

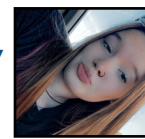


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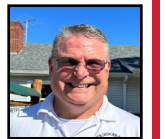
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## This Is Home: School Resource Officers Bring Safety, Build Relationships With Area Students



By  
Anita Campbell  
County  
Reporter

School Resource Officers (SRO) are relatively new to the schools in Benton County. Both Warsaw and Lincoln School Districts have SROs to help with keeping students safe.

A school resource officer is a sworn law-enforcement officer with arrest powers who works, either full or part time, in a school setting. Nearly all SROs are armed (about 91 percent, according to federal data), and most carry other restraints like handcuffs as well.

David Fajen, SRO for the Warsaw R-9 District, has been in his position for seven years. Fajen has 32 years of law enforcement experience and remains a reserve officer with the City of Warsaw and the Benton County Sheriff's office.

"I remain a reserve officer so that I do have the power to arrest someone if I have to," explained Fajen. "I work with the school administration and staff to keep students and staff safe."

Fajen said that part of his daily routine is to investigate any crimes that might occur as well as making home visits to check on students who are not attending school.

"I check out students who are not at school if their parents do not call to explain why their student is not in school," said Fajen. "Often



HELPING WITH SAFETY AND SUCCESS, School Resource Officers in Warsaw and Lincoln are relatively new concept. Lincoln SRO Bobby Greene visited with Senior Mackenzie Yearout.

I am checking to make sure the child is being taken care of and he or she is not in danger."

In addition to making sure all students are safe, Fajen conducts lock down drills and helps to teach students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

A 1989 graduate of Warsaw High School, Fajen noted that more students in 2023 are being raised by their grandparents and that there are many temptations available to young people

today due to the internet and social media.

"It is sad that we need to have SROs in schools, but it is better safe than sorry," said Fajen. "We cannot have both convenience and safety so while it is not convenient to have all the doors locked, it is a safety feature that we need to keep all our students and their teachers safe."

The main difference separating an SRO from other police officers is that, in theory, they have had

some special training on how to work with youths. A membership group for SROs, the National Association of School Resource Officers, offers several such courses. NASRO's basic 40-hour training includes some content on the adolescent brain, cyber safety, and violence prevention in schools, among other topics.

As for daily duties, NASRO indicates that officers play a tripartite role of law enforcement, informal mentoring and counseling,

and some in-person teaching. In this sense, the theory of school-based policing is aligned with that of community policing: using local partnerships with other public entities to bring more resources to bear on safety.

Bobby Greene is the SRO for the Lincoln School District. Greene served for 14 and half years with the Lincoln Police Department. During that time he served as the Lincoln Police Chief

### BRHC To Offer Grief Support Group



Bothwell Regional Health Center is offering a grief support group to the public and employees. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays starting Oct. 26 through Dec. 21 in the Bothwell Education Center at 600 E. 14th St. in Sedalia.

Hospital Chaplain Rob Ayers recently became a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist and will lead the group. Ayers has served as Bothwell's chaplain for nearly eight years and is pastor at Camp Branch Baptist Church. He has 30 years of experience in ministry and counseling and also teaches philosophy, ethics and religion part-time

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### A Surplus If We Can Keep It: How The Benton County Budget Surplus Happened



By  
Joyce Coates  
County  
Reporter

Inquiring minds want to know more about a large surplus they believe exists in the Benton County budget. One the one hand, Rick

Renno confirmed the balance in County coffers is "larger than it has ever been in the 21 years I have been in the County Treasurer." On the other, while surplus means more than what is needed, county officials have explained why they need it all.

Three sources of revenue

make up the annual budget each fiscal year that begins on January 1 and ends December 31. Sales tax revenue is the major source, then property taxes, and to a lesser degree, miscellaneous fees.

This year sales tax revenues have been down in 6 months of 10 so far, by 0.7 percent. June, July and August sales tax revenues are usually the highest for Benton county each year, but they were down in all three of those months this year. Missouri Department of Revenue will disburse September's sales tax proceeds in early November and October's in December. Proceeds from November and December each year are disbursed in January and in February of the following years, respectively.

At the same time, use taxes on internet sales have been up for the year, offsetting the negative impact of



THE COUNTY BUDGET IS BULGING with a surplus as Treasurer Rick Renno and County Commissioner Steve Daleske begin work on the 2024 budget.

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### Heritage Days Got A BIG Boost From Scout Troop #34



COOKING, CLEANING AND SECURITY were on the agenda for Scout Troop #34 during Warsaw's Annual Heritage Days celebration.



By  
Anita Campbell  
County  
Reporter

Boys from the Warsaw Boy Scout Troop #34 spent Heritage Days weekend serving food, running errands and cleaning up trash. According to Scout

Master Ben Comer, the Scouts served over 300 hot dog and 400 pulled pork sandwiches along with biscuits and gravy to the many visitors to Drake Harbor over the weekend.

First United Methodist minister Loren Whetsell and his wife Lucy Bell prepared 107 pounds of pork as well as the sausage

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Yeager's Cycle in Sedalia from 1 - 2 pm

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All toys and monetary donations go directly to the Salvation Army in Sedalia.



Let's decorate these bikes!  
Contest judging at the Salvation Army.

For more information call Mike at 660-668-4751 or Shelly at 816-392-7221.

## Community Calendar

**OCTOBER 26, 2023:** Sing-spiration, 5:00 PM, Victory Temple Church, State Rd U in Cross Timbers, Bring voice and instrument, Meal will be served, Music starts at 5:00 PM, Everyone welcome!

**OCTOBER 28, 2023:** Saturday, October 28, Sundown, Back Yard Family Movie. Stop by the Cole Camp Library tonight and enjoy a Halloween Classic! We will be out back enjoying hot drinks and smores while watching a "Witchy" family favorite! PG ages 8+.

**NOVEMBER 2, 2023:** Benton County Republican Central Committee meeting, Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Warsaw's Boonslick Library conference room, everyone is welcome.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023:** Warsaw Friends of Library will meet on Saturday, November 4, at noon in the Library meeting room. Anyone interested in the library is encouraged to attend.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023:** Saturday, November 4, 6:00 PM, Scherenschnitte (german paper cutting) Workshop. Local and Nationally recognized paper artist Shirley Cash will talk about her craft and experiences. She will also provide introductory instruction to attendants. Ages 16+, Free event, materials provided. Limited seating so register now!

**NOVEMBER 7, 2023:** Benton County Youth Coalition CARES Team will hold their quarterly meeting at 6:30 PM on November 7 at the United Methodist Church in Warsaw (Dinner served at 6:00 PM). Come and join in strategic planning and goal-setting to benefit youth of Benton County.

**NOVEMBER 9, 2023:** The membership meeting of the Benton County Historical Society will be Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 PM at the Warsaw Library community room. The May 1973 film "Preserving the American Dream in Benton County, Mo." will be shown.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2023:** Project Graduation 2024 Bingo and soup dinner, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM, Warsaw Community Building, Please support our graduates!

**NOVEMBER 14, 2023:** Benton County Retired Teachers and Support Staff will have a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at Redwing Coffee in Warsaw at 8:30 AM. All retired teachers and support staff are encouraged to join us. For further information, please contact Judy Kinkead at (660)-438-5978.

**NOVEMBER 15, 2023:** Save the Date: The Benton County Economic Development Committee will meet Wednesday, November 15, 4:15 PM, at Lincoln City Hall. The public is invited to attend. We will NOT meet in October or December. For more information, please contact Amie Breshears at (660) 438-5012 or abreshears@missouri.edu.

## NEWSbriefs

**FREE MEAL FOR ALL,** 4:30 PM-5:30 PM, Thursdays at Warsaw Methodist Church. No one turned away. Bring your appetite and your neighbor.

**MISSOURI MEDICARE ASSISTANCE:** Certified Missouri Medicare Counselors are available here in Warsaw to answer your Medicare questions, provide information on available plans, and help you understand your options. They are volunteer counselors so their services are always free and they have no affiliation with any insurance company or pharmacy. Appointments can be made by calling (660) 530-2644.

**GLORY SINGERS** invite men and women singers to join them Mondays at 10:30 AM. We joyfully sing hymns and other tunes at Warsaw Health and Rehab and Lincoln Community Care Center on alternating weeks. For information, contact Cynthia Bolinger at (660) 438-2774.

**INTERESTED IN END TIME REVIVAL?** Come join us, "The Benton County Prayer Warriors" for prayer and fasting for Souls for God's Kingdom. We meet at Shirley's Cafe every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM in Lincoln, MO on Hwy 65. For more information, please call Betty at (660) 438-6466 or Dona at (660) 723-0356.

**BROKEN VESSELS MINISTRIES** is excited to let you know that "All I want for Christmas" is in its 5th season! This is a community effort. "All I want for Christmas" is granting wishes of those who are in skilled nursing or assisted living facilities here in Benton County. Last year we (the community) adopted 257 residents. If you would like to adopt a resident or residents, please call Pastor Larry Johnston at 207-266-2933. We also have a need for chocolate and hard candy to put in bags for the residents with their packages. Broken Vessel's Ministries lost a dear friend Virginia Sidwell and filled these bags, this was her project her granddaughter Amber will continue doing this. So, in memory of her and all those we lost to cancer you are not forgotten. We could use also word searches, 300-500-piece puzzle books, adult coloring books, colored pencils, devotionals thank you in advance. You can drop items off at Pastor Larry's place at the Blessing Box 18708 Braden Rd Warsaw, MO 65355. Cash donations are appreciated as well. Please write your tax-deductible checks to Broken Vessels Ministries and send them to the address above. We thank you so much!

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## SRO

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for four years. Greene said his responsibilities revolve around making sure the school grounds are safe, patrolling during home athletic and other events and helping with students where he is needed.

"I go into each room every day to make a connection with the kids as well as to let them know I am here to help anyway I can," said Greene.

Greene recently went through Crisis Prevention Intervention training and hopes to train the staff in the ways to calm down students who may be acting in a violent manner. The training is to deescalate a situation before a student hurts himself or other students.

A recent NASRO survey found that two-thirds of SROs responding said they most identified with law enforcement, and just over a quarter most identified with being a mentor.

In addition to his duties as a SRO, Greene is also the archery coach for the Lincoln School District. He works with students from fourth grade through seniors. The father of two boys, Ben a fifth grader and Jake a second grader, Greene volunteers as a football and baseball coach for the youth league. Greene also chairs the school safety committee which involves teachers, counselors, nurses and administrators.

Federal data estimate that in the 2015-16 school year, there were some 52,000 full or part-time SROs in schools at least once a week, plus another 15,500 sworn law enforcement officers in schools who were not SROs.

Levi Ullum, Warsaw Elementary SRO officer, joined the Warsaw R-9 District this year. Ullman has ten years of experience as a police officer for Warsaw. Ullum also served as a reserve with the Benton County and Hickory County Sheriff's offices.

Ullum's main office is at South Elementary.

"My job is to make sure students and staff are safe and secure in the school," said Ullum. Every morning it is my job to make sure all the students get inside the building safely."

Ullum picks up students who might have missed the bus and accompanies the principal when he goes on home visits.

Ullum has the upmost respect for the faculty at the elementary schools.

"Our teachers are doing everything they can to take care of our students," said Ullum. "I have never seen more loving and compassionate teachers than the teachers at Warsaw elementary schools."

"This is a very rewarding job for me as I am able to connect with students. Students stop to talk to me every day and I believe we can influence our students to change our world," he said.

Last Friday, Ullum spent part of his day reading to the two pre-school classes at South Elementary.

"I truly enjoy the time I spend with the children," said Ullum.

All three of the Benton County School Districts SROs agreed that parents play a very vital role in the education of their students. Discipline and love at home is important for students to thrive. All three agreed that cell phones are definitely a detriment to education.

"Some students don't seem to think they need to follow instruction," said Greene. "They think they can do whatever they want then they are surprised when we enforce rules."

This year John Boise Middle School implemented a rule that no cell phones or backpacks are allowed in the classrooms in order to make sure student were focused on learning instead of playing on their phones.

"Many of the Lincoln teachers are insisting that students place their phones and backpacks in the hallway in order to get their attention," said Greene.

SROs are interested not only in the safety of all students but also their well-being and education.

The most recent federal data available, from the 2017-18 school year, show that about 45 percent of schools had an SRO in place at least once a week. (Another 13 percent of schools reported hosting police who were not SROs.)

This represents a steady growth over the last few decades; only 32 percent of schools reported having an SRO in 2005-06.

"I enjoy my job because I feel I am making a difference in the lives of young people," said Greene. "I want them to see a SRO as a mentor and friend as well as being an officer of the law."

## SURPLUS

(Continued from Page 1) lower sales tax revenue. "Overall," Renno said, "the county's finances are still in good shape because the numbers are close to what was budgeted."

As far as extra money, this year was the third and final in which the County received federal payouts for COVID-19 pandemic relief. The first, \$2,281,052 received under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), was fully depleted by expenditures on COVID supplies, allocations to schools and to the Health Department to meet their pandemic-related needs, and on certain building improvements within the County authorized by the Act.

Next, under the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the State allocated to Benton County \$3,776,575 (per treasurer.mo.gov/covid). The terms and conditions attached to ARPA funds require the County to file periodic compliance reports, and to obligate the funds (commit to how they will be used) no later than December 31, 2024. Once obligated, all these funds must be spent by December 31, 2026.

Lastly, payouts in FY 2022 and FY2023 under the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) amounted to payments each year of \$230,063.48 for a total of \$460,126.96 (per treasurer.gov). These funds, still available plus the interest accrued, also came with a reporting requirement. They can be spent for any purpose except lobbying.

County Commissioners have authority to decide how to use ARPA and LATCF monies in accordance with the terms and conditions of the federal legislation. Considering current inflation and uncertainty about the future, Treasurer Renno said "the Commissioners want

to hold a sizeable amount in a rainy day fund to plan for a potential downturn in the economy that would affect our sales tax revenue."

Steve Daleske, presiding commissioner, added, "because of the higher cost of doing regular business we have earmarked the money for already existing needs. We hope the costs of property liability insurance rise no more than the 7-9 percent we predicted," he said. "Health insurance premiums are going up as well but we hope not more than 10 percent."

In addition, Daleske said, "If we were fully staffed that would eat up a lot more money. Although since 2020 we have increased deputy sheriff pay from \$12.81 to \$20 an hour, because the Sheriff's Office is still understaffed we need to fill several vacancies. We also need to hire an additional prosecuting attorney to handle the backlog of court cases. Right now there are 33 jury trials scheduled from November 2023 onwards."

Work on next year's budget begins this November, to be completed by the end of the year. Throughout the end of year period the information will become available which is not now known but is required to formulate the budget—sales and use tax totals; health and property liability insurance premium increases, staffing increases, etc.

## SCOUTS

(Continued from Page 1) for the gravy.

Scout volunteer Suzi Broderson prepared the homemade biscuits while Scout Master Comer prepared the gravy.

The Boy Scouts were busy Saturday and Sunday as they took food orders from vendors and then delivered the food. They also helped in the Boy Scout trailer as they served up food to visitors.

"We appreciate the donations of ice from Beth Drake at Osage Mini Mart and water from Bomgaars," said Comer.

Other helpers included Scott Drake who sold ice to the vendors and Assistant Troop Leader Gary Roberts who helped with the trash pick-up and delivering food. The Scouts were responsible for security on the Harbor at night with adult leaders spending the night on the Harbor.

One returning vendor from last year made a \$100 donation to the Scout troop for going through the trash last year and finding an envelope he

had accidentally thrown away. Scout volunteer Darron Henderson found the envelope containing the money the vendor had collected during Heritage Days 2022 and returned it to the vendor.

The money the Scouts make go to the many activities the Scouts are involved in. They camp out every month and their next campout will be at Ha Ha Tonka.

The Boy Scout Troop #34 meets every Monday night at 7:00 PM in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. They are chartered through the Warsaw Lions Club. Any young person is invited to come and see what scouting is all about.

Their next fundraiser will be the Annual Scout Pancake breakfast sometime in April.

Master Sergeant Comer is a Missouri Highway Water Patrolman and his oldest son is an Eagle Scout while his younger son is a Life Scout. Comer has been involved with Troop #34 since 2008.

## BRHC

(Continued from Page 1) at State Fair Community College.

Ayers will use the Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program, based on the Grief Recovery Handbook, and guide those who wish to resolve their loss issues and move beyond their grief to a richer quality of life. In the eight-week program, Ayers will help participants discover what their grief is, assist in developing coping mechanisms and debunk myths associated with grief.

The class may be joined during the first two weeks, and it then becomes a closed group. There is no fee to join the group; however, participants are encouraged to purchase the program book for \$10 at the start of the course. No meeting will be held on Thanksgiving, Nov. 23.

For more information or to register, contact Ayers at cayers@brhc.org or 660-287-1090.

To view other classes and support groups, visit brhc.org/classes.

## COLE CAMP

(Continued from Page 1) consideration.

Great River Engineering employee Aspen Williams reported she had met with downtown business owners about the sidewalk improvements planned. There was no change in the development project. A major concern in that the project should maintain the district's historic identity.

Co-Mo Connect Business Development Manager Josh Merrill reported that its internet services went online that day, adding that persons wishing to sign up for service should expect short delays in getting services. Planning and Zoning Head Tammy Eckhoff reported that her group is establishing a steering committee to soon

develop a comprehensive long range development plan for the city. She emphasized that such a plan will be presented to the city as a recommendation only.

In new business, the group adopted a resolution adopting the overall Cole Camp Connectivity Study relating to the Rock Island Trail, despite minor reservations from one Alderman.

Public Works Director Heath Roark reported the water project is underway, with an expected end of year completion.

The open session was closed about 8:12 PM to go into closed session. These open meetings are usually held on 3rd Thursday eves; visitors are welcome.

**Veterans Day Assembly**

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## Wellington-Napoleon Clips Cardinals In A Game For The Ages



LINCOLN center Myles Harms prepares to snap the ball from the two yard line to his quarterback Dawson Parrott in second quarter action. Parrott raced in for the TD. The backup ran 35 times for 313 yards and 4 touchdowns. Lincoln lost 31-30. The two teams will meet again this Friday in district play.

By  
**Johnie Logue**  
Sports  
Reporter

Lincoln hosted Wellington-Napoleon last Friday night in the last regular season game. Not much going on, other than it was Homecoming night, Senior Night, Youth Recognition Night, Pink-Out for cancer awareness, the cheerleaders danced before the game, the band played at halftime, and the teams were playing for home field advantage in district play.

Lincoln QB Riley Sanders is injured and out for the season. He broke his hand last Friday and tried to play through it against Midway. He had surgery on Monday and hopes to play basketball

when the season starts.

So Dawson Parrott stepped in as the starting signal caller. With the Tigers having just one win on the season and Lincoln with only two wins coming in, both teams, needless to say, needed to taste a sweet victory. When all was said and done in a back-and-forth contest, the Tigers won 31-30 and will host Lincoln this week with the winner facing the number one seed the following week.

Coach Drehle commented, "We just made too many mistakes. We fought hard, it just wasn't enough. Our kids really stepped up. Riley Sanders was a big part of what we were doing this year. We have battled injuries all season. We will work hard this week and clean up our mistakes."

The offensive story for Lincoln was Parrott at QB. He was 35 for 313 yards on the ground and scored 4 TD's. The school record for carries is 38 held by brothers Ross Johnson (2) and Lane Johnson (1). Parrott had big runs of 66 and 46 yards.

Parrott struggled passing as no surprise being he hasn't been behind center much this season. He threw two interceptions and was 6 for 15 passing for 28 yards. He had a magnificent punt and several key tackles in the matchup.

Lucas Waterworth would take a pass from sophomore QB Jonny Hampton and race 40 yards down the left sideline on 4th and 14 untouched for the Tigers first score. Maddox Blystone would kick the extra point for a 7-0 lead at the 5:17 mark.

Parrott would score from the one to start the second quarter at 11:52. A floater to Ben Eckhoff would be good for the two point conversion to make it 8-7.

Lincoln turned the ball over on downs at the two yard line. Austin Wolf tackled the QB for the safety. it was now 10-7.

Parrott scored from the two up the middle. The PAT was no good, but it was 16-7.

Hampton hit Waterworth, who broke two tackles, for a 40 yard TD. The PAT was good and it was 16-15 at the half.

On a third and nine, Hampton hit Trotter Hughes for a TD at 4:05. The PAT was good to make it 23-16 at 4:05.

Parrott would break one in the fourth from the 40 yard line for the TD. Cam Everhart, who mauled opponents all game, made the PAT and it was 24-23.

Lincoln later pinned on their two yard line raced 98 yards down field and scored on a Parrott 56 yard run. The PAT attempt was pushed back to the 18 for a running into the referee penalty in the end zone. A trick play didn't work as it was 30-23.

On a fourth and nine, Hampton lofted a pass to Hughes for the first down on a great leaping over the shoulder catch to the 20.

Blystone would use the referee as a shield as he rambled in for the TD and a hold by Wellington went unnoticed as it was now 30-29. Hampton hit Hughes for the extra points to go ahead 31-30.

With 2:45 to go, Lincoln made a charge but turned the ball over on downs. Wellington ate up the remaining 1:20 with two knees and it was over.

Linebacker Jack Wiggins came over and patted Parrott on the back in a show of sportsmanship.

Hughes, who was all smiles after the contest, had a great game on both sides of the ball. His totals were unavailable at press time. Asked about his fourth down catch, he replied, "I knew I had to catch it. I was injured and missed our homecoming game last week so I knew I had to play in our last regular season game. This was a great game."

Larry Roberts had three batted balls for Lincoln. Matthew Cook, Isaac Komm, Eckhoff and Myles Harms at center, all stepped up their games.

Along with the missed hold there was a fourth down first down in the first half taken away from Lincoln on an apparent bad spot by the referees. Parrott clearly on replay ran passed the first down marker going out of bounds.

Lincoln will get their chance for a revenge

victory as Lincoln travels to Wellington this time around.

Lane Johnson with Lincoln Sports Network will have all the action this Friday at 7:00 PM in what should

be an exciting physical chess game. Lincoln will try to stop Hughes and Wellington-Napoleon will try to slow down Parrott. Don't miss it!

## Last Second Tackle Preserves Win For Cole Camp

By  
**Johnie Logue**  
Sports  
Reporter

It was Senior Night at Cole Camp last Friday and the boys in blue came away with a thrilling 16-14 victory over the Midway Vikings.

Most teams are banged up this time of year and Cole Camp is no exception. Last week was devastating with five key defensive players on the sidelines. Things were a little better this time around as the Bluebirds put together a total team effort to gain the much needed victory.

Seniors Cody Dewitt and Xzander Mantonya made the tackle of their lives on the two point conversion try with 22 seconds on the game clock in the fourth quarter at the one yard line.

Something to tell their grandkids about.

The Vikings scored first in the opening period on a 15 yard pass after a 13 play, 59 yard drive. The PAT was good and it was 8-0.

The future of Cole Camp football, sophomore Grant Rodriguez, scurried from eight yards out in the second quarter for a TD and senior Mr. Reid Harrison scored the PAT to tie the game at eight all.

In the third, Harrison broke the 8-8 tie with a 12 yard run and Mr. Harrison added the two point conversion to set up the thrilling fourth quarter with the 16-8 lead.

Cole Camp head coach Kevin Shearer was happy

with his defense on the night.

"To hold Midway to 14 is awesome," he said.

Dewitt, who sat out last week, had two fumble recoveries and Mr. Harrison had a 55 yard interception return and a touchdown saving tackle on the evening.

The tackle leader on the night was the aforementioned Rodriguez with 11 tackles and a sack.

The Rod was also 17 for 91 rushing with the TD. Did we mention this was a team effort?

The ever present Grady Strathman was 23 for 87 on the ground.

Bluebirds quarterback Gentry Dieckman, plagued with recent interceptions was 5 for 12 passing for 38 yards with no interceptions this time around.

Coach Shearer also mentioned that big third conversions were a key to the sweet victory.

The Bluebirds now 3-6 will traveled to Versailles for first round district play this Friday at 7:00 PM.

Back on September 22, Versailles beat Cole Camp 24-18 on a fourth quarter 59 yard TD run by Tyrus Ollison in Cole Camp. Ollison and fourth quarter tackling which has plagued Cole Camp this season will be focus points for the Bluebirds coaching staff this week according to Coach Shearer. We wish them well.



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## Warsaw Rolls Past Buffalo, Will Host First Round This Friday



By  
Adam Howe  
Sports  
Editor

If last Friday's shellacking of Buffalo at home is any indication, the Wildcats faithful are in for a fun ride into (and hopefully throughout) the 2023 MSHSAA football playoffs.

Warsaw got two defensive scores and the offense executed with minimal flaws as the Wildcats handled the Bison easily in the regular season finale, 43-6.

As fans have seen all season, the first quarter started slow but the Wildcats got on the board first when Jayce Depriest scored on a 38 yard touchdown pass from 'Cats quarterback Garrett Ferguson. "Mr. Perfect" Logan Gemes came on for the point after try, it was good and the home team led, 7-0.

Buffalo's only score of the night came when they answered that initial score on their next drive. At the 7:09 mark in the second period, Mankey scored on a 2 yard touchdown run. The 2-point try was no good and Warsaw still led, 7-6.

On their ensuing drive, Warsaw struck again on a 44 yard touchdown run, this time by Ferguson. Gemes nailed another PAT to make it 14-6.

With the backs of the Bison pinned deep in their own territory, the Wildcats defense shined when Drake Murrell rushed the edge and sacked the Buffalo signal caller for the safety to make it 16-6, and that's the lead Warsaw held at the half.

It was all Wildcats in the second half when they scored on their first possession on a 3 yard touchdown run by Ferguson. Gemes' PAT was good to make it 23-6.

Depriest scored his second TD of the night on a 27 yard pitch and catch from Ferguson and Gemes put another PAT through as the 'Cats stretched their lead to 30-6.

"Murrell Time" was "living the high life" on the defensive side of the ball when early in the fourth frame, he picked off the Bison quarterback and raced 70 yards for another defensive score. Gemes nailed another PAT and the

Warsaw lead swelled to 37-6.

Sean Reinertsen put the icing on the cake for the Wildcats late in the fourth with a 2 yard touchdown run and after Gemes PAT was blocked, Warsaw rode out the 43-6 final.

Ferguson had 10 rushes for 91 yards and 2 touchdowns on the ground. He also finished 4 for 5 passing for 110 yards and 2 TD's through the air.

Josh Harvath ran the ball 4 times for 37 yards to maintain a healthy average yards per rush.

Depriest hauled in 2 catches for 66 yards and scored 2 touchdowns while Shawn Poyser was on the receiving end of 1 pass for 35 yards.

Reinertsen had 2 carries for 5 yards and 1 TD.

Gemes finished 5 for 6 on his PAT's and missed a 25 yard field goal attempt.

On defense, Murrell led the way with 10 tackles, his second straight double-digit effort. He also had 1 sack, resulting in the safety and 1 interception return for a touchdown.

Oliver Robertson tallied 8.5 tackles on the night, with 1 sack and 1 forced fumble. Riley Taylor finished with 7.5 tackles and Depriest had 7.

With the win, the Wildcats secured the number 2 seed in the Class 2 District 3 bracket.

Father Tolton Catholic (9-0) is the number 1 seed. They are followed by Warsaw (6-3), South Callaway (6-3), Versailles (4-5), Cole Camp (3-6), North Callaway (2-7) and Carrollton (0-9).

Warsaw will host Carrollton this week in the opening round of district play. The winner of that game will face the winner of South Callaway and North Callaway.

Game time for this Friday night is set for 7:00 PM at Randy Morrow Field on the WHS campus and the game can also be viewed live on BCE TV with hosts Matt Dove and Drew Burdick.



## Spooky Golf Tourney Raises Money For Local Kids



ROSIE WALL of the WARM House presents a \$500 check to Eric Kirby (Captain America), Leatherneck Commandant while Don Wall (Batman) keeps the criminals away.

The Warsaw Leathernecks Marine Corps League #1254 sponsored a spooky themed golf tournament on Oct. 15 to raise money for Benton County Christmas Toys for Kids and raised over \$4000.

Forty-four golfers braved the chilly wind and spitting rain to play the Shawnee Bend Golf Course backwards while putting though pumpkin patches and boneyards like they were in the Twilight Zone.

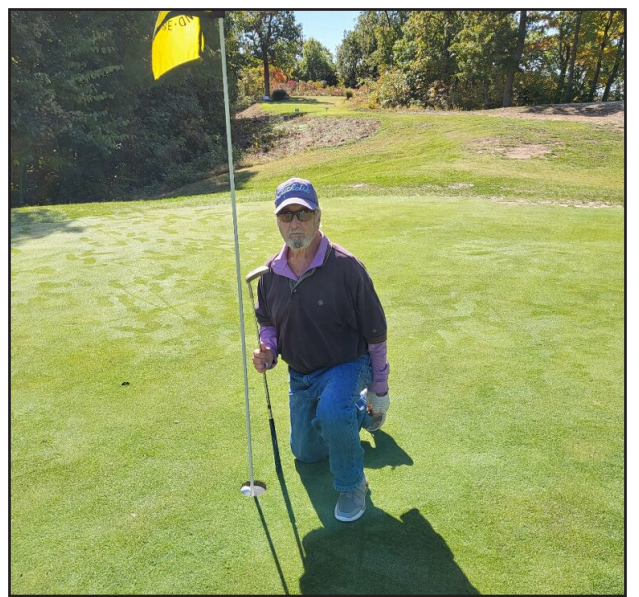
"We are so thankful to the golfers who turned out to play in our second annual Twilight Zone event and to all of our sponsors, especially our Batman Level sponsors The WARM House, CNB Bank & Trust, At the Lake Quilt Shop, Edgewood Cabinet Shop, and the Knights of

Columbus," reported Ivan Godsey, tournament director.

First place was won by Jeanette Borders, Gary Borders, Steve Kivett and John Cullum. The second place team was Kevin Spence, Mike Krouse, Dennis Robson and Roy Sommers. Third place was Cindy Glover, Rosie Wall, Keith Wall and Debbie Brockman. Brockman also won the chipping contest landing just seven inches from the target, a halloween tombstone.

"What a blast!" commented a player, "We love this tournament and it is for a great cause. The money stays here locally to help our needy families at the holidays."

## Garvin Hits Hole-In-One



WARSAW'S Larry Garvin nailed a hole-in-one on Tuesday, October 17 at Shawnee Bend Golf Course. It was his first-ever hole-in-one. The shot came on hole #14, using a 9-iron. Congratulations, Larry!

17 October, 2023

## CROSS COUNTRY

El Dorado Springs Invitational

High School Results:	
Henry Breshers	21:21.979 (34th)
Christian Culbertson	23:47.553 (49th)
Jaxson Deckard	18:29.342 (8th)
Brayden Henderson	25:05.233 (56th)
Wesley Jackson	18:24.444 (6th)
Kaleb Kellner	31:58.379 (62nd)
Malachi Kellner	36:34.082 (64th)
Elijah Long	22:33.700 (42nd)
Kaleb Ragle	22:01.248 (39th)
Maya Daughenbaugh	33:04.368 (23rd)
Jasmin Myers	26:20.775 (14th)

High School Boys Team: **3rd Place**

Middle School Results:	
Brody Boggs	16:44.560 (21st)
Caden Casteel	13:26.110 (9th)
Jaylynn Collins	20:18.809 (14th)
Serenity Culbertson	22:14.301 (17th)
Kaylee Jackson	17:35.125 (12th)
Arabella Mitchell	18:39.266 (13th)
Anjali Murdock	21:26.185 (16th)
Blaine Smith	16:03.911 (17th)
Emily Witt	22:14.588 (18th)
Chloe Yoder	16:09.272 (8th)

Middle School Girls Team: **2nd Place**

**HS Medalists:**  
Jaxson Deckard  
Wesley Jackson  
Jasmin Myers

**MS Medalists:**  
Caden Casteel  
Jaylynn Collins  
Kaylee Jackson  
Arabella Mitchell  
Chloe Yoder

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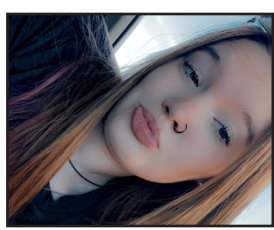
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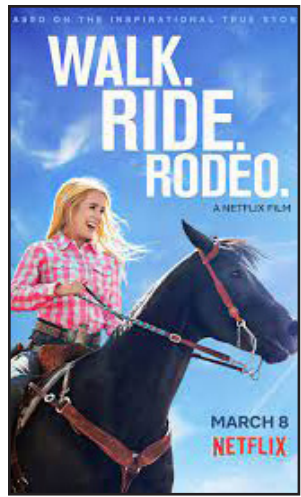
## MEET The People Of BENTON COUNTY



**NAME:** Cathy Perkins  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Sedalia  
**YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY:** 19 years  
**FAMILY:** Mom, Hayley; Dad, Cody; Sister, Erin  
**THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN WARSAW IS:** Having all of my friends close to me.  
**OCCUPATION:** Cashier/Clothing at Bomgaars  
**WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP:** A nurse  
**FIRST JOB:** Estes Drive-In  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** When my little sister was born

**THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN:** I met my best friend of 7 or 8 years, Hope Burroughs.  
**MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT:** I haven't really had any  
**WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS:** The friendships that we have and they are always there for me  
**MY GREATEST FEAR IS:** Losing any friends or my dad at a young age.  
**I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO:** Bury one of my kids one day, when I have a family.  
**I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO:**  
**IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD:** Buy my dream truck.  
**MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO:** Hawaii or Jamaica with my best friends.  
**HOBBIES:** Hanging out with friends and spending time with my niece and nephew  
**FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN:** Any country artist

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Walk, Ride, Rodeo  
**FAVORITE DRINK:** Dr. Pepper  
**FAVORITE SNACK:** Chips and queso  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** Chocolate  
**FUTURE GOAL:** To be successful  
**WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST:** My dad  
**ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF:** Listen to your dad when he is telling you something because he really knows what he is talking about.  
**WORDS TO LIVE BY:** Live life to the fullest and don't take time for granted.



**ACROSS**

- Place known for development
- It usually has busy hands
- Raised, as a bet
- Diaper cream ingredient
- Move through a kiddie pool
- Hang in folds
- Object of devotion
- Wide-mouthed pitcher
- Day of old Hollywood
- Three things started by half
- Small prop in the grass
- "Ciao, Brutus"
- A god of war
- Before, in romantic poetry
- Bests
- Investment for the golden years
- Brown ermine
- South American country
- Straddling
- Three things started by half
- Isles, to a Brit
- Camp beds
- Tootsie Pop portions
- Republicans, briefly
- Verb for Shakespeare
- It's slung in campaigns
- Pork purchase
- Breakfast meat
- Jettied bath, e.g.
- Three things started by half
- Card-game expert Edmond
- Go on the warpath, verbally
- Morsel for Miss Muffet
- Two-tone cookies
- The munchies, for one
- "Anyone \_\_\_?"
- Neglected to
- Made a right turn on horseback
- "Call of the Wild" vehicle

**DOWN**

- Middle of a three-part body measurement
- Blast from the past
- The animal, not the dessert
- Word with "conveyor" or "corn"
- One way to avoid an accident
- Anchor rope's hole
- As previously mentioned, in footnotes
- Gilpin of "Frasier"
- Milk providers
- Investigate thoroughly
- Like leeches
- "Lawrence of Arabia" is one
- Cubicle feature
- You are here
- Enjoy immensely
- Puts away groceries?
- Choppers that can't fly
- Mine discoveries
- Work an ax on stage
- Dr. Zaius and kin
- Party just for guys
- Small band
- Beat on a tennis court, e.g.
- "The \_\_\_ thickens"
- Too dry for farming
- Bakery treat
- Perfectly vertical
- Deprive of power
- Tangled into a thick mass, as hair
- DuPont fabric
- Door attachment
- Cranium
- In and of itself
- Created a sum
- Wearing footwear
- Spelling of "Beverly Hills, 90210"
- Pharmacist's item
- Suffix with "soft" or "hard," in tech
- Bullets, in Vegas

**START WITH HALF** By Timothy E. Parker

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**Fristoe**  
 NEWS  
 By Pat Arnett  
 Contributing Reporter

This past week the Fristoe area has had really beautiful weather. I know all area children are hoping this lasts through Halloween.

The members of the Antwiler Park Board announce that Saturday, October 28, there will be a community appreciation dinner with chili and additions beginning at 5:30 PM; cheese, crackers and bottled water. Any donations will be appreciated and will be used for improvements that are needed at the community building or in the park! The park board also sends a HUGE thank you to Danny Roellig for the upgrade on the parks sewer system!

Dean and I, along with friend Gail Mann, went to the benefit for Matt and Holly Henderson on behalf of their young daughter, Lovely who is in Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. The benefit was held in the Civic Center in Climax Springs. Climax Springs is a small town but there was a

really large crowd who took part in the chili cook-off, and dessert sale. Prayers are still needed for the little girl. Dean and I got to see many people we hadn't seen for quite some time and had nice visits.

Other prayers to remember are Joe and Karen DeAngelo's grandson Duncan, Kathy First, Lewis and Judy Retherford, Carolee Apperson, Gladys Harris, Easter Willis, Curtis Allen and Mary Scarbrough. Speaking of Mary Scarbrough, her son Terry has been in the hospital but came home a few days ago and her granddaughter Katie and husband did some work in Mary's front yard and it really looks nice. Mary's grandchildren do things for her if they can.

A gentlemen who used to come to the Fristoe Cafe every Sunday for lunch was a friend of Werby Williams. He and Werby were born the same day, month and year. They would have such a good time visiting and eating lunch after church on Sundays. His name was Audrey Decker, and he passed away last week. We here at Fristoe send condolences to his daughters.

I enjoy seeing folks I know and love it when they tell me about reading the *Fristoe News* and

sometimes they mention other people they know. This week I was shopping in a store and bumped into Claude and Delores Prater (I go to church with them). Anyway, a friend I have known for along time came down the aisle and stopped to visit. Rozella Stewart was really wound up to talk and I was glad to see her. She was asking about mutual friend Bill Hockman and how he was doing and I told her we had seen him about every Saturday night we make it to Cross Timbers 2nd and 4th Saturday night musicale. I also told her she would see her name in the paper this week!

Received word from Gracie Yoder saying she had made it to Thailand. Then a few days later got a message that said she couldn't wait to find out what God's plans were for their time in Cambodia! God bless her and lets all pray that she and her group are safe!

The Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church had wonderful music and worship service this morning. Sunday School started a new unit of study this week, entitled "The Bible and Today's Issues". Today's lesson was "The Sanctity of Human Life"! Specials were done by Claude and the Lighthouse singers, Br. Dave did a special and Sis. Sue also sang a special. Br. Tony Smith's message was from 1 Samuel Chapter 19, 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 covering the gifts of The Spirit he touched on Acts 2:4.

Thought for the week:

The first step to being wise is to be quiet; the second is to listen!  
 Here is hoping everyone reading this column has a safe, happy, and very, very, blessed week!



**Lodge #2783**  
 By Betty Mewszel  
 Contributing Reporter

Shuffleboard and dart players winners for October 17 and 18:

**Shuffleboard**  
 1st-Shirley/Weldin  
 2nd-Vicki/Linda M

**Darts**  
 1st-Linda S./Pam  
 2nd-Brett/Mark R.

Stop by and play Shuffleboard on Tuesday at 1:00 PM and Darts at 6:00 PM on Wednesday in a non-smoking room.

Mark your calendar for "Dining at the Lodge."  
 -October 30, Mexican Buffet, \$10.00, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
 -November 3, Steak Night, 6:15 PM-7:30 PM, please RSVP by October 30  
 -November 17, International Night-Asian Buffet, 5:00 PM-7:30 PM, \$12 one trip  
 -November 8 & 22, Tenderloins, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, \$7  
 -November 10, Fundraiser for First Responder, Soup/Chili bar, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, Donation \$10

-November 11, Veterans Breakfast, 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, Veterans eat free, others \$5  
 -November 23, Dinner potluck, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM, Lodge providing meat.

Our lodge has a candy donation barrel for Halloween candy. Please help and donate a bag or two of individual wrapped candy. We will be at the Halloween Hoopla on October 31 representing our lodge. Come on down and join the children and members having fun.

Halloween Party at the lodge on Friday, October 27, dress up or don't. Just come out and have fun. Bring a snack and enjoy the DJ starting at 7:00 PM. Event is for members and their guests.

November is going to be a busy month at the lodge, starting with a fundraiser for a Benton County First Responder, Warsaw City Police Officer Ashley Taylor. She was involved in an auto accident. The fundraiser will be held on November 10 with an all you can eat soup/chili bar, asking for a donation of \$10. This event is open to the public, so please attend to show our appreciation and support of our first responders service. Items are being donated for a silent auction and possibly a

live auction. The meal will be served from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM and the auction will be 5:00 PM-7:30 PM.

On November 11, we will be honoring our Veterans with a breakfast. The breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, Veterans eat free and everyone else will pay \$5. Stop by to have breakfast and thank a Veteran for their service. This event is open to the public.

The lodge will be open for Thanksgiving. A dinner has been planned for our members and their guests. The lodge will provide the meal and the remainder of the meal will be provided by our members. The meal is planned for 2:00 PM-4:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet at the lodge, please sign up for what you are bringing so there will be a variety of food to enjoy.

Stop by to watch and cheer for the KC Chiefs. The lodge now has a TV in the non-smoking room to enjoy, along with the one in the lounge. Bring a snack to share and cheer for the Chiefs. Wear your Chiefs attire!

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## UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI Extension

by Gene Schmitz, Field Livestock Specialist

### Winter Feeding Strategy Meetings Scheduled

Stretching short hay supplies and the necessity of using alternative feeds and feeding programs will become more important for beef cattle producers in the upcoming fall and winter months. A series of meetings have been scheduled for mid-November throughout central Missouri to discuss winter feeding options for beef cattle. Meeting locations, dates, times, and local contact information is listed below.

• **M o n d a y**,

November 13 at 11 a.m. and repeated at 6:30 p.m.; Warsaw Ambulance District meeting room, 1206 Medic Drive, Warsaw, MO.

• **T u e s d a y**, November 14 at 11 a.m. and repeated at 6:30 p.m.; Pettis County Extension Center meeting room, 1012A Thompson Blvd., Sedalia, MO.

• **T h u r s d a y**, November 16 at 7 p.m.; Ag Building at California High School, 1501 W. Buchanan, California, MO.

• **M o n d a y**, November 20 at 11 a.m. and repeated at 6:30 p.m.; Morgan County Extension Center meeting room; 4th floor Morgan County Courthouse, Versailles, MO.

• **M o n d a y**, November 27 at 11 a.m. and repeated at 6:30 p.m.; Cooper County Extension Center, 510 Jackson Road, Boonville, MO.

• **T u e s d a y**, November 28 at 6:30 p.m.; Miller County Extension Center, 134 Second Street, Tusculumbia, MO.

Collecting forage samples is a straightforward process. Most county Extension offices have stainless steel hay sampling corers that can be checked out for collecting hay samples.

They also have information on hay testing labs where the samples can be submitted. If you have questions about the hay sampling process, I have a YouTube video on the process.

Producers who would like assistance with forage sampling or have questions about forage sample test results can contact me ahead of time to set up an appointment at the various locations throughout the area.

Please note the November 16 and 28 meetings will only be presented in the evening. There is no registration fee required for these events. If you have questions, please contact me by e-mail at [schmitze@missouri.edu](mailto:schmitze@missouri.edu) or by calling the Pettis County Extension Center at (660) 827-0591.

### Nearly 350,000 Enjoy Annual Missouri State Fair Traditions In 2023



Today, Governor Mike Parson and Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe

announced that nearly 350,000 visitors attended the annual State Fair in Sedalia, which was held Aug. 10-20, 2023. The figure reflects an approximate two and a half percent increase from last year.

“Like many Missourians, the Missouri State Fair is a longstanding tradition for our family,” Governor Parson said. “The First Lady and I took our own children to the Fair when they were young and it’s an absolute joy to continue making those lasting memories with our grandchildren today. No other event showcases Missouri agriculture like the Missouri State Fair, and we’re proud of the exceptional work our team does every year to ensure more Missouri families can enjoy the State Fair.”

Special events and exhibits celebrated the 2023 Fair theme Where Traditions Grow. Statistics from fairgoer surveys consistently show that one of the top reasons guests attend the Fair is because it is a tradition for their family.

“This year we showcased many of the traditions that Missourians have come to love about the Fair,” Director Mark Wolfe said. “We asked fairgoers to share their traditions with us and posted those on our social media

throughout the summer and on signage around the grounds during the Fair. The Missouri Grown Traditions Scavenger Hunt also highlighted the many traditions our fairgoers submitted to us.”

The agriculture showcase, family-friendly attractions and shows, fair food and drink, shopping, and camping also ranked high in the list of why fairgoers came to the Fair in 2023. Concerts were also an important part of the fairgoer experience this year, with the sold-out Lainey Wilson show and nearly sold-out Nelly concert coming in as the most popular.

The carnival midway was a popular destination for Fair guests, recording its second highest year for revenue with the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday coming in as the biggest days on record.

Missouri Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn announced that entry numbers were also encouraging with more than 25,500 livestock and competitive entries shown at the State Fair in 2023. Notable increases in livestock entries shown included 37 percent for dairy cattle and 30 percent for rabbits. Agriculture Building entries for hams, bacons and summer sausage, apiculture, and horticulture increased 33 percent.

“The Missouri State Fair is our state’s largest agriculture showcase and a chance to celebrate Missouri’s top economic driver,” Missouri Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn said. “The Fair becomes the industry’s biggest family reunion and is an annual tradition for FFA and 4-H families. People from across the state come to Sedalia each year to enjoy youth exhibits, carnival rides, and food. It was wonderful to see so many people having a good time at the Fair.”

The 2024 Fair will be held Aug. 8-18 in Sedalia. To learn more, visit [mostatefair.com](http://mostatefair.com).

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2 - Ethan Allen china hutches,  
2 - Hoosier cabinets w/flour bins & enamel tops (one has accordion doors), washstand, RR lantern,  
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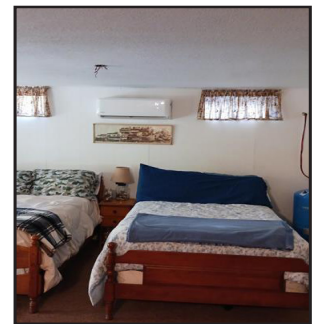
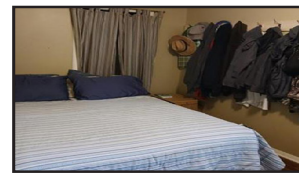
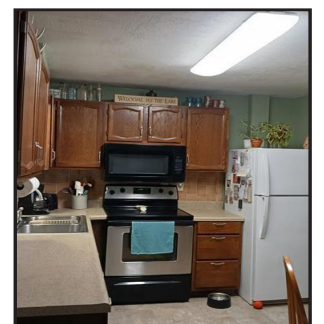
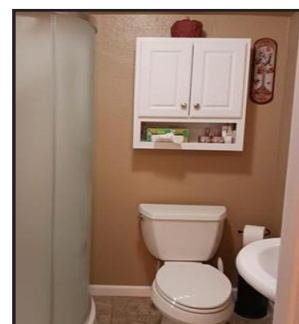
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Absolutely adorable 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath Truman Lake cottage with an open kitchen/living room and a versatile, finished basement that walks out to Corp Ground. Enjoy watching the wildlife from the deck right off the master, or take a short walk down to the lake and do some fishing! Very little to do here. Within the last year, the seller has replaced the roof and gutters, painted and added cedar shutters and columns, updated the plumbing and electrical, and installed a mini-split HVAC system. The cottage sits on 3 lots with a storage shed and 16x24 carport. Directly across the street are 3 more lots with a concrete pad, that could be used for a tiny home or RV parking, and an outdoor fireplace. Macks Camp is located on the North side of Truman Lake, directly across from Truman State Park Marina. It is just minutes from Thibaut Point, Sterrett Creek Marina, Long Shoal Marina, Lincoln, and Warsaw. This secluded subdivision offers a community boat ramp for convenient access to one of the best fishing areas on Truman lake! Call Jamie for a showing today. MLS# 96318

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TRUMAN LAKE VIEW. 3BR, 2BA ranch home with oversized garage. Backs up to Corp. Large deck and family/4 season room overlooking Truman Lake. Close to town, State Park and Long Shoal Marina. Just off blacktop. 2 miles to boat ramp. Much more to see! \$299,500 Call Luke today for more information! MLS#96100.



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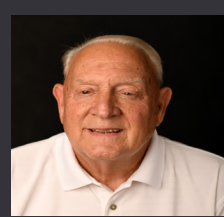
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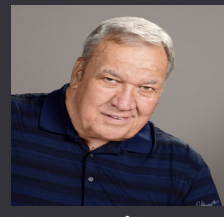
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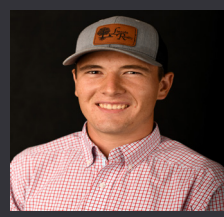
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**CLOSE TO TOWN! MLS #96284 \$129,900**



CLOSE TO TOWN! 3 BR, 1 BA Home in a Lake Community, close to Warsaw! Open living room/kitchen area. Lots of updates!! Home sits on 3 lots with fenced in backed yard. Detached one car garage. Community boat ramp in subdivision. Call for more details!!

**REMODELED! MLS #96096 \$89,900**



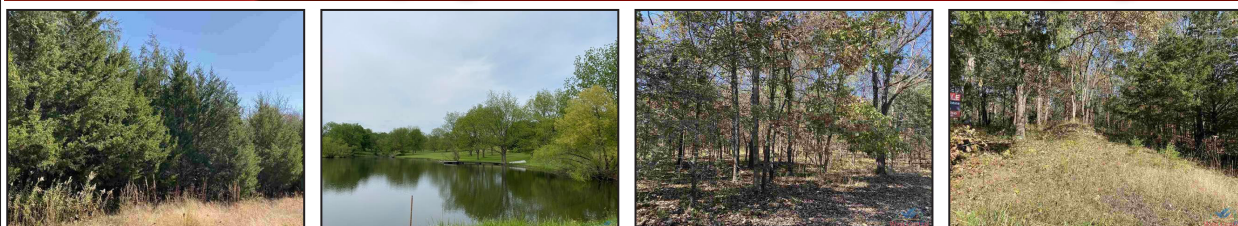
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! Freshly remodeled home on a very large lot, beautifully landscaped, and fenced backyard. 2 BR, 1 BA, new appliances, and new flooring. There is plenty of storage with two sheds and a two-car carport to protect your vehicles from the elements. This is a gated community, just minutes from Truman Lake, perfect for a weekend place or full-time residence.

**CLOSE TO TOWN! MLS #96015 \$79,900**



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MLS #96016 - Beautiful 3 bdrm 3 bath home with 2 car attached & large outbuilding in popular STERETT CREEK VILLAGE! Stately entry with wonderful floorplan. Home boasts of split floor plan with two master bedrooms on the main floor. High ceilings and wonderful views in the expansive living room. Beautiful archways lead to spacious eat-in kitchen with hardwood floors & custom cabinets. One of two master bedrooms include master bath, walk-in closet & access to the large back deck. Across the living room is the 2nd master bedroom with floor to ceiling window, full bath & walk-in closet. Main floor laundry & storage closet. Beautifully tiled lower-level family room has gas fireplace & access to concrete patio. Large lower level third bedroom, full bath, safe room & storage. This home would make a wonderful full-time home or easily accommodate 2 families as a lake home. This fantastic neighborhood includes swimming pool, community events & full access to Sterett Creek Marina!! Call Debra Anderson for a showing!



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MLS #95614 LAKEFRONT PROPERTY WITH 140 FEET OF LAKE FRONT AND A DOCK. This 3 bed 2 bath home has new flooring as of June 2023 and a metal roof. This would make a fantastic home or weekend getaway. Great location. Within minutes of Patriot Point Marina by water. Asking \$239,000. This won't last long. Call Holly today for your showing.



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MLS#95635 A 2nd Tier WATERVIEW 2BD, 2BA home at the 77MM of Lake of the Ozarks. A loft and two large living areas give extra space for another bedroom and guests! One-car garage, screened in deck, covered front porch and storage shed. Paved road to front door and Community boat ramp across the street! CO-MO internet available! A great retreat for FALL fishing!! Call Cathy for a showing! GREAT PRICE \$175,000.



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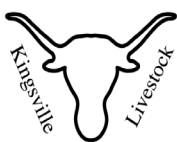


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Last Week: 2310 head. Compared to last week, steers & heifers sold steady-\$5 higher. Slaughter cows & bulls sold fully steady. Listen for our Market Report on KMZU 100.7 every Wednesday at 12:30 and again on Thursday at 6:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. by Jared Anstine.

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# OPINION



**Have I Got A Line For You!**  
By James Mahlon White

More information has been uncovered on the Biden Family's shady business dealings. The President paid \$2.75 million in cash for his beach house after Hunter sent text messages to his Chinese business partner demanding \$10 million. Sounds like 10% went to the Big Guy after all. Isn't it amazing that a life-long politician and a school teacher ended up with two multi-million dollar homes? He's not the only politician to enter the Capital broke who leaves a millionaire. Pay to play is as American as apple pie. We legalized bribery by calling it lobbying and legalized insider trading for Congress too. This rot is so deep its gangrene. Wonder if we'll take the whole world down when the Federal Government's Ponzi scheme collapses?

Speaking of the President, he started his address Thursday night by reading the instructions on the teleprompter. This is getting interesting kids and he wants billions to support war in other countries. What is being done to fix the problems here? Uncle Joe and the gang are in way over their heads. Not surprising when you fill positions with box checkers, rather than the most competent. You can get away with it when your biggest issues are pronouns, diversity training and electric cars. Now were on the verge of a major war with open borders, money to Iran and military funding cuts. **UNBELIEVABLE!**

Now why this just came to mind, I don't know. Perhaps it's because a school bus rolled by while I was walking Max. But we had a book in the R-9 North Library called "The Man Without A Country." (The library by the way, also had a TV where we watched

the Last of the Mohicans with Mrs. Bowden. It was also where we were taken to watch the news when President Reagan was shot). Another book title was "The Cave Boy" by William L. Nida. I hope that, wherever W.L. Nida is, that he's pleased somebody remembered his name after all these years.

Off that subject, Mrs. Spry told me that all I talk about is politics. Not completely true! After this disjointed column, I'm going to sit back with a double espresso. It's very necessary at the moment because I woke up at 3:00 AM. Lot's of thinking to do. Hang in there Old Buddy and I'll do the same, even if I'm a bit weary at the moment.

Til Next Week:  
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If you've invested in an IRA for many decades, it may well turn into a key source of income for your retirement. Still, you might not deplete your IRA in your lifetime, especially if you also have a pension or a 401(k) and other investment income. So, if your IRA still has sizable assets after your passing, it would likely end up in your estate plan. If you leave your IRA to grown children or other family members, could they be hit with a big tax bill?

Here's a little background: Up until the Secure Act of 2019, those who inherited traditional IRAs could extend their required withdrawals over their lifetimes, which stretched out the annual taxes due on these withdrawals. But the Secure Act changed the provisions for non-spouse beneficiaries who inherited an IRA after 2019, meaning that beneficiaries of inherited IRAs had only 10 years (beginning the year after death) to withdraw the entire balance. For some beneficiaries, this could potentially create a tax burden. (Inheritors of Roth IRAs are also required to follow the 10-year distribution rule but are not subject to income taxes on account earnings if the Roth IRA's five-year holding period has been met).

However, not all beneficiaries were affected by the new rules. Spouses can stretch their inherited IRA distributions over their lifetimes and exceptions exist for certain non-spouse beneficiaries. Minor children of the IRA owner (until the age of majority), chronically ill or disabled individuals, and beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner may opt to stretch their distributions.

The new 10-year requirement applies to IRAs inherited on or after Jan. 1, 2020. But due to confusion over changes to required minimum distribution (RMD) rules for some beneficiaries of inherited IRAs, the IRS waived penalties for individuals who failed to take RMDs in 2021 and 2022 and extended the RMD penalty waiver for 2023.

Although these rulings give



beneficiaries — those not eligible for the exemptions listed above — more time to plan, they will eventually need to start taking RMDs, which could affect their tax situations. To help protect your heirs, consider these suggestions:

- *Using permanent life insurance.* A properly structured permanent life insurance policy could help you replace the assets your family might lose to the taxes resulting from an inherited IRA. You might even consider naming a charity as the beneficiary of an IRA, rather than your family members. The charity would receive the IRA proceeds tax free, and the life insurance could then provide tax-free benefits to your heirs.

- *Leaving taxable investment accounts to your heirs.* Apart from your tax-deferred IRA, you may own other, fully taxable accounts containing investments

such as stocks or bonds. Typically, these investments receive what's known as a "step-up" in their cost basis once they are inherited. This means your heirs will essentially inherit all the gains your investments earned by the time of your passing — but they won't be taxed on these gains if they sell the assets immediately. This type of sale could help offset the taxes your heirs will incur from the inherited IRA.

The tax and investment issues surrounding inherited IRAs can be complex, so consult with your tax and financial advisors before making any moves. And, as with many areas relating to inheritances, the sooner you start planning, the better.

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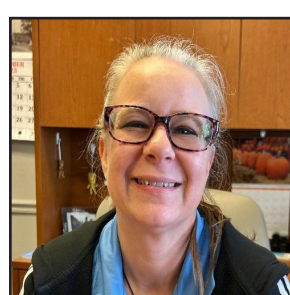
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Sheriff's Report  
10/16/2023-10/22/23

Jared Wagler of Windsor, MO was arrested on 10/16/23 on a Benton County warrant for Statutory Sodomy -1st Degree-Person under 14 years - 3 Counts, Attempted Statutory Sodomy 1st Degree-Person under 14 years, Statutory Sodomy -1st Degree, Child Molestation-1st Degree X2 counts, Incest X2 counts, Endangering the Welfare of a Child-Creating Substantial Risk-1st offense. Bond is set at \$150,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Center.

Michael D Runyon of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 10/17/23 on a Clinton PD warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. Bond is set at \$500.00 cash/surety only. Subject posted bond and was given a court date.

Tyler Loren Jones of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 10/17/23 on a 24 hold pending charges. Subject was released with a court date.

Samantha Dobnikar of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 10/20/23 on a Benton County warrant for Possession of Controlled Substances Except 35 grams or less. Subject was released with a court date.

Joshua Dean Andrews of Oak Grove, MO was arrested on 10/22/23 on a Henry County Warrant for Failure to Appear-Peace

Dist. Subject posted a \$250.00 cash bond and was released with a court date.

Todd Timothy Baker of Warsaw, MO, was arrested on 10/22/23, on a 24 hold pending charges. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Center.



Have A Safe Halloween



Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, encourages everyone to have a safe Halloween.

It's that time of year when young ghosts, vampires, superheroes, and cartoon characters are planning their night of trick-or-treating. While some local events take place in large parking lots the weekend prior, many trick-or-treaters will be out on Halloween night. It's imperative that drivers and pedestrians stay alert.

Young children excited by Halloween could dart in front of a vehicle. Slow down and drive with extra caution. Expect an increase in the number of slow-moving vehicles in neighborhoods as motorists pick up and drop off trick-or-treaters. Please be courteous and stay alert for trick-or-treaters of all ages. Distracted drivers are dangerous drivers—when you're driving, keep your eyes on the road, not on your phone!

Parents, please remind children to approach only familiar houses that are well-lit. Remind them they should never enter a stranger's house or vehicle. Consider trick-or-treating with your children for their safety and because it's a fun way to spend an evening.

Give some thought to safety when choosing a costume. Consider using make-up rather than wearing a mask, which can obstruct a child's vision making it difficult to see an oncoming car. A light-colored costume is easier for drivers to see at night and adding reflective tape to dark costumes makes them visible. Flame resistant costumes are encouraged.

All trick-or-treaters are reminded to watch for traffic while they are out and about this Halloween. Remember to look both ways when crossing the street. Use sidewalks wherever possible and trick-or-treat while it is light outside. If you do go out after dark, increase your visibility by using a flashlight and wearing a light-colored costume. An adult should always accompany small children, and older children should stay in groups.

Halloween isn't just for children. Many adults enjoy dressing up and visiting haunted houses or attending gatherings of friends. If you are driving to a costume party, make sure your costume doesn't hamper your vision. If you attend a Halloween party that includes alcohol, designate a sober driver for the trip home. Alcohol, even in small amounts, slows reaction time and dulls the senses. Driving after you've had alcohol could have a sad and possibly deadly result.

Have a safe, happy Halloween!

Follow the Missouri State Highway Patrol on Twitter @MSHPTrooperGHQ

Plan For A Sober Ride This Halloween



Share the Message: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

This Halloween, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Region 7 Office, is partnering with the State Highway Safety Offices in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska to remind everyone that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. Drivers should be extra cautious on Halloween, as more pedestrians are out at night on the hunt for

candy and more drivers are heading to and from parties. If your evening includes travel to a party or festivity, make sure you plan for a sober ride home. If you're the designated driver, honor that commitment for yourself, your passengers, and the other drivers and pedestrians on the road. Remember: It's never safe to drink and drive.

For most, Halloween is a night to trick-or-treat, get creative with costumes, and enjoy the seasonal festivities. Unfortunately, for some families, the evening has become a nightmare. Between 2017 and 2021, there were 159 drunk-driving fatalities on Halloween night (6 p.m. October 31 – 5:59 a.m. November 1). Adults between the ages of 21 and 34 had the highest percentage (55%) of fatalities in drunk-driving crashes on Halloween night in 2021. That same night, 17 pedestrians were killed. One point that is critical to remember every night, but especially on Halloween with the holiday's increase in pedestrians (trick or treaters): you need to do your part to be sober and vigilant when driving.

"No matter what your Halloween festivities include, make sure your party plans account for a sober ride home if you'll be out drinking," said Regional Administrator Susan DeCourcy. "We want our community to have a fun Halloween but, more importantly, a safe Halloween. If you choose to drink alcohol, drink responsibly and do not drive! Even one drink can impair judgment. You should never put yourself or others at risk because you choose to drink and drive. Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving."

According to NHTSA data, there were 13,384 motor vehicle crash-related deaths involving alcohol-impaired drivers in 2021. This represented 31% of all traffic fatalities in the United States for the year and a 14.2% increase from 2020. Do not contribute to these senseless deaths by driving impaired this Halloween. Drivers should also watch out for unpredictable pedestrians — whether they are children trick-or-treating or adults who have had too much to drink. Walking on or near roadways while intoxicated can also be deadly, as a lack of attention to surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle. "Thousands of families

and children will be out on Halloween night," said DeCourcy. "We expect drivers to refrain from driving after drinking on Halloween night and every single day. Let's work together to keep our community safe," she said.

Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, except in Utah, where the limit is .05 g/dL. In addition to the danger in which you place others while driving impaired, your wallet can see consequences. If you're caught drinking and driving, you could face jail time, lose your driver's license and your vehicle, and pay up to \$10,000 in attorney's fees, fines, car towing, higher insurance rates, and lost wages — much more expensive than a taxi or rideshare.

No one should mix drinking and driving, and no one is immune to the effects of drunk driving. If you find yourself drunk and stranded with your vehicle, follow these tips to keep you and others safe:

Give your keys to a sober driver who can safely drive you home or call a taxi/rideshare.

Remind your friends to never get in the vehicle with a drunk driver.

If you have a friend who is about to drive drunk, take away their keys and help them get home safely.

Always have a plan before you head out for the evening.

If you wait until after you've been drinking to figure out how to get from one place to the next, you're already too impaired to make the right choices.

Remember, you shouldn't worry about offending someone; you might be saving their life.

There are plenty of options to help impaired drivers get home safely, such as designating a sober driver or calling a taxi or rideshare. If available, you can use your community's sober ride program. Finally, if you see a drunk driver on the road, do not hesitate to call 911.

Always remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving](http://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving).

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MDC Stresses Safety For Non-Hunters During Season



Non-hunters out in nature during hunting seasons should practice simple safety measures.

With deer and turkey hunting underway in Missouri, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds non-hunters to practice safety measures when afield during hunting seasons.

"Safety while hunting is ultimately the responsibility of the hunter," said MDC Hunter Education Coordinator Justin McGuire. "Hunters must clearly identify their targeted game animals before even putting their fingers on the triggers of their firearms or before drawing their bows when archery hunting. They must also be aware of what is behind their targets and should never shoot at movement or sound."

McGuire added that non-hunters out in hunting areas can also practice some safety measures. He and MDC offer these safety tips for non-hunters:

-Wear bright clothing to be more visible, such as a bright orange hat, jacket, or pack.

-Place a bright orange vest or bandana on the canines who join you and keep them leashed.

-Avoid earth-toned or animal-colored clothing such as tan and brown.

-Be aware that hunters are often most active during the early morning and late afternoon, when game animals are most active. Be especially aware of your own visibility during these times when light is dim.

-Stay on designated trails. Trails are designed to improve the safety of public users and to protect sensitive habitats. Enjoying recreational activities only on designated trails will reduce the likelihood of entering hunting areas.

-Whenever venturing into the outdoors, let someone know where you are going and when to expect your return.

-Make yourself known. If you hear shooting, raise your voice, and let hunters know you are in the area.

-Be courteous. Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don't make unnecessary noise to disturb wildlife. Avoid conflict.

-Identify hunting seasons and lands open to hunting. Learn where and when hunting is taking place. Plan your recreation activities based on this information.

Find information on Missouri hunting seasons at [mo.gov/hunting-trapping](http://mo.gov/hunting-trapping).

-Find conservation areas that allow hunting and those that do not by using the MDC Places to Go web feature at [mo.gov/discover-nature/places](http://mo.gov/discover-nature/places).

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