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**CROWDER FOUNDATION ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS**

**NEOSHO, MO** – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Wreaths is Tuesday, November 19, 2013, in the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Crowder College Neosho campus. Doors open to the public at 4:00 p.m. with the live auction starting at 6:30 p.m. This event is a major fundraiser for scholarships from the Crowder College Foundation. The event has grown every year through the sale of wreaths, trees, centerpieces, trips, electronics and more.

Hundreds of area businesses and supporters of the college donate items to the auction. This year the auction has several different items including a restored '66 Ford Mustang, Kindle Fire, 3D TV, Stainless Steel Grill, all-inclusive week in Cabo San Lucas with 1 round trip airfare, a miniature horse, kayak, Twister Safe, outdoor cedar furniture, swing set, lots of hunting and fishing items, and gift certificates.

You can Christmas shop and help a student attend Crowder all in the same evening. Live auction services are provided by Bob Lasswell and Associates.

After successfully using the automated BIDPAL service last year the festival incorporates technology into the bidding process. This simple, new technology makes paper and pencil bidding a thing of the past and will drastically cut down on your checkout wait time. You may view pictures of the auction items and start bidding on items NOW: <https://cloud.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe26851/main/home.html> or by visiting [www.crowder.edu](http://www.crowder.edu) and going to the Foundation & Alumni tab.

If you are interested in purchasing an item, but cannot attend we will be happy to place a proxy bid for you. You may view the items prior to the festival Sunday, November 17, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact the Crowder College Foundation Office at (417)455-5646 or e-mail: [foundation@crowder.edu](mailto:foundation@crowder.edu)

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Please contact our Foundation Office at 417-455-5646 or myself if you have additional questions.

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