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### **Bass Pro's the King of Bucks Display Comes to Kirksville December 2-3**

Bass Pro Shops "King of the Bucks" display will be a feature at the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium scheduled for December 2-3, 2005. The Missouri Livestock Symposium and the King of the Bucks display will be at the Kirksville Middle School. Hours for viewing will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, December 2 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 3.

The "King of the Bucks Display" is a unique tribute to the animals and sportsmen who have taken their place of honor in the annals of our hunting heritage. This traveling exhibit will give every aspiring sportsman the opportunity to experience the mystique and grandeur of these magnificent animals and to appreciate the need to preserve, restore, and properly manage our nation's wildlife.

The display includes the world record Mel Johnson buck and the Del Austin buck, "Old Mossy Horns."

"The display travels to major cities throughout the United States and to have it here in Kirksville is a real opportunity for local sportsmen to view such an incredible display," according to Garry Mathes, chair of the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium.

The 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium opens its doors at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 2 and again at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 3. There are no cost or registration fees to attend the Symposium, which features an agriculture related trade show, award winning farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson on Friday night and again Saturday morning, and the Wylie and the Wild West concert on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Wylie and the Wild West concert are \$10.00 each. For tickets or ticket information call 660-665-9866.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium features nationally known speakers from 16 states on beef cattle, horses, sheep, meat goats, stock dogs, forages, predators, wildlife, crops, swine, community issues, and around the home topics. Go to [www.missourilivestock.com](http://www.missourilivestock.com) for program details and schedules, or call 660-665-9866 for additional information.

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