

Inside Scoop

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Family time at the Fall Festival

Employee Appreciation Week ended Saturday with a family-friendly picnic at Stephens Lake Park, and the event proved one fact: The Food Bank staff members have some incredible families.

Neal Loyd's wife, Lori, won the chili cook-off competition with her venison-based dish.

After everyone enjoyed chili, guests took photos next to a hay bale station and gathered around a bonfire to make s'mores.

Pictured, top, DeWaldon Frazier and his wife, Rita, and grandchildren. Below: Bobbie and Brett Kincade. Right: Mason Raithel, Niall Owens and his daughter.





Top: Don Moore and Keshia Wilson;
Stacey Brown and family; Marjani Holt
and Michael Yetman; Grace Borhart
and Kyle Kroll and Reggie Landon and wife,
Tessa Whitaker, and children.



Top: Lee Johnson with husband, Stephen, and family; Barbara and Eddie Bortrager; and Allen Williamson and Danielle Boren.

Employee Appreciation Week



Employee Appreciation Week celebrated the staff who make The Food Bank's operation possible. The week included surprise gifts (such as the pallet coaster created by Neal Loyd and wife, Lori), prize drawings and special treats in the break room. The week was capped with a scavenger hunt and ice cream social. Pictured, top, Bert Jesse and Danielle Boren enjoy ice cream. Top right, Kyle Hughley looks as though he is up to something during the scavenger hunt. Second from top: Sarah Sykes and Albert Gainwell assess their scavenger hunt finds. Above, right: Neal Loyd finds a fan and cone during the search. Above: Grace Borhart, Don Moore and Lee Johnson go over scavenger hunt strategies. Borhart's team ultimately won the challenge.

The following staff members won the following gift cards during Employee Appreciation Week:
Viola Smith
Allen Williamson
Grace Borhart
Darren White
Neal Loyd
Theresa Spaedy
Kyle Hughley
James Kuster
Sandra Thomas

The Food Bank Celebrates 35 Join us Thursday for Open House

The Food Bank will celebrate its 35th anniversary Thursday with a ribbon cutting and open house.

All staff members are asked to wear the new staff T-shirts (featuring the Missouri map) on that day. Please join us in the Volunteer Room at 4 p.m. for the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting.

The open house will run through 7 p.m., and we ask that you stay as late you as are able. Feel free to invite family members to join us, as well.

“This is not only a celebration of our history, but also an opportunity for us to usher in a new era of sharing food and bringing hope,” said Lindsay Young Lopez, executive director. “As part of The Food Bank family, we hope that you are all able to join us for at least part of our event.”

Appetizers and beverages will be provided.



Bryson to demonstrate culinary skills at 35th Anniversary Open House event on Thursday

Justin Bryson, a Warehouse staff member, will be one of several local celebrity chefs participating in culinary arts demonstrations during the 35th Anniversary Open House celebration.

The chefs are tasked with creating a meal using at least one non-perishable food item common in a food pantry. They will demonstrate preparation of that meal and will provide pre-made samples for guests to try.

Bryson will be preparing a chicken curry dish with vegetables over rice.

He says he is excited to get back into practice after graduating from culinary arts school. While Bryson prepares meals regularly at home, he said he has not prepared dishes in a commercial kitchen for more than a year.

“We’re thrilled that one of our own will have the opportunity to showcase his culinary talents at this event,” said Daryle Bascom, director of operations. “We are excited to sample his chicken curry dish.”

Bryson’s demonstration will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Volunteer Room.





Surprise baby shower predicts Borotrager baby is a girl

The Food Bank staff surprised Barbara Borotrager, pictured above with husband, Eddie, with a baby shower earlier this month. The Friday shower included lots of gifts and a few activities. Kimberly Kent, pictured, attempted to guess the gender of the Borotrager baby using Old Wives' Tales, with "girl" beating out "boy" by a few answers. Whatever the gender, we do know that Baby Borotrager will ultimately be a Donut Tycoon, based on a psychic T-shirt.