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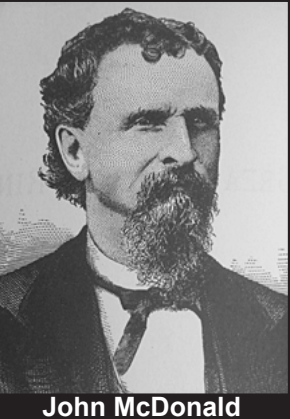
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## Hit The Road

### Henderson Ousted In Whiskey Ring Case



**John McDonald**  
By Brent Engel  
Contributing Writer  
*Editor's note: This is the first story in a series by contributing writer Brent Engel.*

A national scandal from 150 years ago entangled three Pike County men and prompted a move that no one saw coming.

The Whiskey Ring trials of 1875 involved millions of dollars, powerful politicians, rich distillers, corrupt government agents and dozens of greedy bit players in multiple cities.

John Brooks Henderson, David Patterson Dyer and James Overton Broadhead were resolute attorneys who believed in adherence to the law, and they had little regard for anyone who trifled with it — even when suspicions turned toward the administration of President Ulysses S. Grant.

Some thought prosecutors went too far. Others said they stopped short — or were prevented from moving ahead. No matter, the case included a cast more rotten than any Hollywood crooked caper.

“The investigation was long and tedious, and the

difficulties encountered while obtaining evidence of a legal and convincing character were very great,” Dyer wrote in his autobiography. “Little by little, however, facts were discovered that paved the way for an exposure which astounded and shocked the country.”

The Whiskey Ring was a scam meant to help pay for Grant’s 1872 re-election. At least that’s how it began.

It ended up lining a lot of pockets with a lot of cash. There is no evidence Grant participated in the fraud or even knew its full extent until the details came out, but some of his men were in it up to their eyeballs.

Corrupt distillers and regulators cheated the government out of tax revenue on America’s favorite liquor following the Civil War. At its height, the scheme produced what today would be almost \$47 million a year.

Federal law required distillers to pay a tax of 70 cents per gallon — around \$20 today. The Ring charged half that, but applied stamps to each barrel indicating the full fee had been paid. The bribery spread across at least six cities, but was focused in St. Louis.

The instigator was 43-year-old John McDonald, often described as a loathsome character who had great connections but no evident morals. He came to St. Louis around 1850 and quickly began hoodwinking steamboat operators on the Mississippi River. The New York Sun said the handsome swindler was considered “a tricky fellow” whose decade on the St. Louis docks “did

not improve either his manners or his morals.”

McDonald cheated on his wife — even forcing her to accept his lover into their home — and was what author Edward S. Cooper called “a completely disinterested father” to their two children.

In 1858, McDonald successfully rigged a congressional election, the outcome of which was overturned. During the Civil War, he was an officer in the Union’s Eighth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, which saw heavy action.

No one is sure when he met Grant. Historians say it could have been while the future President lived in St. Louis. The two also may have crossed paths at Cape Girardeau during the war.

A court marital in 1862 did not stop McDonald from hustling. He traded cotton with Confederates, stole fees from abandoned Southern rental properties and charged men to get out of militia service. Grant was known to value loyalty above just about everything else and he had an unshakable trust in McDonald.

Grant would later recall he “was aware (McDonald) was not an educated man” but “would not call him ignorant exactly.”

After the Confederates surrendered, McDonald became a war claims agent. Grant then appointed him a federal tax collector under the title “Supervisor of Internal Revenue for Missouri, Arkansas and the Indian Territory.”

It was yet another opportunity for criminal endeavor.

Next time: An influential prosecutor.

## The Year Christmas Stunk

*Editor's note: Following is part one of a true story by contributing writer Brent Engel in honor of his father, John Theodore "Jack" Engel, who died on Dec. 22, 2013, at age 85, and family friend Larry Eilers, who passed on March 19, 2020, at age 80.*

To me, the scents of the season are just as important as the sights and sounds.

And for that reason, there is 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 2025 is still in the family after 195 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 all the trimmings the first weekend in December. Had Dad had his druthers, the decorations would have stayed up all year, but Mom proved that Scrooges do exist.

On the Day the Engel Family Got Its Christmas Tree that year, 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, Dad asked if I wanted to tag along.

My brother, who was seven, was upset to tears 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 are 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 15 minutes later, the wind was swirling even stronger.

“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 the 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 and go.”

We put the tree in the bed of the pickup and slowly rolled back toward the blacktop. When 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

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## Vandalia Man Charged With Sexual Abuse

**BY BRICE CHANDLER**  
EDITOR

Audrain County Man Charged with Sexually Abusing a Five-Year-Old

An Audrain County man has been charged with multiple felonies following an investigation by the Audrain County Sheriff’s Office.

According to court documents filed Monday, Dec. 1, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jordan Duenkel has charged Anthony R. Holtkamp, 43, of Vandalia, with the following offenses:

- Child Molestation in the First Degree (two counts)



**Anthony Holtkamp**  
- Statutory Sodomy or Attempted Statutory Sodomy – Person Less Than 12 Years Old

-Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

The charges stem from a report made to law enforcement on Nov. 30. A probable cause statement filed by the Sheriff’s Office outlines the allegations and indicates the investigation began after a witness reported suspicious images and statements involving a five-year-old victim.

In the probable cause statement, a witness told Audrain County Sheriff’s deputies that they located a photograph of the five-year-

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## Relay For Life Returns To Pike County Raises Nearly \$14,000

**BY BRICE CHANDLER**  
EDITOR

Relay for Life Returns to Pike County, Raises Nearly \$14,000

For the first time since 2017, Relay for Life returned to Pike County and helped raise just under \$14,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Held on Oct. 4 at the Bowling Green City Park, the event was organized by Jane Gartman, who brought the cause back in honor of her daughter, Hannah, who passed away after a year-and-a-half battle with cancer. Hannah had expressed disappointment when she learned the county no longer hosted the event.

“She was just shocked when I told her,” Gartman said in an earlier interview. “She said, ‘Oh my God, Mom. Really?’”

That conversation sparked a mission and this year’s Relay marked the beginning of what Gartman hopes will become an annual tradition again in Pike County.

“It was very good for our first event in years,” Gartman said.

The evening included a silent auction, multiple food vendors, bingo, a cakewalk, children’s activities, and the luminaria ceremony. Gartman said one of the most meaningful parts of the night was hearing from speakers who had faced cancer personally.

“I felt like the speakers really made an impact,” she said. “People appreciated their stories. And I think the entertainment was well received, too.”

Still, Gartman noted that planning an event of this size for the first time came with challenges. “We got some feedback. People wanted more activities, more time with the luminarias, and a little more variety for the kids. So we’re already working to improve those things next year.”

One issue that affected turnout near the end of the evening was a pause in activities during the reading of the luminaria names. “We stopped everything (bingo,

games, everything) and some of our crowd left,” she explained. “Next time, we’ll let people keep enjoying the event. If they want to hear the names, they can go over and listen. But we won’t stop everything again.”

Despite those growing pains, community support was strong. “The area businesses were so kind,” Gartman said. “I was just showered with help. It was wonderful. The whole community really came through.”

Looking ahead, the event is already scheduled to return next year, although this time under a new name: Pike County Hope.

The biggest change? All funds raised in 2026 will stay in Pike County to assist local cancer patients directly.

“We want to be able to help people who are getting treatment,” Gartman said. “There’s no reason we can’t give someone \$50 or \$100 to help with gas or a meal. When my daughter was going through it, people brought her food, gave her gift cards, helped with gas. That kind of local support matters.”

Gartman said she had already heard from cancer survivors who tried to get help from national organizations but didn’t qualify. “They said they didn’t meet the criteria and didn’t get any help,” she said. “We want to make sure people here don’t fall through the cracks.”

Next year’s event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, and will start earlier in the afternoon at 2 p.m., to give families more time to enjoy the day.

Each team will be encouraged to run its own booth or fundraising activity. The popular bingo event led by Team Hanna Banana is expected to return, as is the cakewalk. But changes are coming there too.

“We had way too many cakes,” Gartman said with a laugh. “Next time, we’ll have some prizes mixed in. We’re also hoping to offer more things for kids.”

Teams will be encouraged to offer games or inter-

active booths, and some are already asking about adding lap-walking fundraisers similar to the original Relay format where sponsors pledged money per lap walked.

“We didn’t have lap walkers this year, but we had teams ask about it for next time,” she said. “So we’re adding that back in. Each tent will have something going on, and there’ll be something for everyone to enjoy.”

The luminaria ceremony will still be a key part of the night but moved later in the evening, with luminarias remaining lit until at least 9:30 p.m., to allow more time for people to reflect.

Pike County Hope’s next planning meeting is set for January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Home Health and Hospice building in Bowling Green, and all are welcome to attend.

Gartman emphasized that anyone who wants to help even with just one aspect of the event is encouraged to join.

“If someone wants to chair the cakewalk or handle finding speakers, that would be wonderful,” she said. “We need more people to take on those roles. A lot of folks have already told me they want to step up this year now that they’ve seen how it works.”

For those who can’t attend meetings but still want to offer ideas or volunteer, contacting Gartman directly is also an option.

Gartman also mentioned that a new logo for Pike County Hope is in the works, possibly featuring a silhouette of the county with the word Hope across it. A red-lettered Hope sign is also planned for display at the city park.

“We started this pretty late in the year—maybe June or July,” she said. “But now we’ve got a full year to plan, and we’re open to all ideas.”

Those interested in helping are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings or contact Jane by calling Sally Janes Beauty Shop at (573) 324-5491

## Louisiana Church Walk Is Dec. 14



*Bob Martin sings "O, Holy Night" during last year's Louisiana Area Historical Museum Mid-Town Church Walk. This year's event starts at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, and features 15-minute programs at First Christian, First Baptist, Centenary United Methodist, Calvary Episcopal and First Presbyterian. us are becoming more clear by the day," he continued. "Some of my priorities include more housing, a tourist attraction of some sort, and a community that is proud to be from Louisiana again."*

**BY BRENT ENGEL**  
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The Louisiana Area Historical Museum will sponsor its 32nd annual Mid-Town Church Walk on Dec. 14.

“This is a unique Christian experience that celebrates the arrival of our savior Jesus Christ as the true meaning of the season,” said Museum Board President Brent Engel. “We encourage people to enjoy the sights and sounds of the talented folks who are adding a little more joy to the holiday.”

The event begins at 3 p.m., at First Christian, 517 South Carolina. Participants will

then walk to First Baptist, Centenary United Methodist, Calvary Episcopal and First Presbyterian. There will be light refreshments at the finish.

Each church gets 15 minutes to perform a program of Scriptures, hymns and poetry. 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 abiding faith.

First Christian 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.

Louisiana has several other churches, but their distance from the downtown area makes visits by the Church Walk impractical.

Engel will continue a tradition started by the first museum president, Martha Sue Smith. She signaled when it was time to move to the next stop by ringing an antique bell. The late Dorothy Webb and museum board member Judy Schmidt have also led the walk.

This will be the fifth year Engel has had control of the bell, although he often lets children ring it. Of course, a church that goes over the 15-minute program limit could get rung up.

“I have no constraints about cutting off violators,” said Engel, who admits such Grinchy self-righteousness pushes the boundaries of seasonal bliss. “I might allow a few seconds, but don’t bet on it.”

While there is no admission charge, donations are welcomed. All proceeds will go toward the museum’s ongoing restoration project. The first phase, an upgrade of the exterior facade, has been completed. The second phase — restoration of the second floor to allow for more exhibits — is scheduled to begin soon.





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# Community News

## From The Mayor's Desk...

Thanks to Alliance for their hard work in cleaning the large amount of snow, then rain, freezing, and then no place to pile up all the frozen snow!

So how can we engineer our future of Bowling Green? Through hands on learning and through education even starting in middle school. It's not too early to plant the seeds and needs of today's AI society! We have emphasized the need for higher education for multiple decades. As a former educator, I have been a major promoter of professional education.

However, with what has been taught in our four-year colleges and universities that has been counter-cultural, and too many have graduated with unusable degrees, (I believe college is a great preparation for life experiences), not all desire nor need or can afford this type of education. I have always been a strong proponent of trade schools which can start as early as middle school. This can start with hammering a nail progressing to initial concepts of engineering.

Building a go-cart can introduce and create passions for a multitude of engineering trades from mechanics to welding, from design to storing electricity. This could lead to a passion for the motor-sport industry. Designing can lay a foundation for home, hospital, fashion, and sky-scapers! The sky is the limit. This goes for so many occupations that are here now and for the future.

There are no age limits with the possibility to retrain and re-educate workers that are concerned about losing their jobs due to artificial intelligence. All of us are created and geared to fresh starts

and lifelong learning. The problem is, we are potentially too lazy, scared, lacking confidence to start all over, or simply want to stay in our comfort zones. As a community, we must make a long-standing commitment to workforce development. This approach not only meets the needs of Bowling Green and our citizens, which includes our former and current BGHS graduates, but a trained workforce for Missouri and beyond.

We must provide high-quality, affordable education that leads to socioeconomic development in our town. Welders, mechanics, carpenters, contractors, food industry, farmers and ranchers, must open their doors to mentoring and hiring of our citizens and Bowling Green students today and not wait for other opportunities elsewhere to attract them away from our wonderful town! Business owners, farmers, and civic leaders must come together to create opportunities for our now and our future! Water and energy are needed forever, and many opportunities for water treatment and energy requirements are needed right now! Parents, please start directing your children to higher education that involves our trades as well as the need for doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals, etc. Plant the seeds, encourage big dreams, watch our children blossom into future ranchers, plumbers, etc., and become major contributors to our city and beyond.

We emphasize teamwork in our sports and clubs so let's build teams that bridge the gap between academia and industry that engineers our amazing future!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

## Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen  
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Keep each other in prayer. Pray for God's guidance in each other's lives. Thank God for everything He has done for us and continues to do for us.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week Dec. 10 - 16, 2025:

Dec. 13 - Nettie Hankins  
Dec. 15 - Anita Troxell, Jennifer Brown

Dec. 16 - Butch Cope, Kent Harter

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding their fundraiser fish fry this Thursday, Dec. 11, 4:30-6 p.m.

The menu will be your choice of catfish fillet or buffalo with three set sides which will include this

month potato salad, pasta salad, and cherry salad plus your choice of dessert and tea. Eat in or carry out. All ages are welcome. They thank you for your continued support. Questions? Please call 217-285-4969.

They also have gift certificates available for any amount. Please note that there will not be a fish fry in January or February. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December schedule for both Buggs' Family Opry and the Big River Band: Friday, Dec. 12, will be the only show that the Buggs' Family Opry will be having in December, with special guest Debbie Schneider, and it starts at 7 p.m. And the only show The Big River Band will be having in December is on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, with the show starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend both of these shows.

Again, if the weather turns dramatic and the roads get icy on the nights The Big River Band is to play, give any member a phone call or check on the newly made Big River Band Facebook page or listen to WBBA or KJFM. We do not want anyone risking to have a fall or a wreck.

"Did you know if you learned one new fact per second, to fill and overflow your brain with information would take you over three million years?" quoted by Dr. Ben Carson

Georgia and George

Ruble stopped by to visit for a few minutes on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 6. It's always nice to have friends to stop by.

The afternoon of Dec. 6, Jamie and I went to the home of Shirley and Mike Straus of Perry to visit. It was nice to get in a good visit.

The Hymn Sing at the Detroit Christian Church that was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, had 51 in attendance. Considering how many other activities was going on in the area, that was a good group. It was enjoyed by all, and several churches in our area were represented.

While Jamie and I were at the Hymn Sing, we enjoyed visiting with Rick and Veneita Blackstun. They mentioned how they enjoyed the Christmas Parade in Louisiana, which was held over the weekend.

Trivia Questions for This Week:

1. In what two states does the Appalachian Trail begin and end?

2. The angel of the Lord told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus from Bethlehem to where to keep Jesus safe from Herod?

3. Once Jesus was safe (question 2), and Herod had died, the angel appeared to Joseph and after telling him it was safe to leave, where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus to live?

4. Which state has the most miles of the Appalachian Trail?



Board members present for the presentation of a check by Kathy Paxton on behalf of the WERDCC staff charitable Campaign were Kay Robnett, Ruth Miller, Phil Penennington, Janet Heim, and Mary Thomas. Other donations received during the month of November were from Altrusa of Mexico Foundation, Curryville Baptist, First Presbyterian, Christian, Southside Baptist, First Baptist all of Vandalia, Edgewood Baptist, Farber Baptist, Hopewell Baptist of Thompson, Hopewell Baptist of Wellsville, and Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid West Ely Hannibal and another donation from WERDCC staff charitable campaign. Janet Heim donated office supplies. The board was saddened to hear off the sudden death of house manager Karen Craig. Members present for the special board meeting were Rich and Jane Duffner, Ruth Miller, Janet Heim, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett, Sterling Holbrook and Mary Thomas. At the conclusion of the meeting the board attended the funeral for Karen.

## Learn To User Deer Tallow

Learn how to use deer tallow from the comfort of your own home during two virtual programs on Tuesday, Dec. 16 with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

Historically, many parts of harvested deer were used for survival. From meat for consumption to candle making from the tallow, every usable part of a harvested deer was carefully conserved.

These hands-on workshops will demonstrate techniques for rendering fat and processing tallow. Participants will receive instructions on how to create heel balm, body butter, candles, and fire starters at home.

MDC staff will use deer fat for the demonstration. Participants are invited to follow along using fat from

deer they harvest. To collect deer fat, skin the deer and remove the hard, waxy fat from the back of the deer and around the kidneys. Once the fat has been removed, freeze it in a container or zip bag.

Registration is required for either virtual session on Dec. 16. The classes will be offered at the following times:

Noon-1 p.m. Register here: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/214092>

5:30-6:30 p.m. Register here: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/214093>

Classes are open to participants of all ages. Email Conservation Educator Ginger Miller at [ginger.miller@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:ginger.miller@mdc.mo.gov) with any questions.

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# Obituaries



## Christopher 'Chris' Jay Wheeler

Christopher Jay Wheeler, 64, of Eolia died Friday, Nov. 28, 2025, at St. Louis University Hospital, in St. Louis.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Thursday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory in Bowling Green with Bro. Sammy Lorton officiating. Burial was in Eolia Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory in Bowling Green.

Chris was born Oct. 27, 1961, in Louisiana, the son of Paul Lewis and Evelyn Louise Holman Wheeler. He grew up in Eolia and Louisiana, attending Louisiana School and graduating from LHS in 1980, where he was active in band and FFA. Following high school, Chris attended Linn Tech School where he earned an associate's degree in auto mechanics in 1982. Upon graduating, Chris worked as an appliance repair man for the Eolia Hardware Store, along with opening his own appliance repair shop before going to work for Marvin Darnell at his garage. Following the closure of Marvin's Garage, Chris operated Wheeler's Starter, Generator, and Alternator "SGA" shop in Bowling Green from 2008, until he retired in 2023. Chris attended Holiness Churches and served on the Eolia Cemetery Board for many years.

Among his interests, Chris enjoyed hunting, antique cars, and was known for his "dad jokes". Chris was an avid bluegrass picker, who could play just about any instrument he picked up. He played on the Rooster Creek Radio Show in Fulton on KFAL, McGee Greek Connection, as well as Junction 22 and the Wheeler family's Shady Nook Bluegrass Band. His children recall often loading up in the family suburban, singing and harmonizing from the back seats as they would go with their dad to different bluegrass festivals.

Above all, Chris was a family man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren and many others.

Survivors include his wife, Crystal Sue Darnell Wheeler, whom he married at the Louisiana Assembly of God Church on Feb. 4, 1983, and together they celebrated 42 years of marriage. Also surviving are his parents, Paul and Evelyn Wheeler of Louisiana; children, Jennifer McCann and husband, James of Warrenton, Julie Wheeler of Nambé, N.M., and Caleb Wheeler of Santa Fe, N.M.; grandchildren, Michael Wheeler, Samantha, Cody, and Rylee McCann; a sister, Lyn Walter and husband, Dave of Steeleville; nieces; nephews; and a large extended family.

Chris was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Lewis, Jr.

Serving as pallbearers were Don Perkins, James McCann, Everett Rael, Troy Perkins, Allan Betts, and Joe Cloninger. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Caleb Wheeler, Cody McCann, and Michael Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to Eolia Cemetery Board, Whiteside Holiness Camp, or your local church of choice.

## Bronwyn Ann Lewellen Schulte

Bronwyn Ann Lewellen Schulte, 61, of Eolia went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 28, 2025, at Mercy Hospital in Ladue.

She was born Jan. 15, 1964, in Pike County to John Preston and Naomi

Mitchell Lewellen.

Bronwyn was a graduate of Clopton High School with the class of 1981 and a graduate of Sanford Brown. She was an accomplished pianist; she could light up any piano. Bronwyn gave piano lessons and was the church pianist and member of First Baptist Church in Moscow Mills.

Bronwyn married the love of her life, Larry E. Schulte on Oct. 28, 1995. He died July 23, 2023. She moved to Eolia to be with her parents. Her father, John Lewellen, died Aug. 23, 2025.

Others preceding her in death were a brother, John Kevin Lewellen; grandparents, Jack and Margaret Lewellen and Devoit and Florence Mitchell; and an uncle, Sidney Mitchell.

She leaves behind her mother; a niece, Haley Lane and husband, Jake and family; one nephew, Joshua Lewellen; a sister-in-law, Marsha Powell Lewellen; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well as her beloved church family.

A Celebration of Life was held Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Moscow Mills at 11 a.m. The service were conducted by Pastor Ron Bullock and the music was provided by Janice Griffith.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Moscow Mills or Greenwood Cemetery in Clarks-ville.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes of Bowling Green.



## Elaine Spires Hobkirk

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Wanda Elaine Spires Hobkirk, 85, of Vicksburg, Miss., announces her death on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025. Wanda was surrounded by her family when she slipped away peacefully while under the care of the Hospice Medical Team at River Region Hospital.

Wanda was born July 22, 1940, in Montgomery County. She married Robert "Hobby" Hobkirk of Louisiana on Feb. 10, 1961. Wanda and Hobby remained side by side for 61 years until Hobby's death in 2022. Throughout 61 years, they were never away from one another for more than a couple of days at a time. Wanda worked in cafeteria services as a beloved "lunch lady" at Warrenton Elementary School for 16 years before retiring from the Vicksburg Warren School District. Wanda was known for her kindness, generosity and love for all children. She always carried extra cash in her apron pocket to pay for the meals of kids who didn't have their lunch money, and she was forever gratuitous with her serving sizes when she felt a child needed a little extra.

Wanda's other passion was "getting out and doing." Throughout her lifetime, she and Hobby traveled to 49 states, many times with the entire family in tow, creating memories to last a lifetime. One of her favorite places to visit was Mountain View, Ark., known for its live music scene.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, a son, Bruce, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kay and Parthena Spires, sisters, Mary Frances Spires, Magdeline Hamlett, Sharon Hendricks, and brothers, Leon and Donnie Spires.

Wanda is survived by brothers, Gene Spires and wife, Patty and William Spires; daughters, Janice Hobkirk Hendrix and husband, Douglas, and Jaudon Hobkirk Presson and husband, Mike. Wanda is also survived by grandchildren, Niki Hobkirk, Christin Koestler and Chase Lungrin, Laken Edwards and

husband, Matthew, Candice Presson, Michael Presson and wife, Bekki, Connor Presson, Josh Presson and wife, Julia, Joey Presson, Makayla Presson, David Hobkirk and wife, Beth Ann, and Christopher Hobkirk and wife, Kim. Wanda's extended

family included 16 great-grandchildren.

The sun has set on an amazing life. Tomorrow, when the light dawns in Heaven and darkness is no more, it may be a long walk, but our paths will cross again.

Visitation for Wanda was from 10-11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 1.

Funeral services were at Fisher-Riles Funeral Home in Vicksburg.

Following visitation with burial at Greenlawn Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Connor Presson, Matthew Edwards, Charles Lungrin, David Hobkirk, Christopher Hobkirk, and Caden Hobkirk.



## Carolyn Norena Barton

Carolyn Norena Barton, 38, formerly of Elsberry died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025, at the University of Missouri Hospital-Columbia.

Cremation rites were under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes, in Bowling Green.

Carolyn was born Sept. 13, 1987, in Louisiana, the daughter of Charles and Brenda Buffington Barton. Growing up, Carolyn lived in Elsberry and graduated from Elsberry High School in 2007. She remained in Elsberry until she moved to the Rolla area, where she spent the last 20 years. She was Christian by faith.

She enjoyed coloring, singing, cooking pasta, and was known for her sense of humor. Above all, she loved her family, especially her daughter.

Survivors include her mother, Brenda Barton of Troy; a daughter, Nevaeh Boesson of Rolla; siblings, Alanna Pool of Troy, Shawn Naber of Troy, Shane Naber of Kansas City, and Shyann Craig of Troy; many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green.



## Eileen Marie McCoy

Mass of Christian Burial for Eileen Marie McCoy, 75, of Columbia, will be at 11 a.m., Thursday at St. William Catholic Church in Perry, with Fr. John Henderson officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery in Center.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m., until the time of mass at the church.

Bienhoff Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. McCoy died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at the University Hospital-Columbia.

Eileen was born July 13, 1950, in Hannibal, the daughter of Chester Leake and Betty Willard Leake Hickman. She married Dr. William H McCoy on June 11, 2001, in Jacksonville, Fla. He preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 2013.

Survivors include one son, Jonathan Yowell and wife, Nadine of Sanford, Fla.; a brother, Michael Leake and wife, Jill of Simpsonville, S.C.; step brothers, Larry Hickman and wife, Sue of Mexico, James Hickman of Mexico, Mark Hickman and wife, Edie of Columbia, Steve Hickman and wife, Jane of Perry, Kevin Hickman and wife, Freda of Mexico, and Tim Hickman and wife, Karen of Columbia; one step sister-in-law, Diane Hickman of Center; one granddaughter, Grace Yowell of Sanford, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Linda Leake of Spring Hill, Tenn.; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, Chester Leake and Robert and Betty Leake Hickman, two brothers, Clyde and Alan Leake, sister-in-law, Cathy Leake, step-brother, Donald Hickman and step-sister-in-law, Marge Hickman.

Eileen was a 1968 graduate of Mark Twain High School and a devoted member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Columbia. She lived in Florida for 42 years before returning to Missouri in 2016.

Eileen enjoyed reading, traveling, playing the piano, and especially music through her church choir. She sang under the direction of musical director Paul Fell and contemporary choir directors, Christian and Kathleen Basi. Her faith in God, her family, and her church were most important to her. She also loved watching and feeding her beloved "hummingbirds."

Eileen will be remembered for her faith, kindness, and gentle heart.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. William Catholic Church, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Perry, MO 63462.

## Donald D. Auchly

Donald D. Auchly, 86, of Bowling Green died at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

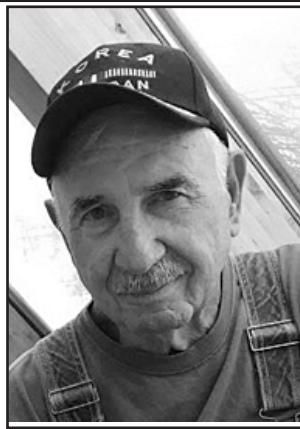
A private memorial service to be held at a later date.

He was born Aug. 19, 1939 in St. Peters to David and Evelyn Stoll Auchly. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for many years. Upon his return, he went back to college and obtained a bachelor's degree.

Surviving are his children, Brian Auchly, Michael Auchly, both of St. Peters and Christine Auchly.

He was preceded by his parents.

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## William 'Bill' C. Hogue

William "Bill" C. Hogue, 94, of Hannibal died Friday, Nov. 28, 2025, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico.

Funeral services were Saturday at 11 a.m., at Grand View Funeral Home. Chad Rosenstengel officiated. Burial was in Grand View Burial Park.

A visitation celebrating Bill's life was Saturday at 10 a.m., until time of the service at the Grand View Funeral Home.

William was born May 2, 1931, in Audrain County, to Claude and Anna Belle Kays Hogue. He was united in marriage to Dolores A Rosenstengel on May 16, 1954 in Hannibal. They spent 68 loving years together.

He is survived by two daughters, Cindy Williams and Gary Sellers of Vandalia, Tina Pickett and husband, Tom of New London; grandchildren, Cole Williams, Tyler Pickett, Mary Blackford, Alicia Lake, Bonnie Arnold, Becky Pickett; great-grandchildren, Nathan Blackford, Connor Blackford, Issac Blackford, Brooklyn Pickett, Hunter Lewellen, Kasen Lake, Emmett Arnold, Brent Arnold,

Kennady McCurdy; and one great-great-granddaughter, Taylee Blackford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Anna Belle, wife, Dolores; and a daughter Cheryl Vuch.

A Veteran William honorably served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War as a crew chief on a B-36 bomber.

Professionally William worked as a farmer.

William was a member of the Fraternal order of Eagles, Moose Lodge 841 in Hannibal, and Vandalia VFW Post 2173.

William, known by all as "Bill", loved the great outdoors. He could be found gardening, hunting, fishing, trapping, among many other activities. As long as he was outside he was in his element. William was also a great friend and enjoyed drinking coffee and shooting pool. He was very proud of his family and loved his grand children very much. He will be missed by all.

Pallbearers were Cole Williams, Nathan Blackford, Connor Blackford, Nick Blackford, Hunter Lewellen, Chad Arnold, Kasen Lake, Tyler Pickett. Honorary pallbearers were Emmett Arnold, Brent Arnold, Brooklyn Pickett, Kennady McCurdy, Taylee Blackford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home Mexico Assistance League, and sent to: 1 Veterans Drive, Mexico, MO 65265.

Online condolences may be made to the family on William's memorial page at [www.grandviewfuneral.com](http://www.grandviewfuneral.com).

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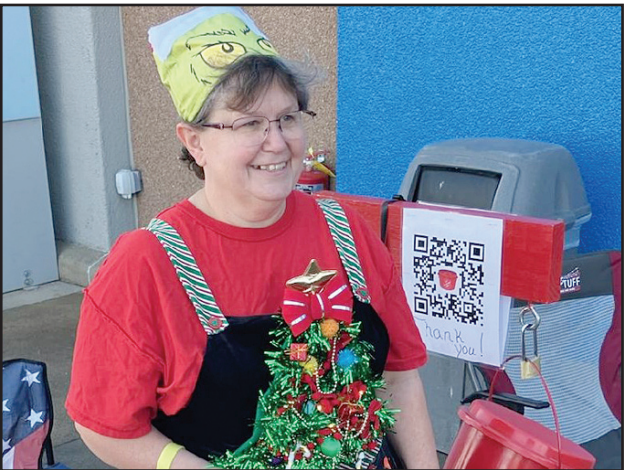
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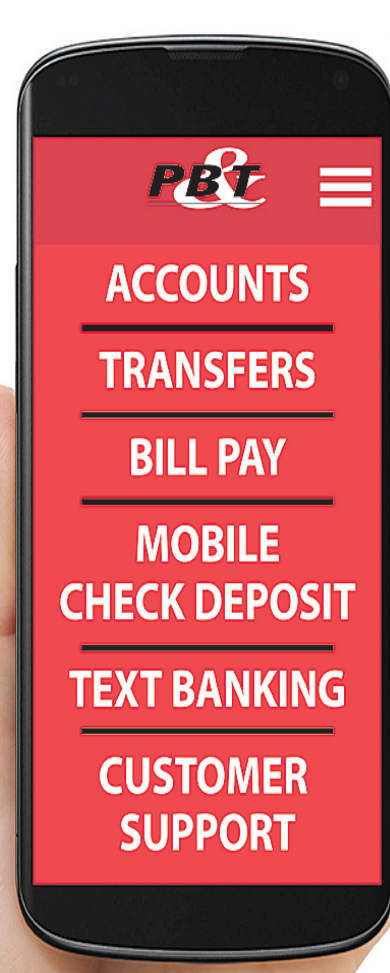
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Filing for candidates for city offices begins Dec. 9, 2025, and will continue until 5 p.m., Dec. 31, 2025.

Candidates must file with the city clerk at city hall. The office is open Monday afternoons from 1-4:30 p.m., and all-day Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., and 1-4:30 p.m.

The following offices are to be filled in the election of Tuesday, April 7, 2026:

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Voting will take place at the community building. All voters and candidates must be registered with the county clerk.

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You must live within the Middletown Community Fire Protection Districts coverage area to serve on the board.

## CITY OF FRANKFORD NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Frankford City Council has decreed a General Municipal Election to be held in Frankford on April 7, 2026, for the purpose of electing the following:

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The filing date for these offices begins Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 at 8 a.m., and will close at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025. Residents wishing to file for one of these offices may do so at city hall during regular business hours.

City hall will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, Dec. 24, 25 & 26, 2025.

City hall will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025 at 8 a.m.

No person shall be elected to any of the above prescribed offices who are in arrears of tax, lien, forfeiture, or defalcation in office at time of declaration of candidacy. Candidates must be registered voters in Pike County.

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# Community News



Aurora Ingram

## Aurora Ingram Named Miss Eastern Missouri

Aurora Ingram of Bowling Green has been named Miss Eastern Missouri and will be moving forward to participate in the 2026 Miss Missouri Teen USA Pageant.

The pageant will take place May 9-10 in Branson. She will be competing as Miss Eastern Missouri and will compete in active wear or swimsuit, evening gown, and doing a personal interview.

The pageant has two age divisions, and the winners will represent Missouri in the 2026 Miss USA® and Miss Teen USA® Pageant.

Miss USA goes on to compete in the Miss Universe® Pageant. The Miss USA Pageant system stresses beauty inside and out, physical fitness, communication skills, social awareness and community involvement. It is also a

scholarship competition for the contestants.

Aurora is a homeschool student who also plays competitive high school soccer. She enjoys volunteering with coaching area youth soccer teams (including with the Troy Youth Soccer Association) and is an active member of Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

She is a junior who plans to attend college after graduating in 2027. She is the daughter of Derek and Katie Ingram of Bowling Green.

To ensure competitiveness with the other competitors Aurora will need support from the community: she will be seeking sponsorships from area businesses and organizations in the near future.

Anyone can also reach out to support Aurora by emailing: [auroraingram24@outlook.com](mailto:auroraingram24@outlook.com).

## Registration Open For 2026 Heroes To Hives Program

Registration is now open for the 2026 Heroes to Hives program.

University of Missouri Extension assistant professor Karen Funkenbusch said veterans who want to learn about beekeeping can attend the self-paced online class, which runs March-November. Participants also receive on-ground training on hive handling, hive inspections, pest and pathogen management and beekeeping ergonomics from April-October.

### Holtkamp

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The statement goes on to state that upon locating Holtkamp, he stated, "I molested confidential juvenile victim a couple months ago, and it happened a couple more times since then. ...I don't know how it started or why it started or why it didn't stop as soon as it did."

The victim is related to Holtkamp by marriage.

According to court documents, the alleged offenses occurred between Aug. 1, 2025-Nov. 29, 2025. The complaint filed by the assistant prosecuting attorney went on to state that one of the accusations against Holtkamp "was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of statutory sodomy in the first degree requiring deviate sexual intercourse with confidential juvenile victim, who was then a child less than twelve years old."

A confined-docket hearing was held Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m., before Judge Melissa Buckman Young. A warrant request and filing information sheet were also submitted as part of the case.

All charges are accusations only. Holtkamp is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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### Christmas

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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 that year.

"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 of jing-tingers short of an elf convention. He had figured the droplets would wash the poo away. Instead, the freezing rain had attached bits of ca-ca to the needles.

As long as they were frozen, everything was fine. But in the warmth of a 70-degree house, they had returned to their stinky selves.

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

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

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

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

At that moment, I got one of my first lessons in the difference between men and women. The fairer sex has

no sense of exaggeration.

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

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

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

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### PIKE AMISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**AUCTION SITE: 8778 PIKE 478 BOWLING GREEN MO 63334**

**Annual Tack, Toy Quality Donated Items Auction**  
**Friday December 12, 2025**

**Christmas Dinner Full Course Meal**  
**Start Serving At 4:00 P.M.**  
**Auction From 6:00 P.M. Till ?**

**Menu:**  
Ham, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Corn Bread Salad, Cranberry Salad

**Desserts:**  
Pumpkin Pie, Chocolate Pie, Peanut Butter Pie

**Drinks:**  
Coffee and Ice Tea

**All You Can Eat Prices:**  
**Adults \$16.00**  
**5 to 12 Years \$9.00**  
**Under 5 Is Free**  
**Drinks Included**

**Auctioneer: Matt Zimmerman**

### SPECIAL COW SALE REPORT

**Callaway Livestock Center, Inc.**  
**Kingdom City, Missouri**  
**Thursday, Dec. 4**  
*Receipts 1,261 Head*  
**Pairs – Better Cows**  
**246 head**  
**1st Calf – Heifer Pairs**  
**149 head**  
**\$4,500 – \$5,300**

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**3–6 Yr. Old Cows (Baby to 300 lb Calves)**  
**56 head**  
**\$3,900 – \$5,100**

**6–8 Yr. Old Cows (Baby to 300 lb Calves)**  
**27 head**  
**\$4,100 – \$5,000**

**Short Solid & Aged (Baby to 300 lb Calves)**  
**13 head**  
**\$2,800 – \$3,700**

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**Bred Heifers**  
**156 head**  
**\$3,500 – \$4,650**

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**3–6 Yr. Old (2nd & 3rd Period)**  
**187 head**  
**\$3,050 – \$4,050**

**3–6 Yr. Old (1st Period)**  
**23 head**  
**\$2,400 – \$3,000**

**Short Solid & Aged**  
**99 head**  
**\$2,600 – \$3,300**  
**Smaller Frame**  
**15 head**  
**\$2,200 – \$2,800**

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**Breeding Bulls**  
**5 head**  
**\$2,750 – \$5,050**

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**Slaughter Bulls**  
**14 head**  
**\$1.90 – \$2.11 / lb**

**Slaughter Cows**  
**185 head**  
**\$1.50 – \$1.82 / lb.**

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**Receiving Hours**  
**Tuesday: 8 AM – 8 PM**  
**Wednesday: 8 AM – 8 PM**  
**Thursday: 8 AM – 5 PM**  
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Roger Temmen - 573-680-4538	Market Report	Jarrod Simpson - 573-247-0706
Justin Oberling - 217-440-7724	573-522-9244	Chad Nickelson - 573-631-1627
Claude Niemeyer - 573-470-1017	24 hour recording	Kevin Miliken - 417-588-0307
Tyler Harris - 573-220-2766	Carson Poe - 573-550-9133	Craton Blattell - 417-650-7688

**Vandalia Barber Shop**  
215B S. Main - Vandalia  
**573-594-3521**  
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Friday By Appointment  
**All haircuts \$10**  
*Harold Williams*



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WITH EVERY MATTRESS PURCHASE!\*\*

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WITH EQUAL PAYMENTS<sup>1</sup>

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#### Sofa Chaise

Why Pay \$1779

**HOT BUY!**

**\$599**



#### 6 Pc. Dining Set

Why Pay \$2199

**DOORBUSTER**

**\$897**

Set includes table, 4 chairs, and bench.

#### Queen Poster Bed

Why Pay \$1169

**SALE**

**\$569**

#### Matching Dresser and Mirror

Why Pay \$1259

**SALE**

**\$597**



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Gotham Steel  
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Ninja Foodi 6.5-qt.  
Everyday PossibleCooker



Fire HD 10" Tablet

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Fire Pit

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Ninja Foodi  
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