vandalia; brother-in-law, Bruce Weilmuenster of Vandalia; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces; and great-nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Margaret Foree, his loving wife, Ruth Weilmuenster Foree, sisters, Bonnie Kelley, Nancy Chenoweth; a nephew, Andrew Kelley; and step-granddaughter, Alexis Hopke.

Dennis graduated from Van-Far in 1961 and joined the Navy, serving on the USS Blackfin, he spent time in the Philippines, Japan, Australia, and Hawaii.

After returning home to Farber, he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia graduating in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural science. Dennis farmed with his dad and worked on his own farm.

In-between farming, he got his CDL and started driving over the road for Pete Oliver Trucking out of Mexico. While driving for Oliver he was one of the top drivers for overall miles driven. When he worked with Gayle Stuart, he delivered eggs to Iowa and could boast that no eggs were broken during his routes.

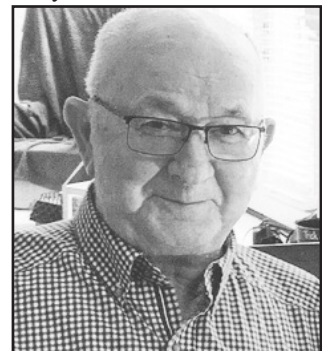
When it was a slow season, Dennis would fill in as a substitute teacher at the area schools where he enjoyed getting to know the kids in the classes he was watching.

He retired from MFA in Mexico where he delivered feed to local farmers and worked on the yard. If you needed to know what field to deliver to, he knew just where to go no matter how far off the beaten path it was. He had a knack for knowing about any road around Farber and surrounding areas and who lived where.

Dennis was an avid reader and would often go to both the Farber and Vandalia Branches on the weekends when he was not working. He enjoyed visiting with friends at Jones Used Cars and getting his haircut at the Vandalia Barbershop where the tall tales were rampant and always a good laugh to be had.

Dennis also enjoyed a cold beer with family and friends and was not one to say no to a free beer. It was a family joke that Dennis' favorite beer was "OPB"- Other People's Beer. Dennis was interested in family history and amassed a sizable collection of family records on the Foree and Hodges families. He put together a table sized handwritten family tree dating back to 1699 when the first Foree descendent came over.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Farber Community Building from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Farber Volunteer Fire Department, Baptist Homes Tri-County, or the Mexico-Audrain County Library.



Henry James 'Jim' Leverenz

Henry James "Jim" Leverenz III, 88, of Bowling Green died Monday, Nov. 27, 2023 at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday at 11 a.m., at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Lou Dorn officiating. Burial was in St. Clement Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday from 9-11 a.m., at the church.

Jim was born May 6, 1935 in St. Charles to Henry George and Leona Emma Swatner Leverenz. He was united in marriage to Marie Frances Molitor on May 30, 1956 at the Assumption Church in O'Fallon. Marie survives.

Also surviving are son, Glen Leverenz and wife, Julie, along with their daughter, Mauri Stewart and her children, Jaxon and Brixton Stewart, and their son, Huntley Leverenz and wife, MaryEllen; daughter, Karen Leverenz and her daughter, Jill Marks and husband, Graham and their children, Naomi and Lydia, and her daughter, Andrea Reynolds and husband, Glenn and their children, Sam, Jacob, and Matthew; son, Gary Leverenz and wife, Stacy, along with their daughter, Erica, and three step-grandchildren; son, Jeff Leverenz and wife, Michelle and their children, Alaina Leverenz and Lance Leverenz and wife, Kailee and their daughter, Linzi Leverenz; son, Gene Leverenz and his son, Logan Leverenz and his daughter, Suzanne Wommack, along with her children, Julius, Sebastian, Skyler, and Jude; and son, Danny Leverenz and wife, Holly along with their children, Meghan Ritter and husband, Kolton and Mya Leverenz; and a sister, Shirley Matthewman and husband, Bill.

Preceding Jim in death are his parents; son, Henry Thomas Leverenz; sister, Betty Riechers and husband, Kenny; sister, Doris Mitchum and husband, Martin; sister, Helen Leverenz; and nephew, John Mitchum.

Jim farmed his entire life. He was also a rural mail carrier for many years. Jim was an active member of the St. Clement Parish and a 50-year-member of the St. Clement Knights of Columbus.

Pallbearers were Huntley Leverenz, Logan Leverenz, Lance Leverenz, Ryan Cashing, Glenn Reynolds, and Kolton Ritter.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Anne's Anchor or St. Clement Parish for the masses.

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

Geneva Knock, 96, of Louisville died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023 at her home in Louisville.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at St. Clement Catholic Church in St. Clement with the Rev. Charles Tichacek officiating. Burial will be in St. Clement Cemetery. The Rosary will be said Tuesday at St. Clement Catholic Church at 9 a.m. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m., until time of services at the church.

Geneva was born May 24, 1927. She was the daughter of Ray and Rose Walters Orf. On April 7, 1948 at St. Clement Catholic Church, Geneva married the love of her life George Leon Knock. Geneva and Leon were inseparable during their 70 years of marriage. Geneva and Leon raised their six children in Louisville.

Possessing a true servant's heart, Geneva faithfully cared for her family. A woman of faith and the heart of the Knock family. Geneva shaped their spirituality by her tireless Catholic example, through hours spent in adoration and teaching them to pray the rosary. With a true passion and love for music, Geneva loved listening to her brother's band, dancing, and singing.

She also cherished playing rummy with the grandkids and frequent rides to town for coffee and an ice cream treat at Dairy Queen. Geneva's departure has left a void in the hearts of all that knew her. Her memory will forever be cherished and her spirit

Card Of Thanks

The family of Matthew "Doc" Salmon would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions, your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers.

May God continue to bless each of your is our prayer.

Notice of Filing for April 2nd, 2024 City of Paynesville Municipal Election

The filing dates for the City of Paynesville have been set for Dec. 5, 2023 at 8 a.m., until the closing date on Dec. 26, 2023 at 4 p.m.

By doing so you may contact Lamont Davis, Secretary, 573-847-2322, address 119 S. Main St. Paynesville. Candidates may file for the following offices 3 Trustees for two years.

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Survivors include a son, George Lee Knock of Louisville; daughters, Sheila Knock and Ed Backer of Louisville, Shelba Northcutt and husband, Walter of Middletown, Geanine Mudd and husband, Doug of Silex, Jennifer Fisher and husband, Malcolm of Curryville, Cynthia Perkins and husband, Bill of Louisiana; grandchildren, Jill Northcutt Dunn, Tom and Jodi Rucker Peterson, Houston and Michelle Knock Mueller, Wes and Marley Knock Scherder, Cody and Georgia Knock Hearn, Chad and Ashley Mudd, Kyle Mudd, Cody Mudd, Paul and Lea Fisher Smith, Logan Fisher; great-grandchildren, Josh Miller, Clay and Shelby Dunn Stuntart, Joey and Sydney Dunn Ringhausen, Sophia and Jaxson Dunn, Michael, Matthew and Luke Peterson, Claire, Caroline and Carl Mueller, McKinli and Winston Scherder, Caelyn and Raelyn Hearn, Jack and Mia Mudd, Bayleigh Mudd, WP, Will, Wyatt Smith; brothers,

Roland "Duke" Orf of Bowling Green, and Simon Orf and wife, Diane of Bowling Green, sisters-in-law, Gertrude Orf of Bowling Green, Imogene Colbert of Jacksonville Ill., and Joann Edmiston and husband, Larry of Louisville.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sisters, Roseanne Niemeier, Thelma Koester, brothers, Truman, Ezra, James, and Bill Orf; grandchildren, Megan Knock and Tyler Lumpkin; and sisters-in-law, Marie Orf, Shirley Orf, Vera Orf, and Mog Orf.

Pallbearers will be George Lee Knock, Chad Mudd, Kyle Mudd, Cody Mudd, Logan Fisher, Josh Miller, Matthew Peterson, Michael Peterson, and Luke Peterson. Honorary pallbearers will be Roland "Duke" R. Orf, Simon H. Orf, Walter Northcutt, Malcolm Fisher, Doug Mudd, Bill Perkins, and Ed Backer.

Memorials may be made to Anne's Anchor, American Diabetes Association, or the Alzheimer's Association.

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

NOTICE OF FILING FOR THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITIONS

Filing for positions on the Bowling Green R-1 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.

NOTICE TO FILE FOR DIRECTORSHIP PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DIST. #1 OF PIKE COUNTY ANNUAL ELECTION: APRIL 2, 2024

Any qualified resident and registered voter who is and has been a resident of his or her sub-district for one year or more and wishes to have their name appear on the ballot as a candidate for directorship of Public Water Supply Dist. #1 of Pike County is hereby notified to file at the Public Water Supply district official located at 1106 W. Adams, Bowling Green, MO.

The directorship of Sub-district #1 and Sub-district #2 are up for election. This position is a three-year term. Filings will be accepted Dec. 5, 2023 through Dec. 26, 2023.

A map of sub-districts may be viewed in the district office during regular office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The office will be closed Dec. 22, 2023 and Dec. 25, 2023.

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TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT: Case 1370, good tires, 3,000 hours; MF 1105, overhauled; Ferguson tractor; JD 6620 4x4 with 216 head; 22' Int. disc.; 24' field cultivator; Brillion 15' mulcher; Will Rich 20'; field cultivator; 20' Bushhog disc; JD 1508 brush hog; 10' Bushhog Mod Sq. 184; Int. 5100 15' drill; JD 700 6 row planter; 14' Oliver chisel plow; JD 6' chisel plow; 8' wheel disc; 16' pull-type harrow; 8' 3 pt. blade; 6' 3 pt. blade; 2 Gravity wagons; hydraulic auger wagon; Mayrath 8" 60' auger; Mayrath 24' electric auger; 18.4x38" duals; Farm King 5' finish mower; pickup bed trailer; Danhauser 3 pt. post hole digger, etc.
TRUCKS: 1982 Ford F350 with dump bed; 1995 Dodge 1 ton 4 wd Cummins engine; 1982 Ford train truck 16' Knaphiede bed.
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TOOLS & MISC.: Cherry picker; bearing press; misc. hand tools; pipe vise; tube gates; steel posts; barb wire; small bunk feeders; hog feeder; 300 gal. tank on stand; misc. equipment wheels & tires; more misc., not listed.
AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Very LARGE nice sale. Owners moving to a smaller home. Many items not listed. Still sorting at the time of printing. Must be a MO resident to purchase firearms.
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Collectibles: Globe lamps, Milk glass lamps, oil lamp, Vases, Lead Crystal, Slag glass, Denim Days figurines, Milk Glass, Home Interior décor, prints, wall hangings & figurines, crock jugs and more.
Tools: Craftsman Leaf Blower, Jack stands, Rakes, Axes, Sledge hammer, limb Cutters, Limb Saw, Step Stools, Gas Cans, Saws, Weed Eater, Grease Guns, Bench Vise, Battery Charger, Torpedo Heater, Sears Bench Grinder, Rolling floor jack, Saw horses, Ramps, Generac Wheelhouse 5550 Generator, Extension cords, Bats, Nails, Hand tools, Oil Can, Clay birds, Jigsaw, Wooden tennis rackets, Fishing Poles, Creeper, Shepherds hooks, Funnels, etc.
Auctioneer's Note: Martha collected Fenton glass and has an enormous collection!
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Discover Nature With MDC Eagle Days

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites people to discover nature through Eagle Days events and by watching bald eagles around the state.

From December-February, Missouri's winter eagle watching is spectacular. Because of Missouri's big rivers, many lakes, and abundant wetlands, the Show-Me state is one of the leading lower 48 states for bald eagle viewing.

Each fall, thousands of these great birds migrate south from their nesting range in Canada and the Great Lakes states to hunt in Missouri.

Eagles take up residence wherever they find open water and plentiful food. More than 2,000 bald eagles are typically reported in Missouri during winter.

Watch for eagles perched in large trees along the water's edge. Early in the morning you can see them flying and fishing. Be sure to dress for winter weather and don't forget cameras and binoculars.

MDC is again offering various Eagle Days events around the state. Some will include live eagle programs, exhibits, activities, videos, and guides with spotting scopes. Some require registration. Get more information on MDC Eagle Days events at mdc.mo.gov/events/eagle-days.

Can't make an MDC Eagle

Days event? Here are some hot spots for winter eagle viewing:

Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area on Route K southwest of Columbia,

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

Lock & Dam 20 in Canton, Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville,

Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield,

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge south of Mound City,

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Puxico, Moses Eagle Park in Stella,

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270 off of Riverview Drive in St. Louis,

Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area east of West Alton,

Schell-Osage Conservation Area north of El Dorado Springs,

Smithville Lake north of Kansas City,

Stockton Lake near Stockton,

Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Sumner,

Table Rock Lake, and Truman Reservoir west of Warsaw.

Learn more about bald eagles in Missouri from the MDC online Field Guide at mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/bald-eagle.



DAR Donates To Vets

Bowling Green DAR gave a \$500 donation to the Mexico Veterans Home for Christmas for the veterans on Nov. 30. Pictured from left, Pat Hall, MS returned of the Mexico Veteran Home and Jane Share regent of the Bowling Green DAR.

Upcoming NE Missouri Roadwork

Audrain County
Route KK - Dec. 5, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 489 to CR 481 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Missouri Route 54/Missouri Route 19 (Northbound) - December 13, LANE RESTRICTION for core drilling

beginning 1500 feet south to 1,500 feet north of the roundabout at Scotts Corner between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. An 11-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working daily. Temporary minor impacts can be expected on all legs of the roundabout.

Learn About Trout Fishing Virtually

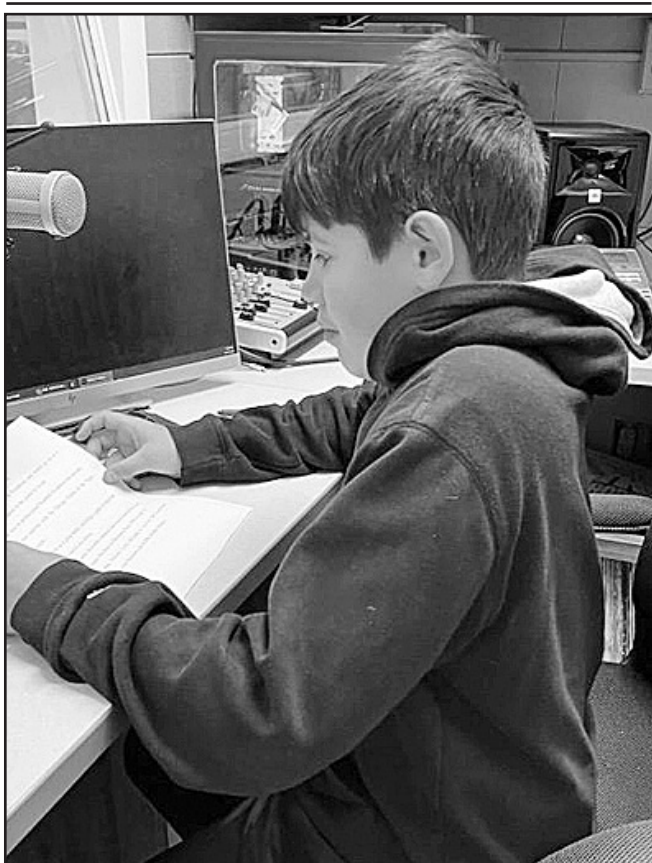
Trout fishing makes headlines on March 1 in Missouri because it's the opening day of the summer catch-and-keep season for the state trout parks. However, fishing for trout is more than a one-day event in the Show-Me State.

People wanting to learn more about trout fishing in Missouri should sign up for the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Where Can I - Trout Fish." This free virtual program will be Dec. 7 from noon-12:30 p.m. The program is being put on by the staff of MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin. It is part of the Shoal Creek staff's "Where Can I?" series of programs, which will be held the second Wednesday of each month. The Dec. 7 program is open to all ages. People can register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/E>

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At this program, MDC Administrative Assistant Tim Smith will have information about locations where you can fish for trout in winter and at other times throughout the year. He'll also discuss the regulations for fishing at each site.

MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center is located at 201 W. Riviera Drive. People can stay informed about upcoming virtual and in-person programs at the Shoal Creek Center by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. They can sign up for Shoal Creek Center text alerts by calling 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.



Happy Birthday Pike County

Paxtin Redd records December "History Lives" segments at KJFM-WBBA Radio in Bowling Green. Topics for the month included the formation of Pike County on Dec. 14, 1818; the 1875 firing by President Ulysses S. Grant of Whiskey Ring special prosecutor John Brooks Henderson of Louisiana; the Christmas Day death of Frankford baseball slugger Lou Reynolds; and President Calvin Coolidge receiving a 1925 Christmas present of Pike County apples. "History Lives" is sponsored by the Louisiana Area Historical Museum and KJFM-WBBA Radio.

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Reserve Champion

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