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Our office will be closed Dec. 24-25

Early deadline for news and advertising in next week's edition is Thursday, Dec. 27 at 4 p.m.

Louisiana Chamber Is Selling Ornaments

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce is selling the 2018 Christmas ornaments for \$10 each until Jan. 1. The ornaments are sold annually and feature something different each year.

This year's ornaments are available at the following locations: KCs Place, Family Drug, Mercantile Bank, Bank of Louisiana and the Pike County Memorial Hospital Gift Shop.

Those who would like an ornament but are unable to get to one of those locations should contact the Chamber of Commerce office.



The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce ornament this year features the Bicentennial logo of 200 Years - The Past Looking Forward. Each year the Chamber of Commerce offers a new Christmas ornament. They will be available for \$10 each through Jan. 1 at numerous locations throughout Louisiana.

Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Is Slated To Open Feb. 11, 2019

Debbie Hopke, Branch Director of the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA, has announced that the facility will open on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 at 6 a.m.

"We are excited to announce the opening date for the YMCA," Hopke said. "The YMCA has been a priority for the community for many years. I appreciate the patience, endless volunteer hours, donations, and support for this project. Although there is still construction and administrative work to finish plus funds to be raised, we will be ready to open the doors to your YMCA on Feb. 11."

Lori Brandow, CEO of the Mexico Area Family YMCA, the association of which the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA will operate stated "We recognize a need for our services in Eastern Audrain County and are excited to bring the Y closer to home for many residents, which allows us to further strengthen the community. This project has been a very long process and members of the Vandalia and surrounding communities have worked tirelessly to make their dream of a YMCA come true. I continue to be amazed by See YMCA on page 13

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Work has been steady at Veterans Park where the old Louisiana Municipal swimming pool is being demolished. Guard towers and the pool house had been removed, with concrete around the kiddie pool being broken up. The city council agreed to permanently close the facility in May 2015 after years of costly repairs and a failed effort to keep it afloat financially. The low-priority demolition began last month and will proceed as time allows while other projects are addressed. The city hopes to finish the work before next spring. The site will be filled and graded, but there are no immediate plans for its use. The pool was built in the late 1960s. Louisiana still has a swimming facility. The Twin Pike Family YMCA opened an aquatic center in August 2015.

Work Continues To Demo City Pool

Louisiana Mayor Marvin Brown says he's unsure of what the future will hold for the site in Veterans Park where the municipal pool was for many years.

The decision was made to close the pool by the city council in May 2015 after years of costly repairs and inability to keep it afloat financially. "It had become a hazard and had been vandalized numerous times,"

Brown said.

He added that a group of private citizens had tried to save the facility previously and hopes they will continue to stay involved in developing what could become of the space in the future.

Work at the pool has been steady despite having a low priority. Crews began busting up concrete last month and huge piles now surround

the facility. After metal is removed the concrete has been hauled off for fill.

See POOL on page 13

23rd Annual Clopton Tourney To Start On Saturday, Dec. 29

The 23rd Clopton Tournament will have a slightly different schedule this year to accommodate the New Year's holiday.

The tournament will begin on Saturday, Dec. 29 with opening round action on the girls' bracket. In the new gym, top-seeded Monroe City will play (8) Wright City and at 2:30 p.m., (2) Clopton will take on (7) Louisiana. In the old gym, (3) Elsberry will face (6) Winfield and at 2:30 p.m. it will be (4) Van-Far squaring off with (5) Silex.

semifinals will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 2 in the new and old gyms respectively with games at 6 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

The consolation final will be held on Friday, Jan. 4 at 4:30 p.m., the third place game will be at 6 p.m. and the championship will take place at 7:30 p.m.

On the boy's side of the bracket, opening round action will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 1. In the new gym it will be top-seeded Monroe City against (8) Silex at 1 p.m. and at See TOURNEY on page 12



Silex Bank Donates Checking Account Simulation Packets

Michael Mudd, President and CEO of Silex Banking Company, is pictured with the Silex High School sophomore class of 2018 (l-r) Kellan Kinion, Julia Gratske, Steven Salyer, Lexi Plackemeier, and Landon White. Every year Silex Banking Company donates checking account simulation packets. These packets help supplement the required Personal Finance course.

The Year That Christmas Stunk

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

To me, the scents of the season are just as important as the sights. And for that reason, there's one Christmas I'll never forget.

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

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

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

My father had grown up on a farm, one that in 1918 is still in the family after 188 years, and so he loved the outdoor work.

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

If there was one thing Dad loved more than raising Christmas trees, it was decorating Christmas trees.

By tradition, our family hung the holly and all the trimmings the first

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

On the Day the Engel Family Got Its Christmas Tree 1972, the forecast called for rain changing to sleet and then snow.

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

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

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

The first drops of rain hit the windshield of the old junker as we pulled out of the driveway. By the time we got to the farm, there was a steady shower. The temperature also was starting to fall and the wind had picked up.

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

The old pickup sputtered to a stop beside the manure pit.

"You wait here," Dad said before getting out and walking into the barn.

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

See CHRISTMAS on page 11

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Clarksville Memorial VFW, Auxiliary, Youth Go Caroling

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary and Youth Group have been busy spreading Christmas cheer by giving. They started by sending three care packages to Daryl Starks in South Korea. Presented all of the residents in the Jamison and Swetman Apartments with no-sew t-shirt bags filled with useful items, the empty t-shirts bags were given to the post by The Bethel AME Church Paynesville Missionary Society.

They visited the Maple Grove Nursing Home in Louisiana, where they sang Christmas carols to the

veterans and presented them with a Christmas card and a bag of goodies.

They placed wreaths in the Greenwood Cemetery in each section spreading them all through the cemetery and a large wreath was placed at the entrance.

They traveled to Elberly where they again sang Christmas carols to the veterans and presented them with a bag of goodies.

President Mary Tarpein placed a wreath in Eolia for Hurley Conway who was a charter member of the post, she then delivered cards and

bags of goodies at Lynn Heritage in Louisiana.

The Post, Auxiliary and Youth Group feel great about giving this Christmas season for Jesus is the reason for the season.

Members traveling in the group were: Commander and Mrs. Herbert Everett, Robert LaForte, President Mary Tarpein and granddaughter Addison Schreder, Lori, Danielle and Derek Ily, Amy, Grace and John Cook, and Joanne Hamrick, and Mary Ann Schreder was at the Maple Grove Home with them.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or toll-free 888-324-9636 or e-mail to: peopletribune@bcbgbl.net

On Dec. 27: There will be a meeting of the board of trustee's of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.

On Dec. 19: The Pike County Memorial Hospital Board of

Trustees meeting will take place at 10 a.m., second floor conference room of the hospital.

On Jan. 7: Pike-Lin Quilt Guild will hold a work day at 9 a.m., at the Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Clarksville. Bring a lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Keeping An Eye On Progress

The new Champ Clark Bridge in Louisiana is past the halfway point to completion. Changes to the bridge are visible every day. All of the piers have been set and the steel girders are being put in place before the bridge's concrete deck is installed. The People's Tribune is including a photo every week as work continues until completion as a scrapbook to one of the biggest projects the area has seen. When finished the bridge will be more than twice the width it is now at 44 feet wide and will have a price tag of just over \$80 million.

Title photo by April M. Florick

6th Annual Soil Health/Cover Crop Workshop

There will be a Soil Health/Cover Crop Workshop at the American Legion Hall, Elsberry on Thursday, Jan. 24 presented by Lincoln County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Plant Materials Center (NRCS), and the University of Missouri Extension.

The keynote speaker, Neal Kinsey of Kinsey Ag, will be presenting "Building Soil Health." Charlie Ellis, University of MO Extension Agronomy Specialist, will be speaking on cover crop strip trial results. Discussion of using drones for conservation plantings will be conducted by Keith Knepper, Greenline STL. MFA-NRCS liaison, Matt Hill will review ways that MFA can assist farmers in conserving soil health. Cover crop adaption trials will be covered by Mollie Herget of the PMC. Local landowners Eric Merritt, John Scherder and Linus Rothemich will speak on their ex-

periences for improving soil health and wildlife. Closing the workshop, there will be a tour of the PMC's Cover Crop research plots. There will be several vendors sponsoring the event and will be available to discuss cover crop seeds and services.

Pre-registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 18. There is a small cost per person which includes lunch. The Soil Health Workshop begins at 7:30 a.m., with registration and welcoming by Missouri NRCS State Conservationist, JR Flores at 8:30 a.m.

For more information regarding speaker times, to pre-register, or for any special accommodations, please contact the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District at 636-528-4877 ext. 3.

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OBITUARIES

**Hazel F. Pratt**

Funeral services for Hazel Frances Pratt of Elsberry were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Elsberry. The Rev. Kris Hagoneker, church pastor, and Fr. Charles Tichacek, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elsberry, officiated with burial in the Elsberry City Cemetery near Elsberry.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday at the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Pratt, 88, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 at Elsberry Health Care Center near Elsberry.

Born Oct. 20, 1930 in a house by the side of the road in New Hartford, she was the daughter of Leslie Edward and Peggy Bird Gilman Pritchett. Hazel was a 1948 graduate of Elsberry High School. She was united in marriage on Nov. 1, 1952 in Elsberry to Walter Herbert Pratt. This union was blessed with one daughter, Peggy Annette.

Hazel worked for the Bank of Lincoln County from 1948-58; and

Forrest Keeling Nursery 1959-61. Hazel owned and operated Pratt's Hallmark Shop from 1976-86.

Active in the Elsberry Community, Hazel served on the Joseph R. Palmer Family Memorial Library, member of Study Club, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee and chairman of the Lincoln County R-II Centennial Committee.

Hazel was the first woman elected to serve on the Lincoln County R-II School Board, where she served as member, Treasurer and President. She was the first and only woman to serve as a member and President of the Lincoln County School Board Association. Hazel also served as president of the Elsberry Special Road District.

Later in life, she learned to play the guitar and mandolin. She joined other musicians and played for churches, nursing homes and picnics. Hazel enjoyed traveling, her flowers, friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Peggy Pritchett; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Martha Pritchett; and her beloved husband of nearly 63 years, Walter Pratt, who died May 7, 2015.

Survivors include her daughter, Annette Pratt of Elsberry; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Michael O'Brien, Edward O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien, Sean O'Brien, Brendan O'Brien and Slade Pritchett.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, J.R. Palmer Library or American Cancer Society, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street, Elsberry, MO 63343.

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

**Smarty Pants Trivia**

Saturday, Dec. 8, Bowling Green High School's Quiz Bowl team hosted its second annual "Smarty Pants Trivia Night" and soup and salad dinner. Team members include, from left: Ethan Martin, Reno Hayes, Amanda Wilkinson, Taylor Grimsley, Madison Pruitt, Trevor Pruitt, Abi Jacyna, Collin Riegel, and Michael Maier. The BGHS Quiz Bowl team is sponsored by teacher Emily Woodall.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MO Soybean Association Announces Winners Of Competition

While 2018 brought its share of rough weather, including summer drought across much of the state and wet harvest conditions, Missouri soybean farmers brought big yields for the Missouri Soybean Association's annual competition. Results from Missouri's soybean yield contest are now finalized with the highest yields topping 90 bushels per acre.

Top honors go to Wes Willbrand, of St. Charles, who roughly doubled Missouri's statewide soybean average. Willbrand's 95.61 bushel per acre yield came through conventional tillage practices and without irrigation using Asgrow AG36X6 soybean seeds. For irrigated soybeans, Kaley Wilkerson led with 93.88 bushels per acre using Stine 36LE32 seed.

"Raising 70, 80 and 90 bushel soybeans shows an outstanding combination of management, conditions and innovation, and it's great to see Missouri farmers consistently doing so well in the Association's annual soybean yield contest," said Brooks Hurst, a soybean farmer from Brookings, a soybean farmer from Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council and soybean checkoff, AgriGold, Asgrow, Baker Implement Company, BASF, Beck's Hybrids, Corteva Agriscience, Missouri Crop Improvement Association, DeltaAg, Nutrien Ag Solutions, MFA Oil, ProHarvest, Lewis Hybrids, Merschan Seeds, URSA

This year's contest saw 16 entries with soybean yields topping 80 bushels per acre, and seven topping 90 bushels per acre.

Winners will be recognized at district soybean meetings in early 2019, with a statewide winners also honored during the Missouri Soybean Association annual meeting in Jefferson City at the end of January. Winners are listed below, along with the seed variety used to reach their top-tier yields.

Statewide Winners - Irrigated Soybeans
First, Kaley Wilkerson, Montgomery City, Stine 36LE32, 93.88; second, Charles Hinkbein, Chaffee, Pioneer P47T36R, 90.03.

Statewide Winners - Non-Irrigated Soybeans: first, Wes Willbrand, St. Charles, Asgrow AG36X6, 95.61; second, John Brenner, Morrison, Asgrow AG39X7, 91.29; third, Joseph Landewe, Chaffee, FS HiSoy HS 47L50, 90.82.

The Missouri Soybean Association's yield contest is made possible by generous contributions from the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council and soybean checkoff, AgriGold, Asgrow, Baker Implement Company, BASF, Beck's Hybrids, Corteva Agriscience, Missouri Crop Improvement Association, DeltaAg, Nutrien Ag Solutions, MFA Oil, ProHarvest, Lewis Hybrids, Merschan Seeds, URSA

Farmers Co-Op, Pioneer, FMC, Legacy Equipment, Stratton Seed Company, and Sydenstricker John Deere.

District Winners: Josh Oswald, Fairfax, No-Till (Dryland), Pioneer P33T19X, 88.56; Josh Oswald, Fairfax, Conventional Till, Pioneer P38T20X, 88.33; Nathan White, Norborne, No-Till, Pioneer P40A47X, 79.97; Christy Nelson, Vandalia, No-Till, MorSoy MS 4197 LL, 74.33; Christy Nelson, Vandalia, Conventional Till, MorSoy MS 4197 LL, 71.22; Tom Ferguson, Adrian, No-Till, Pioneer P48A60X, 80.43; John Brenner, Morrison, Conventional Till, Asgrow AG39X7, 90.74; Brian D. Martin, Centralia, No-Till, Pioneer P40A47X, 74.52; Wes Willbrand, St. Charles, Conventional Till, Asgrow AG36X6, 95.61; Joseph Landewe, Chaffee, No-Till, FS HiSoy HS 47L50, 90.82; Jennifer Landewe, Chaffee, Conventional Till, FS HiSoy HS 47L50, 90.62.

Missouri's soybean harvest averages between 40 and 50 bushels per acre each year.

Participants in the Missouri Soybean Yield Contest were required to

enter their fields into the competition prior to harvest. The 2018 entry deadline was Sept. 1. At harvest, participants were required to have a designated judge verify their yield results for the competition and to submit their verified results no later than the extended deadline of Dec. 1.

Contest rules are posted online at

mosoy.org. Details for the Missouri Soybean Association's 2019 Yield Contest will be posted online at mosoy.org and announced in Missouri Soybean Farmer magazine during the spring of 2019.

To learn more about the contest, or the Missouri Soybean Association, visit mosoy.org.



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Many of these folks were not just caregivers, but became friends and adopted extended family to our family.

We also express appreciation to Bibb-Veach Funeral Home, our church family at Frankford Presbyterian Church and to our pastor, The Rev. Joe Siefkas.

And finally, we express appreciation to all our extended family, and to all the friends that supported us with gifts, memorials, cards, and prayers during this time.

Mom was known for her love of Christmas, so in her behalf, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Teacher's Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts:				
Local	\$ 4,037,292	\$ 1,214,635	\$ 555,282	\$ 5,807,209
County	1,265,902	46,421	46,334	1,358,657
State	222,320	4,450,469	40,000	4,692,789
Federal	445,654	851,740	-	1,297,394
Total Receipts	\$ 6,970,768	\$ 6,643,265	\$ 641,616	\$ 13,155,649
Disbursements:				
Instruction	\$ 923,146	\$ 6,957,062	\$ 20,281	\$ 7,900,489
Attendance and social work services	2,721	-	-	99,497
Guidance	98,260	247,137	-	303,427
Health, Psych, Speech	85,395	48,838	-	133,434
Improvement of instruction	1,862	1,320	-	3,191
Professional Development	53,048	3,073	-	56,119
Media Services	47,001	104,259	1,350	152,610
Board of Education Services	161,946	-	-	161,946
Executive Administration	202,578	148,023	9,143	359,744
Building Level Administration	817,005	940,392	-	1,757,397
Business, Internal, Social services	404	-	-	404
Operation of Plant	1,035,690	-	206,199	1,241,879
Pupil Transportation	960,073	-	77,308	977,381
Early Childhood Special Ed Transportation	13,132	-	-	13,132
Food Services	712,678	-	8,167	720,845
Community Services	69,200	70,309	-	140,199
Principal retirement, interest and fiscal charges	-	-	619,485	619,485
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,421,640	\$ 8,224,999	\$ 943,633	\$ 13,590,272
Receipts Over	\$ 1,549,128	\$ (1,681,733)	\$ (302,317)	\$ (435,100)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers	(1,681,733)	1,681,733	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (132,783)	-	\$ (302,317)	\$ (435,100)
Cash Basis Fund Balance, July 1, 2017	3,376,190	-	1,067,521	4,443,711
Cash Basis Fund Balance, June 30, 2018	\$ 3,243,407	\$ -	\$ 765,204	\$ 4,008,611

Board of Education
Bowling Green R-1 School District

We have audited the combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis fund balance of Bowling Green R-1 School District for the year ended June 30, 2018. We have also audited the financial statements of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2018. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

This statement was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the combined statement presented above presents fairly the receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis fund balance of such funds of Bowling Green R-1 School District for the year ended June 30, 2018, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

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Hannibal, Missouri
November 28, 2018

COMMUNITY NEWS

MDC Seeks Recycled Christmas Trees To Benefit Fish, Anglers

What better Christmas present could there be than a new home? Of course, some anglers might say an improved chance to catch some fish would be at the top of their list.

Christmas trees can check both boxes off the list by creating a place for fish to live and giving an advantage to anglers.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is accepting used natural Christmas trees to create fish habitat in north St. Louis County's Spanish Lake Park, Lake 34 on the August A. Busch Conser-

vation Area in St. Charles, and Cuivre River State Park in Lincoln County for use in the park's Lake Lincoln.

So how does recycling a used Christmas tree give fish something to celebrate? Turns out, a bunch of them can create the aquatic equivalent of an underwater condominium.

"A lot of lakes we work with are manmade and there's not much fish cover in them, so we have to figure out how to put fish habitat in those lakes," said Kevin Meneau, MDC Fisheries Management Biologist. "Christmas trees are one of the best ways to do that in winter."

According to Meneau, the trees provide woody cover that makes excellent habitat for invertebrates. These are an ideal food source for smaller fish, which draws them in like a magnet. This in turn brings in bigger fish and creates a situation that gives a boost to the lake's entire food chain.

"They also help young fish," Meneau added, "because when the adults spawn their young can hide in those trees."

The trees benefit some of the most popular fish that anglers like to pursue, including largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and crappie. Since these fish typically spawn in shallow water, the trees are tied to cement blocks and submerged at depths of four-to-seven feet to give emerging fish easy access to their cover.

The underwater brush piles concentrate fish, so the submerged trees can be a boon for anglers as well. By noting the location of the trees, astute anglers can focus their efforts in these areas to improve their odds. Meneau said the tree tops are usually visible for five-to-six weeks after being put into the lake before they become water logged and sink completely. This gives anglers until about mid-March to locate these po-

tential fishing jackpots. Resourceful anglers often mark the sites for future reference on maps they make themselves or by using a GPS.

Meneau said it's best to drop off the entire tree, without cutting it up or removing any branches. Tree donors should remove all decorations, including lights, garland, and ornaments before drop off.

Details regarding tree drop off locations are as follows:

•Spanish Lake Park—12500 Spanish Pond Road, which is east off Bellefontaine Road approximately a half mile north of I-270. Signs at the park will indicate the drop off point.

•August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area—2360 Highway D, St. Charles. The entrance to the August A. Busch Conservation Area is on Route D, two miles west of Highway 94. Signs on the area will guide visitors to the drop off point at Lake 34.

•Cuivre River State Park—678 State Route 147. The park is located four miles east of Troy. Look for signs identifying the drop off location.

Christmas trees can be donated at these lakes between now and Jan. 6, 2019.

Winter-Wise Weather Tips For Pets

Manage outdoor activities. The safest, most comfortable place for your pets is where you are. When temperatures dip below freezing or during severe weather, it's imperative you keep pets indoors with you and make trips outside shorter.

Offer a warm place for your pet to rest inside. A pet bed works perfectly, just make sure it stays clean and dry.

Don't cut your dog's fur in the wintertime. Your pet's winter coat is a natural barrier from the harsh, cold elements.

Consider a canine coat. Dogs with lots of fur probably don't need an extra layer to go on walks in the winter. But smaller dogs and those with shorter coats may be more comfortable in a dog sweater or jacket.

Check for frostbite. After bathroom breaks and walks, check your pet's ears, paws and tail for any signs of frostbite or ice and snow build up in the paw pads.

Wipe down after walks. Keep a dry, clean towel handy to wipe down your pet's legs, belly and paws after each outdoor excursion. Ice-melt chemicals can irritate their skin and cause serious illness if ingested.

Be careful with chemicals. Antifreeze smells and tastes sweet to pets, but it's toxic to them. Quickly clean up any spills, and consider using a brand made from non-toxic propylene glycol instead.

Keep your pet hydrated. Ensure your pet has plenty of fresh, clean water to drink. Winter air is dry!

Clear a path. Use a snowthrower to make quick work of snow removal and create a path to your pet's bathroom area. Always keep kids and pets away from the equipment.

Don't leave your pet in a cold car. It's just as dangerous to leave a pet in a cold car during winter months as it is to leave them in a hot car in the summertime.

Southeast Announces Fall 2018 Dean's List

The following students have been named to the fall 2018 Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University.

Hannah Barber of Elsberry
Anna Grote of Bowling Green
Hannah Kroenke of Bowling Green

Shelby St Aubyn of Bowling Green

Leah Waddell of Louisiana

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled courses, including credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 Show-Me-Select Heifer Sale Results

SUBMITTED BY
DANIEL MALLORY, UNIVERSITY OF
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SPECIALIST

The Northeast Missouri Show-Me-Select Replacement heifer sale averaged \$1,880 at F&T Livestock Auction, Saturday, Dec. 8.

The 16 producers of the 239 heifers were enrolled in the MU educational heifer management program. The heifers were bred to sires with both calving-ease and growth genetics. The top lot sold belonged to Bryan Evans and brought \$2,800.

Highest average price from a consignor was \$2,198 on 13 head from Gene and Kim Dryden, Hannibal. Other top consignors were Keithley/Jackson, Frankford, \$2,172 on 26 head; Bryan Evans, Vandalia, \$2,113 on 12 head; and McCutchan Angus, Monticello, \$2,075 on eight

head.

The 40 buyers were responsible for just under \$450,000 worth of bred heifer exchanging hands in less than two hours. Repeat buyers, 34, purchased 208 head, or 87 percent of the total consignment. Calving surveys returned by these buyers provide important information that is given back to consignors to improve for future years.

The Show-Me-Select heifer development program takes nearly a year to complete. The heifers complete a pre-breeding examination usually four-eight weeks before breeding. This exam includes a pelvic measurement, reproductive tract score, and weighed. Heifers may be bred artificially or be exposed to natural service, however; the service sires must meet specific calving ease EPD requirements

based on breed. This year 158 head, or 66 percent, of the heifers in the sale were synchronized and bred AI. In this sale, the choice to AI, showed a \$169 price advantage over those bred naturally.

All heifers must be pregnancy tested within 90 days of breeding by a veterinarian to determine expected calving date. The use of ultrasound has helped many of the veterinarians improve their accuracies on calving dates. During the development period the heifers undergo an extensive health program and are vaccinated at weaning, pre-breeding, and pregnancy examination as well as treated several times for internal and external

parasites. Heifers are also screened for blemishes, condition, muscling and structural soundness by MU livestock specialist and USDA graders.

Averages of other Show-Me-Select sales from fall 2018 were Kirksville, \$1,715 on 133 head; Joplin, \$1,586 on 311 head; Kingsville, \$1,832 on 237 head; Fruitland, \$2,099 on 64 head; and

Farmington, \$2,334 on 74 head.

This was the 22nd year for the Show-Me-Select heifer sale in Palmyra, and over 38,880 heifers have been through the program and 6,548 head have been sold. There were several new consignors this year and more are expected to start next year. If you are interested contact your local MU Extension Livestock Specialist.

Thank you for all your business!

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November 2018

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Missouri Improves In America's Health Rankings

The United Health Foundation released their annual America's Health Rankings yesterday, and Missouri improved from 40th to 38th. The 2018 ranking is a part of the 29th annual report, and this annual assessment factors in four determinants of health categories, as well as health outcomes. The four determinants are: Behaviors, Community and Environment, Policy and Clinical care.

"The increase in Missouri's health ranking is a testament to the work of many partners throughout Missouri," said Dr. Randall Williams, Department of Health and Senior Services Director. "While this is a good step forward, there is still work to be done. We are excited to work with Governor Parson and many of our other partners throughout the state to build upon the work and conversations started during healthcare week earlier this month."

Major factors in Missouri's ranking include moving from 37th to 19th for percentage of adults with diabetes per 100,000 population and being ranked

21st in the number of children aged 19 to 35 months immunized.

Overall national trends which are concerning are the increase in drug deaths and premature deaths throughout the United States. Concerning for Missouri are the 48th rank for adolescents receiving immunizations and the 40th rank for percent of adults who smoke.

"We know prevention messaging can make a difference, since this year we have given 100,000 more flu shots than we had by this time last year in part due to a campaign launched in collaboration with the Governor and First Lady," said Williams. "I believe this campaign is saving lives."

About the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: The department seeks to be the leader in protecting health and keeping people safe. More information about DHSS can be found at health.mo.gov or find us on Facebook and Twitter @HealthyLivingMo.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Driving Impaired Affects Lives

Officer Jared Swann of the Joplin Police Department works hard to keep impaired drivers off of Missouri's roadways. Not only is this his job, but it's his way of helping to prevent families like his own from suffering from an impaired driving crash. Swann's brother was disabled in 1999 when a vehicle he was driving was hit by an impaired driver. A passenger in

his brother's car was killed.

This holiday season, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety will be promoting Swann's story in statewide public service announcements reminding motorists of the consequences of driving impaired and urging those who plan to celebrate to designate a sober driver or call a cab. Statewide, law enforcement

will be on the lookout for impaired drivers with targeted enforcement efforts Dec. 14-Jan. 1.

There were 53 people killed and 267 seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes between Dec. 10, 2017 and Jan. 1, 2018. Eleven of the fatalities and 33 of the serious injuries involved a substance-impaired driver.

"We want everyone to enjoy a safe and happy holiday season," said Jon Nelson, executive chair of the coalition. "So we are making a special effort to reach motorists with reminders to plan ahead for a safe and sober ride home."

These crashes are clearly preventable. Impaired driving is a crime, not an "accident," and is one of America's most often committed and deadliest crimes. There are no excuses to drive impaired. The facts are known - drinking and driving can be a lethal combination. The consequences are fines, jail time or even death. Enforcement will be out in full force this holiday season. If you choose to drive impaired, you will be arrested.



Auditor Galloway Examines Child Abuse, Neglect Hotline Unit

State Auditor Nicole Galloway today released her office's audit of the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Unit, which is administered by the Missouri Department of Social Services. The hotline received more than 138,000 reports of alleged child abuse and neglect in fiscal year 2017.

Missouri law requires certain professionals who have responsibility for the care of children to report alleged child abuse and neglect. These include health care and mental health professionals, social workers, child care providers, law enforcement officials, school officials, and others classified under the law as mandated reporters. The hotline unit also receives calls and online reports alleging child abuse and neglect from voluntary "permissive reporters," which includes relatives, neighbors and others.

The audit found that although improvement efforts have been made in recent years to increase responsiveness, insufficient staffing to handle an increasing number of hotline calls has meant longer wait times, or callers having to call back multiple

times to make reports. Consequently, there is a higher risk of some abused or neglected children not receiving timely and critical assistance and protection.

"The role of the Hotline Unit is absolutely critical in protecting Missouri's children," Auditor Galloway said. "The process of receiving and reviewing allegations of child abuse and neglect - and then taking quick, appropriate action on credible reports - must be as efficient and thorough as possible. While DSS continues to implement changes to improve this process, we found that a lack of resources is still hindering the work of the Hotline Unit."

Between fiscal years 2013 and 2017, the number of reports made to the Hotline Unit increased by an average of about 4,500 annually, while staffing levels did not keep pace with the increase. Over the same period, the audit found the average hotline wait time more than tripled from one minute, 15 seconds to four minutes, 28 seconds.

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CHRISTMAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mother was finishing up supper and told us that the treats would

have to wait.

"Don't you want to see the tree, Mom?" I asked.

"After supper," she said. "Now, you and your brother go wash your hands."

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

"What's that smell?" she said.

Dad and I looked at each other blankly.

"I don't smell anything," he said.

"It smells like a hog lot," Mom countered. "Oh, no, you didn't."

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

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

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

As long as they were frozen, everything was fine. But in the

warmth of a 70-degree house, they

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"A ten-minute trip is going to take

us 45," Dad said as we crept along.

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

A family lived along the stretch, so if we ran into trouble we could always stop and call for help. I didn't know the parents, but their kids had been in one of Dad's classes about 10 years previously.

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

At that point, we were only going about five miles per hour, so there wasn't much damage. But the im-

pact knocked the stinky tree out of the bed and into the middle of the road. Dad was able to pull on the steering wheel and keep us out of the ditch. The truck righted itself in the wrong lane.

"Oh, be joyful," Dad said as he shook his head and guided the pickup back to the right side of the road. "Well, we'll have to go get it. We don't want to cause an accident."

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

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

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SPORTS CHRISTMAS

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

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

We were about to give up when Dad's attention was caught by a trail

in the snow leading up a lane to a house. It looked like something had been dragged along the ground.

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

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

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

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

The next morning, Dad got a call from Larry.

"Hey, someone chucked a perfectly good Christmas tree in the ditch along Pulaski Curve," Larry said.

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

"I picked it up on my way back from town this morning," Larry interrupted. "It's in the shed outside."

Now, I don't have to go out and cut one. I can just put it up in the living room."

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CONSOLATION Friday, Jan. 4 4 p.m.	(2) Clopton Saturday, Dec. 29 2:30 p.m. - New Gym (7) Louisiana (3) Elsberry Saturday, Dec. 29 1 p.m. - Old Gym (6) Winfield	CHAMPIONSHIP Friday, Jan. 4 7 p.m.
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Boys Bracket		
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2:30 p.m. it will be (4) Winfield taking on (5) Clopton. In the old gym it will be (2) Elsberry squaring off with (7) Wright City at 1 p.m. and then (3) Van-Far taking on (6) Louisiana at 2:30 p.m.

The championship and consolation semifinals will be held on

Thursday, Jan. 3 in the new and old gyms respectively with games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

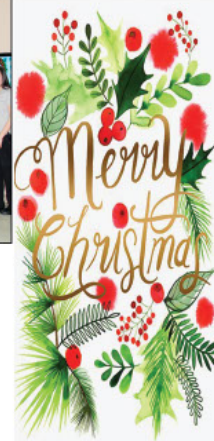
The consolation final will be played on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 4 p.m. The third place game will take place at 5:30 p.m. and the championship will be played at 7 p.m.

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Large mounds of concrete and metal surround the municipal pool structure as work continues to demolish the pool and clean up the site. The project has been given a low priority as other work in the city comes first. There are no immediate plans for the future of the site in Veterans Park. The city hopes to have the work completed by spring.

POOL

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There had been several buildings on the lot including the main structure with showers, the concession stand area and structures for the pumps and other supplies. All of those buildings have been removed from the site.

While there are no immediate plans for the future of the site, the city is hopeful to have the site cleaned up by next spring. The site will be filled and graded.

The pool was built in the late 1960s. Brown noted the city is fortunate to still have swimming facilities as the Twin Pike Family YMCA opened their aquatic center in August of 2015.



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According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop F a two-vehicle accident occurred at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16 on Rt. W, approximately 20 feet south of Vandalia. Glen A. Bailey, 73, of Curryville was attempting to back into a driveway when a 2005 Buick Rendezvous struck Bailey in the driver's side.

YMCA

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their hard work and dedication." Prior to opening, a membership drive will be scheduled, with dates, times and location to be announced. Other areas of interest such as fitness classes, programs, rentals, etc. will continue to be publicized through local newspapers and social media.

"We are less than sixty days from realizing the vision and dream that was just a concept many, many years ago. Be sure to LIKE our Facebook page to stay informed daily of the calendar of events as we approach Feb. 11," Hopke added.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Questions To Ask About Winterizing Outdoor Power Equipment

When the colder weather blows in, it's often time to put away such outdoor power equipment as lawn mowers, leafblowers, and trimmers, and get out snow throwers, generators and other small-engine equipment.

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing more than 100 power equipment, engine and utility vehicle manufacturers and suppliers, offers seven questions to help home and business owners prepare for this seasonal change.

"Good maintenance means equipment will be in great shape when spring arrives and you want to tackle landscaping projects again," said

Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI. "Now is also the time for snow thrower and generator maintenance and reviewing safe handling procedures so you're ready when the snow arrives."

1. Do you know how to use your equipment properly? Review owner's manuals for equipment. Re-familiarize safe handling procedures and required maintenance needs. If you lost your manual, you can usually find it online.

2. Does any of your equipment need servicing? Before storing equipment, clean and service it or take it to a small engine repair shop. Drain and change engine oil and dis-

pose of old oil safely. Service the air filter, and other maintenance activities as directed by your service manual. Check all winter equipment coming out of storage and see what maintenance and repairs are required.

3. Are batteries fully charged? Remove and fully charge any batteries before storage or to ready your winter equipment for a sudden, unexpected weather event.

4. Have you drained the fuel tank in stored equipment? Unused gas left in tanks over the winter can go stale. It can even damage your equipment. For equipment you'll

store over the winter, add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, then run the equipment to distribute it. Turn the engine off, allow the machine to cool, then restart and run until the gas tank is empty.

5. Is equipment properly sheltered from winter weather? Store spring and summer equipment in a clean and dry place such as a garage, barn or shed. Winter equipment should also be kept away from the weather elements, but available for use when needed. Always keep outdoor power equipment out of the reach of children.

6. Is your yard tidy and free of debris? Clear the paths regularly used,

especially during winter. Make space in your garage or basement before the weather changes, so you have room to store larger yard items, like patio furniture, umbrellas and summer toys.

7. Have you found and prepared your gas can? Always know the appropriate fuel needed. Most outdoor power equipment was designed, built and warranted to run on ten percent or less ethanol fuel. Buy the type of fuel recommended by your equipment manufacturer. Fuel goes stale and will need to be replaced if you have not used it within 30 days. Use a fuel stabilizer if recommended by your manufacturer.

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New Busch Shooting Range Hosts Over 44,000 Visitors In 2017

The Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) August A. Busch Shooting Range opened to the public at the end of October last year. Looking at the new range's attendance numbers reveals that a total of 44,419 people visited the range during its first year of operation.

The new Busch Shooting Range is the result of a complete and extensive redesign and was built from the ground up utilizing best practices in safety, convenience and environmental considerations for modern shooting ranges. It opened to the public on Oct. 28, 2017.

The new shooting range features a 20 position 100-yard shooting range, and a 15 position 50-yard range for rifle and pistol use. Shotgun shooters can appreciate five trap/skeet overlay ranges with electronic controls, and two shotgun patterning ranges. The new range includes archery facilities on site, including a static archery range with an elevated shooting tower and

broadhead range. The new education building at the shooting range offers an 80-person classroom to host on-site educational programs.

Breaking down attendance numbers offers additional insight into the range's use. According to Busch Range Outdoor Education Center Manager Bryant Hertel, the most popular activity at the range is rifle and pistol shooting. 30,927 shooters used the rifle/pistol ranges during the range's inaugural year. Of those, visitor survey results indicate rifle shooting was the largest use, followed by handguns. A smaller percentage of muzzleloaders were also represented.

The shooting range experienced a surge of first-time users in the months leading up to the November portion of the 2018 Firearms Deer Season. "With deer season, we saw a lot of new shooters who had not visited the range since we reopened," Hertel said.

A large number of shotgun shooters made use of the new facility, too, noted Hertel, with a total of 11,289 taking to the trap and skeet fields. Among shotgun shooters, trap was the most popular use, followed closely by skeet. However, user surveys show some visitors also took advantage of the patterning boards. Another 2,200 people attended the range through its educational programs or other special uses.

"All and all, it was a good first year. Thanks to all our visitors for making use of the new range," said Hertel. "We have a great facility with a very bright future."

Usage fees for the range are three dollars per hour or round of trap or skeet and includes paper targets or 25 clay targets and basic ear protection. The new range's hours of operation are:

Sept. 1-March 31
*Wednesday - Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 1-Aug. 31

Winter Weather Advisory For Your Yard

When the snow falls, your yard becomes a whole new landscape to enjoy. But there are some important things to keep in mind.

Bring Pets Inside: As a general rule, dogs and cats should be kept inside. After walks, wipe their paws and bellies, and check for ice between paw pads. Also, if you are using a de-icing agent like salt, remove that as well.

Trim Trees Carefully: When using a chainsaw, hold it with both hands, stand with your weight on both feet, and angle yourself away from the blade.

Protect Your Power: Ready your equipment before the weather hits. Make sure all batteries are charged and you have the right fuel - use

E10 or less in all your outdoor power equipment.

Clear the Way: Before snow falls, remove debris and household items from your yard. When it does snow, use your snowthrower to clear driveways, sidewalks, and a bathroom area for pets. Keep kids and pets a safe distance away when using a snowthrower or any other outdoor power equipment. To clear a blockage, first turn off the machine and always use a clean-out tool.

Ventilate Portable Generators: If a storm knocks out your power, a generator can be a lifesaver. Be sure to use it properly by placing it outside and away from windows, doors, and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come inside.

*Wednesday and Friday-Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
*Thursday: 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The shooting range is located at 3550 Route D in Defiance, approxi-

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MDC Stocking Trout In St. Louis Area Lakes

This winter, St. Louis-area trout anglers might need to buy some heavier tackle, according to Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Fisheries Management Biologist Kevin Meneau.

During winter months, the metro St. Louis area is a great place to fish for rainbow trout, thanks to the MDC's winter trout program.

Winter trout season for MDC's St. Louis Urban Fishing Program started in November. That's good news for trout chasers who now need travel only minutes to pursue their passion rather than hours.

"The whole goal of the program is to bring fish to the people, so they don't have to drive to an Ozark trout stream or trout park," said Meneau.

From November-February, MDC stocks rainbow trout in 12 St. Louis City and County lakes, as well as in five lakes at the MDC August A. Busch Conservation Area on Route D in St. Charles.

The rainbows bound for the St. Louis area are spawned and raised at MDC's Montauk Hatchery, south-east of Licking. "We'll stock close to 40,000 fish this year," Meneau said.

And this season anglers had better bring some larger nets. While the average size of the fish is about 11 inches, Meneau said that this year MDC will also be stocking some extra-large whoppers as well. "Some fish will weigh up to 10 pounds," said Meneau. "There'll be some real

tackle testers."

Area lakes stocked with winter trout include:

•Carondelet Park Boat House Lake in St. Louis

•January-Wabash Lake in Ferguson

•Jefferson Lake in Forest Park

•Koenigman Park Lake in Jennings

•O'Fallon Park Lake in St. Louis

•Suson Park Lakes 1, 2, and 3 in St. Louis County

•Tilles Park Lake in St. Louis County

•Walker Lake in Kirkwood

•Wild Acres Park Lake in Overland

•Vilas Park Lake in Ballwin

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Between Nov. 1 and Jan. 31, some lakes are catch-and-release only, and some are catch-and-keep. After Feb. 1, trout may be harvested from all lakes. Anglers should consult the St. Louis Area Winter Trout Program brochure for details, possession limits and bait restrictions, which is available at MDC offices or at <https://go.gl/T9Qpp6>, or check regulations posted at the lakes. All trout anglers between age 16 and 64 must have a valid Missouri fishing permit to participate. Anglers wishing to catch and keep trout must also possess a trout permit.

MDC provides a chance for anglers to keep on top of trout stocking efforts in the St. Louis area.

"The fish stocking hotline has become very popular," Meneau said, "and we update it right after we finish stocking for the day. It's toll free from anywhere in the St. Louis area. There's a recorded message that tells when we stocked, where we stocked, and what fish we stocked."

Anglers should call the hotline at 636-300-9651 to get the latest information.

"These close-to-home opportunities make it easy for a quick trout fishing excursion after work, or during an activity-packed weekend. It also makes trout fishing much friendlier on the fuel budget," said Meneau. Plus, this season, those lurking lunkers provide even more incentive.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Missouri Celebrates The Legacy Of Pat Jones

Pat Jones once said, "People need a place where they can be, where they're not fenced in; you can take a walk, you can run, you can jump, you can get dirty, and you can investigate whatever it is you're interested in."

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Department of Conservation celebrate the life of Pat Jones, who passed away yesterday. She was an enormous supporter of state parks and conservation.

Pat and her husband, Edward "Ted," were key supporters of the Katy Trail.

"Without them, Katy Trail State Park would not have been possible," said Governor Mike Parson. "Their initial donation of \$2.2 million made it feasible for Missouri State Parks to acquire the MKT Railroad corridor and develop it into what Missouri now knows and loves - Katy Trail State Park."

Pat and Ted were both nature and park enthusiasts and wanted to share what Missouri had to offer to all of its citizens. "If you care about something a great deal, give it away to

someone else that cares about it, too. Then it can go on forever," she said.

Pat believed in Missouri State Parks. She was a regular visitor for the annual Katy Trail Ride and participated in the Tram Tours on the Katy Trail, including this year's tour in October. She also actively supported other state parks and conservation programs and their initiatives. Missouri State Parks named Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park in honor of all their contributions to state parks. The Pat Jones Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge across the Missouri River in Jefferson City and the picnic shelter at the North Jefferson Trailhead are also named to honor Pat Jones.

"The Missouri Department of Natural Resources will miss Pat and all her love for state parks and nature," said Department Director Carol Comer. "Through her legacy, all Missourians and our guests can enjoy the very best of Missouri. Pat, you will be dearly missed."

Pat and Ted also donated land to the Missouri Department of Conservation in 1997 to form Prairie Fork Conservation Area and create a part-

nership between the Missouri Department of Conservation, the University of Missouri School of Natural Resources, and the Missouri Prairie Foundation for ongoing natural resource education, natural community restoration, and environmental research. The 900-acre conservation area provides educational opportunities for school-aged kids and research on soil, water, and wildlife. Prairie restoration is an ongoing activity in the area, including restoring about 30 to 40 acres each year. In addition, the Missouri Con-

servation Commission awarded Pat the Master Conservationist Award, the highest honor bestowed upon citizens of the state who have accomplished exemplary conservation work, in 2006.

"Pat loved to see all the kids and activities at Prairie Fork, which she got to see every day out her back door, because she witnessed the next generation getting excited about exploring the land just like she did as a kid," said Sara Parker Pauley, director of Missouri Department of

Conservation. "She always greeted the kids with a loud 'Learn, Get Dirty, and Have Fun' which is engraved on the wall at Prairie Fork in honor of her incredible conservation legacy."

"Learn, get dirty, and have fun" was Pat's ongoing motto throughout her life. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Department of Conservation will continue to take this to heart and are grateful for all Pat and Ted have done for Missourians.

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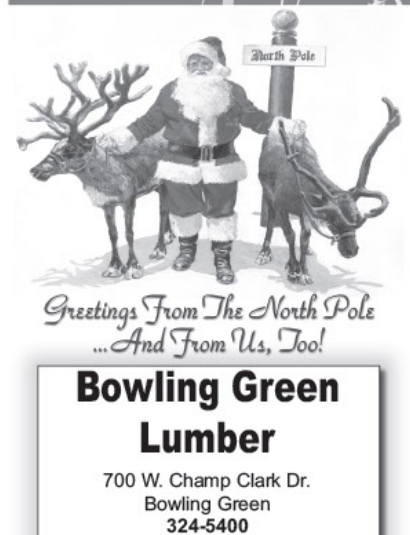
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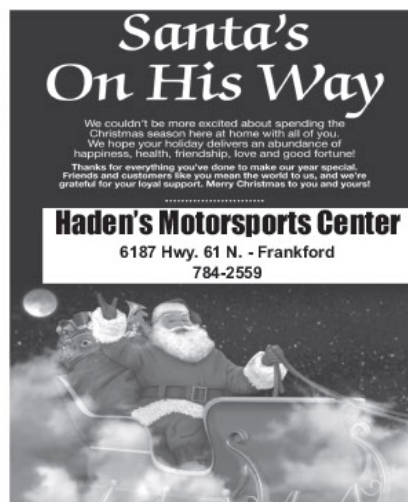
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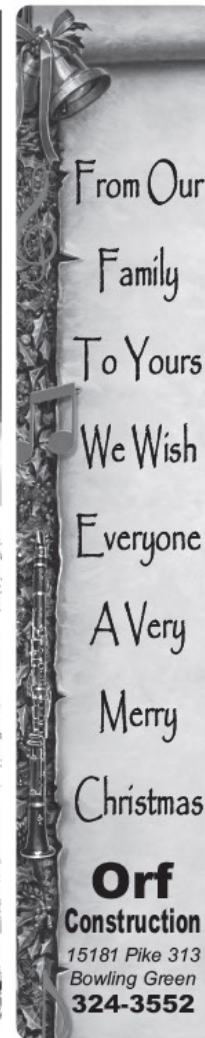
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2019 SPRING AND FALL TURKEY HUNTING DATES
•Spring Youth Portion: April 6 and 7
•Regular Spring Turkey Season: April 15-May 5
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•Firearms Deer Early Youth Portion: Nov. 2 and 3.

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•Firearms Deer Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 28-Jan. 7, 2020.

Details on hunting regulations, harvest limits, allowed methods, required permits, and other related information will be available in MDC's "2019 Spring

Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" and MDC's "2019 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklets. Both will be available where permits are sold prior to the related seasons.

Learn more about deer and turkey hunting in Missouri at hmfish.mdc.mo.gov/.

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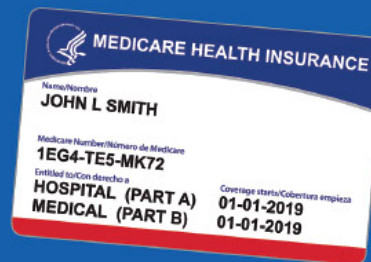
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