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Man With A Plan: Randy Pogue Named BCE Person Of The Year

City Of Warsaw Affirms Reduced Budget For 2024



Randy Pogue, Warsaw City Administrator, has been named Person of the Year by the Benton County Enterprise. He is the third person to be honored with this fairly new annual award for accomplishments in the community that promote the health and well-being of its citizens. Pogue was presented with a plaque from the Benton County Enterprise staff on Friday, December 29.

Adam Howe, Editor of the Benton County Enterprise, said that he as well as publisher Jim White and other staff on the select committee look through the county each year to see what good things people in the community are doing and in 2023, they found Randy Pogue. During Pogue's award presentation, Howe spoke about how Pogue and his staff have put great efforts into obtaining many grants that have improved infrastructure and amenities within the city. He said that those improvements have also brought profound impressions that extend into the county as well.

"The persistence and the efficiency that he exhibited to recently obtain the RAISE grant and the unequivocal impacts that those upgrades will have in the Warsaw community will be felt for



A RELENTLESS PURSUIT of the RAISE Grant by Warsaw City Administrator Randy Pogue came to fruition in 2023 and will transform the lives of citizens and visitors alike. Pogue was presented with a 2023 Person of the Year plaque from Benton County Enterprise Publisher James White and Editor-In-Chief Adam Howe.

many years to come," said Howe.

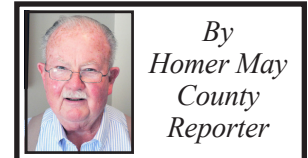
When Pogue was asked to name some of his proudest accomplishments while serving as City Manager and City Administrator, he mentioned the ability to be able to get funds to revitalize town and waterfront trails,

and all the parks. He said that grants provided most of the funds and he thanked employees in field, parks, and transportation, because labor was a big part of matching funds for trails and parks. He also said that he is excited about the Steamboat playground

Phase II because he likes to take care of the community's kids. The Bibb family wants to contribute a dollar of their funds for every dollar the community donates to make a more age diverse playground area, shade structures and a restroom. If the community can match

up to \$300,000 that the Bibb family is willing to donate, Pogue expects that the playground can be expanded to triple its current size.

"We recently were made the recipients of a \$25 million RAISE POGUE Page 3



In regular session Tuesday eve, Warsaw's Board of Aldermen approved a reduced overall 2024 budget for its city funds and okayed a 3.5% salary increase for full-time employees. Both actions had been suggested by City Administrator Randy Pogue at a recent meeting.

The meeting opened at 6:00 PM on December 26, with Aldermen Eric Flores, Lou Breshears, Adam Howe and Rob Coskey present. Mayor Eddie Simons and Alderman Reba Slavens were both absent from the quorum of the meeting. Alderman Flores served as Mayor Pro Tem in Simons' absence. City Clerk Jessica Kendall recorded.

First actions by this group was to approve the agenda and minutes of their previous meeting.

There was no other business, so the group went into executive session at about 6:10 PM. In that session, and upon the recommendation of the city's Planning and Zoning board, appointed Elvin Ehrhart as that board's newest member during its closed session.

Visitors are always welcomed to the group's open sessions, which are usually held on 1st and 3rd Monday eves, the next being scheduled for Tuesday, January 2.

BCHD Home Health Agency Presented Prestigious Award

Benton County Health Department Home Health Agency has been named a 2023 HHCAHPS Honors Elite Award recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst, the premiere provider of RCM services, CAHPS surveys

and advanced analytics for home health and hospice organizations.

This prestigious annual review recognizes agencies that continuously provide a positive patient experience and high-quality care

as measured from the patient's experiences and perspective of their home health care. It acknowledges the highest performing agencies by analyzing the performance of the Home Health

Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HHCAHPS) survey satisfaction measures.

HHCAHPS Honors acknowledges the highest performing agencies by analyzing performance on the willingness to recommend question as a qualifier and then analyzing performance on 18 other questions that comprise the publicly reported measures from April 2022 through March 2023.

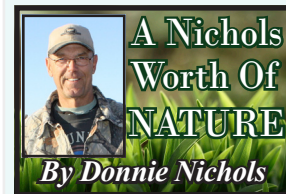
HHCAHPS Honors recipients include agencies scoring above the HEALTHCAREfirst National Average on at least 85% or seventeen of the evaluated questions. HEALTHCAREfirst holds a special recognition, HHCAHPS Honors Elite, to recognize home health BCHD Page 3



A POSITIVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE is a major mission for the Benton County Health Department's Home Health Agency. Staff members include (L to R): Seated in front row; Erin Hubert, Monica Peck, Venus Penuliar Chupuico. Second row; Amie Breshears, BCHD Board of Directors President; Linda Viebrock, Bonnie Etter, Erica Crawford, Ethel Keyte, Gloria Smith, Amanda Cramer, Brooke Daleske, Rich Hamby, Kathy Kirby. Back row; Kim Hanscom, Barb Schroder, Brenda Grandchamp, Kelli Daleske, Melissa Young, Scott Lindner, Haziel Lucowicz, Ashley Simons, Stacey White.



Christmas Bird Count
December 14 - January 5



Prior to 1900, hunters engaged in a holiday tradition called the Christmas 'Side Hunt'. Groups would choose sides and go afield to see which side could

bring in the biggest pile of furred and feathered quarry. On Christmas day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an officer in the then nascent Audubon society, proposed that they go afield and count birds rather than kill them. He and twenty-nine other birders conducted twenty-five bird counts across the United States. Every year NICHOLS Page 3

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Community Calendar

JANUARY 3, 2024: Warsaw Friends of the Library will meet Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at noon in the library meeting room. Anyone interested in the library is encouraged to attend. Please call (660) 438-5211 for further information.

JANUARY 4, 2024: The Benton County Republican Central Committee will hold their monthly meeting in the meeting room of the Boonslick Regional Library-Warsaw at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

JANUARY 7, 2024: The Cole Camp Community Choir, under the direction of Alicia Cole, will present the cantata, "God With Us" on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp beginning at 4:00 PM. Pre-cantata instrumental music starts at 3:45 PM. The event is free and all are invited to attend.

JANUARY 9, 2024: Benton County Retired Teachers and Support Staff will have a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Redwing Coffee at 8:30 AM. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Judy Kinkead at (660) 438-5978.

JANUARY 24, 2024: Save the Date: The Benton County Economic Development Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 24 at 4:15 PM at Lincoln City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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. **Kitchen CLOSED on Thursday, December 28 and Thursday, January 4.**

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 Donna at (660) 723-0356.

Lincoln VFW Auxiliary Announces Kick-Off Of Art Scholarship Contests

FROM THE DESK
of
Jim Hansen
Assessor
Benton County, Missouri

December 19, 2023

Jim Hansen, Benton County Assessor, will mail approximately 12,000 personal property lists to Benton County residents shortly after the first of January 2024. All Benton County residents who own taxable personal property, as of January 1, 2024 must furnish the assessor a list by March 1, 2024, to avoid late penalties. Taxable personal property includes vehicles, boats, boat motors, airplanes, travel trailers, mobile homes, livestock, farm machinery, and all licensed trailers. If you have lifetime plates on your vehicle or trailer, you still need to list this.

If you do not receive a list in the mail by January 19, 2024, please call the assessor's office at 438-5473 so that one will be sent to you. Office hours are 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:30, Monday thru Friday.

Sincerely,
Jim Hansen
Assessor
Benton County, Missouri

VFW Auxiliary to Lincoln VFW Post 5925 is excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary's annual Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the 3-dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. Local students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to compete for \$37,000 in national scholarships in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art category and \$5,500 in the 3-dimensional contest. Students must submit original artwork. Digital art, photography, jewelry and weapons are not accepted. The entry must be completed during the current school year and the entry form must include a parent or guardian's signature. Students begin by competing for one of the nineteen scholarships at the local VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary advances to the Department (state) competition. Department (state) first-place winners compete for their share of the national awards. National first through twelfth place winners are featured in VFW Auxiliary Magazine, on the VFW Auxiliary website and are displayed at VFW Auxiliary National Convention scheduled to take place July 27 to August

1 in Louisville, Kentucky. All Department (state) winning entries are judged at National Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. The VFW Auxiliary started the contests to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth. Approximately 4,000 students participate each year. Student entries must be submitted to sponsoring participating VFW Auxiliary to Lincoln VFW Post 5925 by March 31, 2024. Interested students, parents and teachers should contact Susan Kelb at (660) 281-2086 or at susankelb029@gmail.com for more information. To download an entry form and see the last year's winners, visit <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships>.

About the VFW Auxiliary: The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and our members are the relatives of those who served in a location of foreign conflict. We have nearly 470,000 members representing all 50 states who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel and their families. We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families. We are one of the top 10 providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth. With more than 3,600 Auxiliaries, there is likely one in your area working to improve the lives of America's uncommon heroes. Learn more at www.vfwauxiliary.org.

The Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has an opening for a full-time Victim Advocate. The Victim Advocate will maintain documentation of services to victims of crimes, liaison meetings with victims at the direction of the Prosecutor, provide community resource information, maintain phone/computer contact with victims, obtain information about restitution and crime victim compensation, among other duties.

This position has access to confidential data, so applicant must submit to a criminal background check. Applications may be picked up at the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, located at 310 Commercial Street, Suite B, Warsaw, Monday through Friday from 8 – 4, or by request to Hannah.hill@bentoncomo.com. Completed applications and resumes can be sent to the above email or dropped off in-person. Resumes not accepted without completed application.

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POGUE

(Continued from Page 1) grant which is going to help develop multi-modal transportation," said Pogue. "We are going to transform Main, Jackson, and Commercial streets into complete streets with five-foot sidewalks on each side. We will take away ditches and storm drains, and put in curbs, gutters, and five-foot bicycle lanes on each side. They will tie into downtown and the waterfront. The project will probably take five to six years, but we are looking at ways to speed that up."

Pogue said that he had applied for the RAISE grant over the years during the terms of three U.S. presidents, when the grant went by different names. He failed to get the grant 12 times; learned lessons from his efforts 12 times; and was lucky on try number 13.

Pogue was born and raised in Clinton, and he remembers his father telling him that Warsaw would one day be a tourism place. That stuck in his mind until years later when he helped bring that prediction to fruition. He is a local native who is happy to live and work in the community. He and wife Leasa have four grown children and two of their grandchildren live nearby in Lincoln.

Pogue worked in construction for 17 years until he was involved in a car accident and some nerve damage prevented him from continuing to work in that field. He next went to Central Missouri State in Warrensburg and earned a bachelor's degree in Tourism, Planning and Development, before being wooed to Warsaw as City Manager 26 years ago by Tom Hill who worked with Pogue on the Economic Development Committee.

"He has been stellar since he was hired by the City of Warsaw," said Hill. "He is a keeper, a dynamo! He does a great job of writing grants and getting money for the area for projects

in the community. He just keeps going on and we are fortunate to have someone like Randy come to our small town. He has done a great job on Phase I on the harbor and while putting in Phase II."

Pogue recalls that since 1997 Warsaw has received \$50 million in grants and low interest funding. He says that the funds were used for all the improvements stated previously plus roadway, water, and sewer updates. He also remarked that he has served in Warsaw under five mayors and various aldermen and alderwomen.

"Each administration has been very supportive in my vision and that goes a long way to helping me and my team be successful," said Pogue. "Our success is due to the people who have been around me and the city staff in the front office. My first City Clerk, Betty Brumbaugh, was my mentor and she really taught me how the city government functions. It felt like I have always been part of a team. I may be the head coach, but it takes a good team to win. I'm excited for the future. We are all going to work together to make Warsaw an even better place to live and visit."

Current City of Warsaw Mayor Eddie Simons praised Pogue's efforts over the years.

"It's been a privilege to work alongside Randy. I appreciate all of his hard work and dedication to the City of Warsaw," the Mayor said. "His willingness to take the lead and come up with new ideas adds so much richness to Warsaw. It's been incredible to see how Warsaw has been able to push the bar under his helm with much more to come."

Jessi Kendall, City Clerk of Warsaw, says that Pogue is never boring, and that she has never met a city administrator that can look to the future and match this and that grants and visualize where he wants to go.

"He (Pogue) can visualize

what is to be and how to get there," said Kendall. "It's amazing how he can write grants. It is a gift."

Mayor Simons concluded by saying, "Congratulations on an award much deserved!"

Linda Viebrock, Benton County Health Administrator, was the 2021 recipient of the award for her "unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of the citizens of Benton County" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chuck Allcorn, Market President at Hawthorn Bank in Warsaw, received the award in 2022 for his dedication to volunteerism and leadership in multiple organizations.

BCHD

(Continued from Page 1) agencies scoring above the HEALTHCAREfirst National Average on 100% of the evaluated questions.

"We began our award program more than ten years ago as a way to shine a positive light on those agencies that are truly leading the way in providing and demonstrating quality patient care," said Ronda Howard, VP, Revenue Cycle and CAHPS, HEALTHCAREfirst. "We are thrilled to congratulate Benton County Health Department Home Health Agency on their success and are so proud and honored that they have chosen to partner with us in helping drive success for their agency."

Benton County Health Department Home Health Agency, Kelli Daleske, Program Coordinator credits the staff to being named a

2023 HHCAHPS Honors recipient.

She said, "This recognition by far is the most valuable acknowledgment we can receive. Our clinicians and office staff give 100% to our patients with any care or contact. I am proud of each of them for being acknowledged by their patients for this elite award."

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(Continued from Page 1) since, between December 15 - January 5, in what has grown to thousands of sites in which tens of thousands of people participate, is now known as the Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (CBC). This year, 2023-2024, is the 124th year and is the oldest running citizen science project in North America.

The Cole Camp area, because of its diverse habitats of prairies, lakes, woodlands/forests, pastures and crop fields, is considered an Audubon IBA (important bird area). On December 27, 2023, we conducted our 15th annual CBC. Each site across the United States is a circle with a 15 mile diameter. The center of our area is located on Drover's Prairie, just west of the intersection of highways 65 and 52 forming a circle with a radius of 7.5 miles.

This is the seventh year Ryan Steffens, a Missouri Master Naturalist and Missouri Department of Conservation employee from Cole Camp, has coordinated the logistics for our count. We survey the same area each year which

is divided into eight sections. Ryan assigns personnel to each section providing them with maps and data sheets. Each group has at least one experienced birder. With the help of binoculars and spotting scopes, the goal is to count every bird and to identify each species seen in all sections from dawn to dusk.

My wife, Kim, and I are assigned each year to section 1A which is north of Highway 52 and west of Highway E. By dusk, we had been out 9.25 hours, traveled 58 miles, counted 3,075 individual birds, and identified 44 different species.

This year we had 11 birders in the field and one watching a bird feeder in Cole Camp. We had birders from Warsaw, Russellville, Missouri Department of Conservation offices in Lee's Summit and Jefferson City, Cole Camp and Knob Noster. Each group's recorded data from their section was turned into Ryan, who compiled information submitting it to the Audubon Society.

The total number of birds for this year's count was 28,044 with a total of 69 different species which was up four species from last year.

One of the most noticeable absences in last year's survey was the lack of American robins. This year showed a rebound of 4,893

robins in the survey site. Another sad count last year was the Eastern bluebird with all sections reporting a combined total of only 24 bluebirds. This year, in our section, Kim and I counted 44 bluebirds with a remarkable total count of 321 for the whole area. Noted were three unusual species in the survey: a northern shrike, a prairie falcon and a spotted towhee.

Our data, along with data from other counts across the state and nation, will be compiled and compared to past surveys to obtain a long term view of the health and status of bird populations in North America and provide a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space. The long term perspective is vital for conservationists to protect birds and their habitats and help identify environmental issues.

Almost all our native bird species are in decline, some perilously so, especially grassland species. The biggest contributing factors are fragmentation and loss of habitat, followed by chemical use that directly affects birds or moves up the food chain also affecting bird populations.

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Benton County's Athletes Of The Year Named For Warsaw, Lincoln, Cole Camp



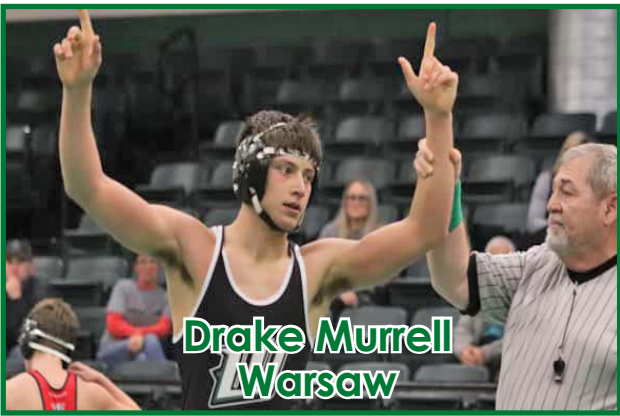
Angela Konopasek
Warsaw



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Lincoln



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Drake Murrell
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Angela Konopasek
Warsaw

There are many ways to define an athlete, and after asking around to see how other folks would describe the role, here were a few responses:

"An athlete is someone who has the ability to find their true potential within a sport that they like."

"An athlete is a person who just participates in a sport they like."

"Someone who is very determined and disciplined in their sport."

"Anyone who pushes the physical limits of the human body."

While all of these responses display a level of accuracy, they all define this year's female Athlete of the Year for Warsaw, Miss Angela Konopasek.

Konopasek, a senior at WHS, has (or will have) participated in three sports for all four years of her high school career (we're counting cheer in the fall of her freshman year), a rarity these days.

Over the course of her high school playing days, she has always exhibited qualities that not only make her an athlete, but also a leader.

"Leadership is an intrinsic part of Angela's persona," said Ladycats volleyball coach Kelsi Brosnahan. "She leads by example, with actions speaking louder than words. Her ability to inspire, guide and uplift her teammates has transformed the dynamics of the team, creating an environment where everyone thrives. Her leadership goes beyond mere strategy and gameplay; it's about building a team that values respect, hard work and camaraderie."

Warsaw Track and Field coach Cody Morgan agreed by saying, "Angela leads by example, always pushing herself while still taking the time to help younger athletes with technique and drills to help them improve."

On courts and on the track, Konopasek's resolve to improve is second to none.

"She is always one of the hardest workers for us and her determination shines thru in practices and games," said Ladycats basketball coach Matt Henderson.

Brosnahan seconded that motion.

"Angela approaches every practice and match with a relentless drive and commitment to excellence that sets her apart."

Once again, Morgan agreed.

"Her work ethic is extremely high. She is always putting in extra work after practices, knowing exactly what she needs to do to accomplish goals that she's set for herself."

Konopasek has shown many qualities that justify

her selection as this year's female Athlete of the Year, but more importantly, qualities that will direct her in the many life ventures that await her upon graduation this spring.

"There's nobody out there with a bigger heart than Angela," Henderson commented.

"Angela's character is probably her best attribute," Morgan said in summation.

Brosnahan concluded, "Her inspiring character transcends the sport."

Ladies and gentlemen, we present to you, our 2023 female Athlete of the Year for Warsaw, Angela Konopasek.

Drake Murrell
Warsaw

In his first 2(+) years as a Wildcat, Drake Murrell has established himself as not only a fierce competitor on the football and baseball fields and wrestling mats, but he has built himself up as a leader of his teams through his performances on those stages.

For those reasons, we announce Murrell as the 2023 male Athlete of the Year for Warsaw.

In 2023, Murrell finished off his sophomore wrestling season with a record of 41-9 and was a state qualifier. In Columbia, he finished just one win away from a state medal. He earned his trip to the state event with a district runner-up finish and along the way, he picked up 3 tournament championships, including winning the conference championship in his respective weight class.

In the spring, Murrell swapped out his wrestling shoes for baseball cleats and played a valuable utility role for Warsaw baseball and coach Johnny Eierman.

"Drake is the ultimate competitor and leader," Eierman said. "He can play any position on the baseball field and he's a guy who's going to get the job done."

Fast-forward into the summer months and Murrell, now a junior, directs his attention to football.

His attentiveness led to a second team selection at tight end to the Ozark Highlands All-Conference team and it paid even bigger dividends on the defensive side of the ball where, in 12 starts, he led the Wildcats (by far) with exactly 100 tackles, averaging over 8 per game. He also finished tied for the team lead in sacks (4.0) and interceptions (2).

Those numbers earned Murrell first team All-Conference and All-District honors at linebacker and he was also named to the second team of the Central MO Media All-District team. He collected third team All-State recognition

at linebacker and was also an Academic All-State selection. But the awards didn't stop there . . . Murrell was also named to the KMZU Dream Team at linebacker and was named the team's Most Valuable Player for the 2023 campaign by his coaching staff.

"Drake is just a high character kid who leads on the field and in the classroom," Wildcats head football coach Ryan Boyer said.

Now back in another wrestling season, Murrell is a team captain with a current record of 14-2 and ranked number four in the state in the 157 pound weight division in Class 1.

"Over the last 12 months, Drake has absorbed a leadership role and is learning to thrive in it," Cats wrestling coach Justin Wisdom said. "Kids know they can look to him when times get tough . . . and being the guy who everyone looks to when things are tough isn't easy and some kids can't handle it, but Drake is embracing it in a kind of 'quiet assassin' way."

The coach added, "We know, as coaches, that Drake is going to give everything he has, day in and day out, no matter the circumstances."

Eierman added, "Drake works hard year around in three different sports and gets after it. Congratulations, Drake!"

He "gets after it". That's just one factor that makes Drake Murrell our *Benton County Enterprise* male Athlete of the Year for 2023.

Alyssa Mellen
Lincoln

The Lincoln Athlete of the Year Committee, headed by Johnie Logue, has named Lady Cardinals junior Alyssa Mellen as the 2023 Lincoln female Athlete of the Year.

Mellen was named All-Conference and All-District in basketball and volleyball. In basketball, she is a deadly three point shooter and is Lincoln's leading scorer and their best ball handler. With the graduation of Gracy Eifert in 2022, she has taken on a much needed leadership role.

Lady Cards head coach Brett Bryant continues to teach fundamentals to his younger players and hopes to build his team around Mellen as she continues to mature as a player.

"Mellen is improving as a player on both ends of the court and as our team leader," Bryant commented.

She is the type of player that wants the ball in her hands at the end of a close game. She hit a big three and two free throws in the final seconds in their first

win of the season over Lakeland 42-40 on the road and led the scoring with 21 points in that game.

In volleyball, she is constantly improving and had her best game in district play.

As a person, Alyssa is soft spoken and well liked by her coaches, teachers and teammates.

She is a good student and has a good future in basketball and volleyball for the rest of her high school career.

We wish her the best!

Cam Everhart
Lincoln

The Lincoln Athlete of the Year Committee headed by Johnie Logue has selected junior Cam Everhart as the Lincoln male Athlete of the Year for 2023.

Everhart was All-Conference and All-District in both football and baseball. He was also the sixth man on the awesome 28-1, Kaysinger Conference and district championship basketball team in the 2022-23 season.

Everhart hit a huge three late in the fourth quarter from the corner in Lincoln's victory over Northwest for third place in the recent Otterville Tournament.

Cardinals head coach Tyler Burke said, "Cam is a high percentage three point shooter and I was pleased that he took that shot."

At 5'10", Everhart plays bigger than his size and is not afraid to go inside and grab a contested rebound. He was an outstanding linebacker, running back, pitcher, first baseman and outfielder for the Cardinals. He was one of the few players to stay healthy throughout Lincoln's injury prone and small roster football season.

In baseball, he batted cleanup and opposing coaches occasionally pitched around him in key situations.

His favorite sport is baseball and he wants to play college baseball and hopefully reach the professional level someday.

If you know him, Cam is quiet, loves video games, is always early, and if professional baseball doesn't work out, he wants to be a game warden. He loves the outdoors and fishing and hunting.

Cam is a good student and a member of the A+ program. He plans on going to State Fair Community College for two years and then transfer to a major college.

We wish him all our best!

Emily Burdick
Cole Camp

The Athlete of the Year Committee led by Johnie Logue has named Senior

Emily Burdick as the 2023 Athlete of the Year for Cole Camp.

In volleyball, she ended her career with 759 kills; an amazing accomplishment for someone who stands only 5'4".

Lady Bluebirds volleyball head coach Abby Massingill commented, "Emily made such a strong impact on the Cole Camp volleyball program all four years of her career, however, the way she stepped up her senior year and became such a strong leader was a turning point for her and the team. She led the team in kills and digs, while setting the standard high everytime she stepped onto the floor. Emily was a staple for us with her positive energy, work ethic, and the way she made her young teammates feel comfortable on the floor. Emily made everyone around her better!"

The true test of a great player is just that, they make their teammates better whenever they step onto the court. No higher compliment can you ever give someone.

Below are her honors and awards she earned in track and volleyball this past year.

Track
2023 State, Javelin, 9th
2023 All-District, Javelin
2023 All-Conference, Javelin
2023 All-Conference, 4x400m Relay
2023 All-Conference, 4x800m Relay
Volleyball
2023 All-Conference
2023 All-District
2023 Smith-Cotton All-Tournament team
Emily is a good student and is very popular with her fellow classmates and teammates. She has a bright future and we wish her the very best!

Reid Harrison
Cole Camp

The Athlete of the Year Committee headed by Johnie Logue has named Reid Harrison as the Cole Camp male Athlete of the Year for 2023. The senior excelled in basketball, baseball, track and football. Below are a few of his achievements.

Basketball
2023 All-Conference
2023 All-District
2023 MBCA All-District
Baseball
2023 All-Conference
2023 All-District
2023 All-State
2023 Academic All-State
Track
2023 State, 100m, Champion
2023 State, 200m, 8th place
2023 State, Qualifier, 4x200m Relay
2023 All-District, 100m
2023 All-District, 200m
2023 All-District, 4x100m

Relay
2023 All-District, 4x200m Relay
2023 All-Conference, 100m
2023 All-Conference, 200m
2023 All-Conference, 4x100m Relay
2023 All-Conference, 4x200m Relay
Football
2023 KMZU Dream Team
2023 MFCA All-District
2023 All-District
2023 All-Conference
2023 MFCA Academic All-State

Missing games because of injuries kept him from being All-State in football as he was a year ago.

When speaking of Harrison, one word comes to mind, 'SPEED'.

On the baseball field, he broke the single season record for steals and is locked in to break the all-time record come this spring.

As a return man, Harrison ran back a kickoff to open the second half against Windsor in district play; something he had accomplished several times over his four years when someone was brave enough to kick the ball his way.

So it was no surprise that Reid has already signed with SBU to run for the Bearcats track and field program.

Harrison was the best receiver and free safety the Bluebirds have seen in a while.

Lincoln football head coach Brad Drehle gave credit where it is due for the speedster.

"Harrison was the one of the best, if not the best defensive player in the area," he said.

Cole Camp football and basketball coach Kevin Shearer gave Harrison the highest possible praise as he commented, "Harrison is the best athlete that I have coached in my 33 years of coaching."

Off the field, he is a good student and a young man of few words.

This just might be his year to be All-State in basketball as he scored 22 points in the first half against St. Paul Lutheran and finished with 28 in their W-K Holiday Shootout victory in Sedalia a couple of weeks ago. He is a terror defensively on a full court press and can dribble through pressure on offense.

Congratulations, Reid and we wish you the best!

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MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: Meeting Russ



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MY GREATEST FEAR IS: Being poor.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Move away.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: na
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Go on a lavish hunting trip.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Wyoming.
HOBBIES: Hunting and fixing stuff
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Green Day
FAVORITE MOVIE: I don't really watch enough of them to have a favorite.

FAVORITE DRINK: Busch Light
FAVORITE SNACK: Sour cream and onion chips
FAVORITE CANDY: Gummy Bears
FUTURE GOAL: To be retired by the time I'm 40
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: My old lady
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Don't be afraid to jump
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Enjoy it while you can.



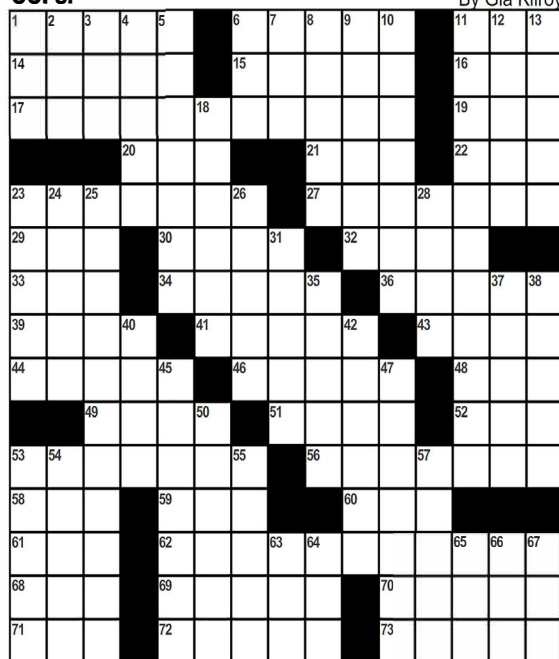
ACROSS

- 1) Con artist's crime
- 6) Principle or belief
- 11) St. Louis clock setting
- 14) Kind of lily
- 15) Deck just above the keel
- 16) Kanga's joey
- 17) Hen house
- 19) Man-mouse connection
- 20) Fathomless time
- 21) "Hold ___ second ..."
- 22) Letters at the end of a proof
- 23) Idolizing
- 27) Nearest planet to the sun
- 29) Small island
- 30) Ducky shade of blue
- 32) Proofreader's sign
- 33) Tax-collecting org.
- 34) Mouth-watering
- 36) Coffeehouse serving
- 39) Earns after expenses
- 41) Leave Her Majesty's service, briefly
- 43) Caijang pea
- 44) "My Big Fat ___ Wedding"
- 46) Beneficent one
- 48) Geisha's waistband
- 49) Nevada border city
- 51) Word repeated after "Que," in song
- 52) Advanced in years
- 53) Lovers, at times
- 56) One not finishing a sentence
- 58) Word with "bred" or "advised"
- 59) Berated (with "into")
- 60) El ___ (Spanish hero)
- 61) Classic introduction?
- 62) Airshow crowd pleaser
- 68) Singing pair
- 69) Print type
- 70) Sweat box?
- 71) Warbucks' henchman (with "The")
- 72) Windshield attachment
- 73) Sick partner?

DOWN

- 1) Govt. broadcasting watchdog
- 2) Old college cheer
- 3) Rope-a-dope boxer
- 4) Tummy bummer
- 5) Armed robbers (Var.)
- 6) Corleone's title
- 7) Mythical monster
- 8) Doom's partner
- 9) Butted out?
- 10) Clothing
- 11) Target for a wooden ball
- 12) Achier
- 13) All-too-agreeable fellow
- 18) Nonet
- 23) Breeczing through, as a test
- 24) Risk taker
- 25) Pearl of a sea-going vessel?
- 26) Looked slackjawed
- 28) Hardly nude
- 31) Long vehicles, for short
- 35) The recipient of funds
- 37) Put off, as a motion
- 38) Skip, as a syllable
- 40) Calls, Vegas-style
- 42) Beet soup (Var.)
- 45) Tolloed
- 47) Most risque
- 50) Baltimore pro
- 53) Rather, informally
- 54) Intestinal obstruction
- 55) Unaffected by passion
- 57) Presidential candidate Stevenson
- 63) After-hours school grp.
- 64) ___ Aviv, Israel
- 65) "Days of ___ Lives"
- 66) Small bill
- 67) Place for notes

OOOPS!



By Gia Kilroy



NEWS

By Pat Arnett
Contributing Reporter

The past week's weather has been winter with snow falling and cold days! The almanac always calls for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weeks of January always being the coldest according records that have been kept. This is not always the case though because one year when Dean was working in concrete business the weather was so nice they worked every week running basements. Prayers this week are for Lighthouse attendee

Patti Hatch's husband, Bud Hatch, and Delores Prater, and also Leland Brown fell last week and broke his hip and at this writing is in the hospital in Columbia. Lovely Henderson, Duncan (Joe and Karen's grandson) Kathy First, Jeannie Wright, Carolee Apperson, Lewis and Judy Retherford, Easter Willis, Gladys Harris, Curtis Allen, Mary Scarbrough and all family with relatives needing prayer!

We got a note from Gracie Yoder last week wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year. She sent pictures of her and her team working with elephants, some young ones and the team and Gracie all seemed to love working with them. Someone asked if she was still in Thailand and Gracie said yes and that she would continue to be there till at least middle of January when they would

move to South Africa. Everyone reading this please remember to keep Gracie and her team in your prayers!

We are hoping as the new year begins that everyone involved with the Antwiler Park steps up and commits to attend meetings as often as possible, encourage others take part in things and tell others if there is anything they can do to make our Fristoe Antwiler Park and Community Building a better place!

Pentecostal Lighthouse Church was blessed last week with the family of Paul and Crescent Haury, daughter of Br. and Sis Smith, and their children Duncan and Morgan spending time at the Smith farm for the holidays. Crescent and her family live in Kansas. The family took part in Bible study and other church activities. Sunday things were beginning to come back to even works as we began Sunday School, December 31. The lesson was found in Matthew Chapter 10, entitled The Christ-Sent Life. It was the study where Jesus called the 12 Apostles and sent them on the mission to proclaim the gospel! Specials were, Claude and Lighthouse Singers, UNCLOSED DAY, Ken, Tell Me The Story of Jesus, Larry and Ellen, Mary's Christmas, and Dave sang, God Chose The Cross! The message brought by Br. Smith was found in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 10, 11 and 12!

Thought for the week: God, when He is measuring a man puts the tape around the man's heart not the man's head!
 To everyone, hope all have a beautiful, happy and blessed New Year!



Lodge #2783

By Betty Mewszel
Contributing Reporter

Mark your calendar for "Dining at the Lodge":
 -January 5, Steak Night/Prime Rib (weather permitting) 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, \$14.00-\$19.00, RSVP by January 2.

-January 10, Tenderloin Sandwich/Dinner, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, \$7.00/\$12.00
 -January 19, International Night-Irish, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, \$12.00 buffet
 -January 24, Tenderloin Sandwich/Dinner, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, \$7.00/\$12.00

Members enjoy playing Shuffleboard on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM and Darts at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays in a non-smoking room.

Our winners for **Shuffleboard** on December 26:
 1st-Doris/Paula
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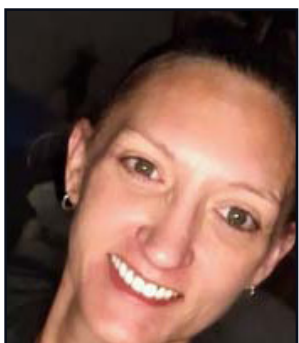
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Megan Janelle Schepker



Megan Janelle Schepker, age 41, was born on April 26, 1982, in Clinton, Missouri, the daughter of Scott Schepker and Gayla (Smith) Schepker, departed this life on December 24, 2023. A devoted daughter, mother, and a cherished friend, Janelle's presence brightened the lives of those she encountered.

Graduating from South Brunswick in Southport, North Carolina, in 2000, Janelle's life epitomized empathy and care for others. Known for her advocacy for the underdog, she impacted many lives with her selflessness and compassion.

Janelle's infectious laughter and love for music were hallmarks of her vibrant spirit. Her joyful singing brought happiness to those around her, a reflection of her boundless enthusiasm for life, even in moments of playful embarrassment.

She spent most of her life as a Med Tech which showcased her commitment to service, and her recent role in the nursing home kitchen exemplified her caring nature, providing homecooked meals to residents she served.

However, Janelle's deepest love and devotion were reserved for her children, Jayden, Kya, Nevaeh, and Wyatt, who were the center of her world.

Janelle is preceded in death by her father, Scott Schepker, infant daughter, Jordan Schepker and infant son Joshua Paul Scheer, Jr., her paternal grandmother, Patricia Schepker, and maternal grandfather, Eldon Smith.

She is survived by her four children; Jayden Schepker of Springfield, Missouri, Kya Schepker, Nevaeh Scheer both of Warsaw, Missouri and Wyatt Scheer of Garden City, Missouri,

her mother, Gayla Schepker, of Warsaw, Missouri; one sister, Jackie Whitaker and her husband Brent, a niece, Aspen Whitaker and a nephew, Gage Whitaker all of Warsaw, Missouri one brother, Slade Schepker, of Warrensburg, Missouri, maternal grandmother Linnie (Malinda) Newman of Warsaw Missouri and paternal grandfather Edward Schepker of Warsaw, Missouri. Megan's memory will forever live on in the hearts of her surviving family, and many friends.

A celebration of life for Janelle will be held at the River Church on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 4:00 PM with a visitation from 3:00-4:00.

Cremation is under the direction of Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw, Missouri.

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In Matthew 13:31-35 Jesus tells two simple, short parables, the Kingdom is like a mustard seed and yeast. When planted, the mustard seed grows into a great bush, some so large birds can land in it. Some plants start small and grow, and this is what Jesus says the Kingdom of God is like. The yeast gets into the flour, it infects the whole thing, and mixed with water, it rises. The Kingdom of God is like the mustard seed and the yeast. The Kingdom of God starts out small, yet it continues to grow, and you might not be able to see it because it begins in our hearts. Jesus says the Kingdom of God is something that grows.

The seed gets planted and grows and grows if we notice it or not. It takes a while for outward things to change, it doesn't happen all at once, it's in the hearts of people. We get focused on how we think the Kingdom of God works and we miss what is going on. The Kingdom of God grows, but so often we are distracted by the awful things in our world and don't see the Kingdom of God unfolding before us. We're missing all the beauty of God's Kingdom unfolding. We get so narrowly focused, we're distracted, and we don't see

the mustard seed grow or the yeast work in the flour.

We shared communion today as a remembrance of Jesus' time on the cross, taking the opportunity to refocus our life to make it all about Jesus. It's not about the juice and the cracker, it's about the Kingdom growing all around us. Jesus is still King. Take a few minutes to get resettled on what really matters. Jesus died for our sins, loves and cares for us so much, He took the cross so we can have eternal life with Him. We need to focus back on who this is all about - Jesus. If you've never asked Jesus into your heart, there is no better time than now. Let's not be afraid to follow what Jesus wants for us.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. 2024 is here. Praying that the churches will fill with new believers this year. There will be a Youth group starting in January on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 6:30. Bring your friends and learn about our Savior. We lost another long time member of our church this week. Margaret Kaiser went to be with the Lord this last week. She was a very devout Christian and served the Lord faithfully.

Genesis 32. The story of Jacob. Jacob was the youngest and was deceitful toward his brother. He stole Easu's birthright and got the blessing from his father that was meant for Easu. Rebecca, his mother, was also deceitful because she helped him to steal the birthright.

Jacob was sent to live with his uncle Laban where he acquired 2 wives, children and lots of livestock and servants. Through this time God was building up Jacob. He didn't want to return

home because of the fear that his brother would kill him. Jacob left with nothing but came back with a lot. Jacob went to be by himself where he wrestled with God. Jacob's hip was wrenched out of socket because he wouldn't let go until he got a blessing from the one he was wrestling.

Esau saw Jacob from afar and went and hugged him. When working out things go to a place where it is just you and God. When have you wrestled with God? When have you cried when praying for your family and friends who are not saved? Get alone with God and pray with all your heart.

In the new year draw closer to God. May God bless you in 2024. Attend Church. You will get a blessing. See you soon.

WARSAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

-Revelation 21:1

In 1950, I was 14 years old. For some reason, I wondered if I would be alive in the year 2000. I would be an old man, 64 years old! Well, I made it to the year 2000 and am still kicking in the year 2022. God is good.

John anticipates something better than a new year. He sees a new heaven and a new earth. He catches a glimpse of what God has planned for the future. This old world as we know it is marked for destruction. A new earth is coming. I guess that is what we call "heaven." Part of the newness will be in the fact that sin, evil, disease, and death will be banished forever. It will be what Milton called "Paradise Restored" in his 1671 poem.

This present life is good, especially for those who trust in Jesus. They know an even better day is coming. It will not be a new year but a new world. I can't imagine the details of what this new world will be like, but I hope to find out. The admission price is simple.

Believe on the Lord Jesus

Christ, and you will be saved.

-Acts 16:31

But is it true? If you have a better plan, let me know!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JOHNNIE J. LOGUE

The Translators

I have been reading everything I could find for the last two hours refreshing my memory about the translators of the 1611 King James Bible. I have thought about writing this article for several weeks.

However, just today, I have been bombarded on how mistakes made by people in authority can affect our lives. Common mistakes like typos, things lost in the mail, wrong addresses and such can alter our way of living and cause undo stress. If the KJV authors made huge mistakes translating the scriptures, then we are of all men most miserable.

In spite of what the critics say, the some 45-50 translators of the KJV were perhaps the greatest group of Bible scholars and masters of Biblical languages to ever be assembled.

Let's start with a boy genius, Rev John Bois. At the age of 5, he could read Hebrew and at 6, he could write the words and at 12, some say he had the Hebrew Bible memorized.

Dr. Richard Brett was skilled in eight languages including Hebrew and Greek.

Dr. Miles Smith could speak six languages. He was a noted scholar and considered one of the best of his day.

Professor Edward Lively was known as one of the best linguists in the world. Not just in England but in the entire world.

Launcelot Andrews was skilled in 15 languages. I repeat, 15.

John Bois was taught Greek by his father when he was 5 years old and entered college at 14.

Of Dr. John Reynolds, it is said had a perfect photographic memory.

We could go on and on but you get the point. These are just seven of the hand picked scholars chosen by

the providence of God for this extraordinary project. Seven of the greatest minds on their day and perhaps even of all time.

Now, the KJV has been tremendously criticized and is said to be full of contradictions, discrepancies and errors. King James character has been ripped apart. They say there are better manuscripts today that the KJV scholars didn't have access to. Their job wasn't to make a new Bible but make a good one better.

They had the William Tyndale Bible plus five previous good Bibles and the Textus Receptus for the N.T. and the Masoretic text for the old.

It has been said that the KJV men were bias, doctrinally opinionated and verbally handcuffed by the Church of England. That statement is perhaps true to a point. Many say the language is outdated and words have changed their meanings. Some truth there too. Some of the authors were Calvinists. No denying that.

In summation, they were just men prone to sin and very flawed. Yes, we all are.

In my opinion, God had his hand in this work. My faith is in God and I believe God has preserved His Word. I can't answer all the questions and certainly don't understand it all.

I am Johnie J. Logue, pastor of Grace Baptist Church at 31046 Hwy MM in Warsaw. Call me at (660) 281-4775.

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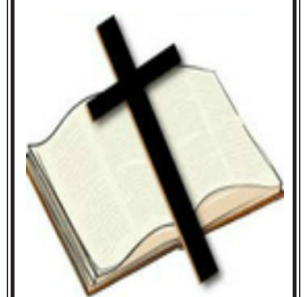


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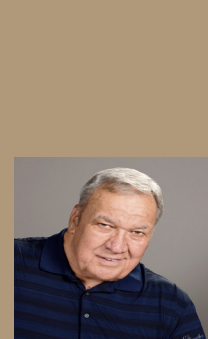
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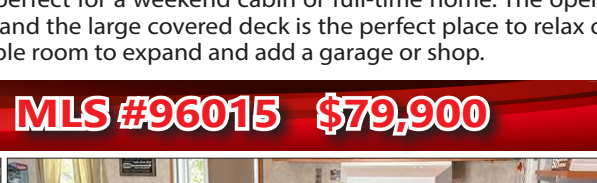

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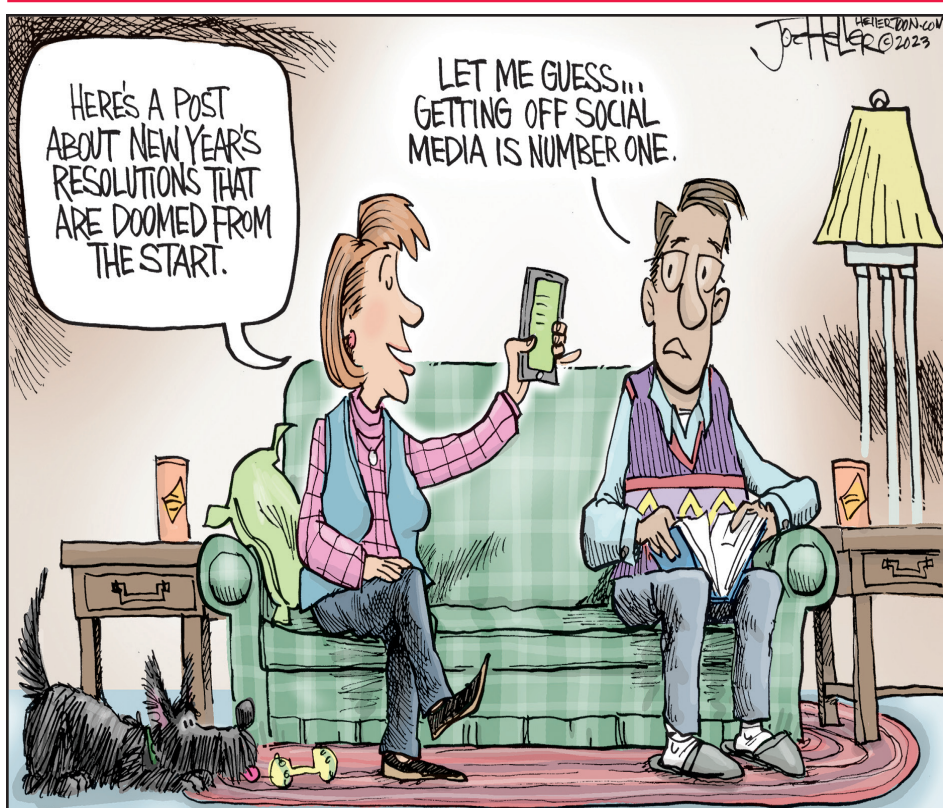
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Have I Got A Line For You!
By James Mahlon White

Welcome to January 2024 everybody. We're just a few days into the New Year and I wonder how many resolutions have already been broken? According to the *Washington Post*, the most popular New Year's

resolutions are to lose weight, eat right, get fit, pay off debts, save money, get a better job, drink less alcohol, get a better education, quit smoking, take a trip, reduce stress, volunteer to help others and be less grumpy.

To be less grumpy is one that we don't often hear. But if there is a grumpy month, January it is. The holidays are over and the Christmas bills are pouring in. I've been a bit grumpy too, but I did run across (on the internet) a medieval prayer from England which dealt with the horrible carnage the Vikings hurled at them. "Oh Lord, protect us from the Fury of the Norseman". How about a new version, "Oh Lord, protect us from grumpy people".

Ran across a documentary on presidential funerals and part of the footage was from President Reagan's service at Washington National Cathedral. I started thinking about how long it will be until someone objects to this magnificent structure being called "The National Cathedral" and want to add Mosque or something else to the name? Or call it "A place for BIG funerals"? Wouldn't surprise most of us....would it? The ACLU used to be an organization that helped the little guy who was being abused; seems they've gone nuts. It's like saying the tiny cross in California's state seal should be obliterated, as it's a "Religious symbol". What in the hell will they come up with next! Just as Westminster Abbey, there are notable people interred at the National Cathedral,

including President Woodrow Wilson. His daughter Jessie was the wife of Frances Sayre, former dean (Head Honcho) of the church. Ah well, it's a beautiful place and I hope a few people don't ruin it for the rest of us.

Speaking of Presidents, Joe Biden's New Year's interview was something. When asked what some of his favorite foods are, the First Lady had to remind him that he likes ice cream. How can he forget he loves ice cream? It's a big part of Uncle Joe's brand. This was one the damndest Presidential interviews I've ever seen.....since the last one where he stopped taking questions early. Something was going wrong with the teleprompter, or maybe he didn't have his ear piece in correctly. A voice from somewhere (I don't think it was God) was telling him what line to say next. I wonder how Abe Lincoln and William Jennings Bryan ever got along without a teleprompter. For that matter, how did they get along without television and the internet? Answer: Just fine.

It's so quiet in the office today that I'm going to ask the next person who walks in to "Please sign the guest book." Hang in there Old Buddy and I'll do the same.

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Now that we've reached 2024, you might be thinking about your goals and hopes for the new year. But in addition to whatever personal resolutions you might make—volunteering, going to the gym more, learning a new language and others—why not make some financial resolutions, too?

Here are a few to consider:

- **Boost your retirement savings.** If you can afford it, try to increase your contributions to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. The more you put away in these accounts, the greater your chances of reaching your retirement goals. At a minimum, contribute enough to your 401(k) to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. And whenever your salary goes up, consider raising the amount you put in to your 401(k).

- **Reduce your debts.** It's not always easy to reduce your debts—but it's worth the effort. The lower your debt load, the greater your monthly cash flow. So, look for ways to consolidate debts or find other, possibly more productive, ways of using credit. And if you truly can't afford something that's nonessential, don't go into debt for it. "Live within your means" is an old piece of advice, but it's just as valid now as ever.

- **Build an emergency fund.** If you suddenly needed a major home or car repair, or received a large medical bill not fully covered by insurance, would you have the funds available? If not, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts or other long-term investments. To avoid this possibility, try to build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account

that's separate from the ones you use to meet your daily expenses. It can take a while to build such a fund, but if you make it a priority and contribute regular amounts each month, you can make good progress.

- **Avoid emotional decisions.** Too many people overreact to events in the financial markets because they let their emotions get the better of them. If the market is temporarily down, it doesn't mean you need to sell investments to "cut your losses"—especially if these investments still have good fundamentals and are still appropriate for your portfolio. It can be hard to ignore market volatility, but you'll be better off if you focus on the long term and continue following an investment strategy that's designed to meet your needs.

- **Review your goals.** Over time, your goals may have changed. For example, while you once might have wanted to retire early, and planned for it, you may now find that you'd like to work a few more years. If that's the case, you may also need to adjust your financial and investment strategies.

- **Revisit your estate plans.** If you've married, divorced, remarried or added children to your family within the past few years, you may need to review the account titling and beneficiary designations on your 401(k) and other retirement assets, along with your estate-planning documents, such as your will or living trust. You might also need to revise these documents in other ways.

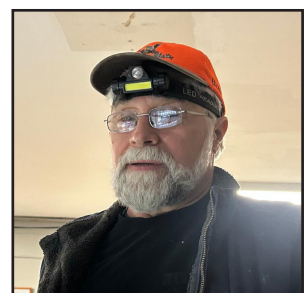
Of course, you may not be able to tackle all these resolutions at one time, but if you can work at them throughout the year, you can potentially brighten your financial outlook in 2024—and beyond.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

WORD ON THE STREET

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ERIC KNOX Benton County Sheriff



Sheriff's Report 12/24/2023-12/31/23

Isaiah Ray Cardwell of Warsaw, MO, was arrested on 12-25-23 on a Benton County warrant for Non-Support in Excess of 12 monthly payments. Bond is set at \$1,000.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was given a court date.

Isadora N. Wanner of Missoula, MT was arrested on 12-26-23 on a Benton County warrant for Domestic Assault-3rd Degree. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 cash or surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Center

Kimberly Dawn Schnieders of Lincoln, MO, was arrested on 12-26-23 on a Cooper County warrant for Failure to Appear/No Insurance. Bond is set at \$200.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was given a court date.

Linda Diane McCoy of Cole Camp, MO, was arrested on 12-28-23 on a Henry County warrant for Failure to Appear/Burglary-2nd Degree. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 cash or surety. Subject released to another county.

Dustin Ray Street of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-30-23 for Driving While Suspended/Revoked 2nd or 3rd Offense, Subject was booked and released with a court date

Jessica Kay James of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-31-23 on a Pettis County and Clay County warrant for Failure to Appear/Stealing and Failure to Appear/Probation Violation. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Center on a no bond basis.



NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the final budget hearing for 2024 will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Benton County Commission Room at the Benton County Courthouse.

Benton County Commission

Date(s) of Publication: January 4, 2024

IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 23BE-PR00117

In the Estate of PEGGY K SIMONS, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of PEGGY K

SIMONS, Decedent: On DECEMBER 27, 2023, the following individuals was appointed the personal representative of the estate of PEGGY K SIMONS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BENTON COUNTY, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is:

MICHAEL SIMONS; 15896 SUSAN LANE, WARSAW, MO 65355; 660-723-2224

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

KENNETH A. BECK; 901 E. ST. LOUIS STREET, 20TH FLOOR, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806; 417-866-7777

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: 19-APR-2023

SHANDA SCHULTZ, CIRCUIT CLERK Julia J. Harms, Deputy Clerk

Date of first publication: 1/4/2024

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

DATES OF PUBLICATION: 1/4/24; 1/11/24; 1/18/24; 1/25/24

TO BE PUBLISHED IN: BENTON COUNTY ENTERPRISE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI AT WARSAW

Case No. 23BE-CC00070

JEFFREY GEDBAW, Plaintiff,

Vs. DILIA CANTAVE, SHERLEY CANTAVE, FORBES LAKE OF THE OZARKS PARK LAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN CONSORTEES HEIRS, DONEES, ALIENEES, OR IMMEDIATE MESNE OR REMOTE, VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY GRANTEE OF SAID PERSONS, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WHO CLAIMS OR MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

James P. Buckley BUCKLEY & BUCKLEY 121 East 4th Street P.O. Box 348 Sedalia, MO 65302-0348 660-826-7373

Witness My Hand and the Seal of this Court this 22ND day of December, 2023.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, to determine the right, title and interest to the following tract and parcel of real estate:

LOT 1780, UNIT P-1, FORBES LAKE OF THE OZARKS PARK, A SUBDIVISION IN BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEROF.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is: Jeffrey Gedbow, Gedbow Law Firm, LLC, 618 SE 4th St., Lee's Summit, MO 64063, Phone: (816) 379-5329. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after December 29, 2023, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri this 27th day of December, 2023.

/s/SHANDA SCHULTZ, CIRCUIT CLERK By: /s/Mary Siercks, Deputy Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 23BE-PR00118

IN THE MATTER OF: JASON ALLEN CLANCY, JR., A Minor.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JASON ALLEN CLANCY, a minor. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, Probate Division, a Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian of the Person of a minor, namely: Jason Allen Clancy, Michael Boyd Martin and Casey Jo Martin have petitioned the aforementioned Court to appoint them as Guardians of the Person of the minor. Please be advised that unless you enter your appearance and file responsive pleadings upon the attorney for Petitioner within forty-five (45) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, the Court may proceed upon the petition without notice to you and grant the Petitioner guardianship of the person of the minor. The attorney for the petitioner is:

James P. Buckley BUCKLEY & BUCKLEY 121 East 4th Street P.O. Box 348 Sedalia, MO 65302-0348 660-826-7373

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT this 22ND day of December, 2023.

Julia J. Harms

Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: 12/28/2023; 01/04, 01/11, 01/18/2024

To be published in the Benton County Enterprise

IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case Number: 23BE-PR00116

In the Estate of TAMI LU ANN CARTER, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of TAMI LU ANN CARTER, Decedent:

On NOVEMBER 15, 2023, the following individuals was appointed the personal representative of the estate of TAMI LU ANN CARTER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BENTON COUNTY, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is: 16494 SPOONBILL DRIVE, WARSAW, MO 65355;

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: HURLEY D. MAHAN; 608 EAST OHIO STREET; CLINTON, MO 64735; 660-885-2234

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's

death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

SHANDA SCHULTZ, CIRCUIT CLERK Julia J. Harms, Deputy Clerk

Date of the decedent's death: 18-AUG-2023 Date of first publication: 12/14/2023

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

DATES TO BE PUBLISHED: 12/14/23; 12/21/23; 12/28/23; 1/4/24

IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case Number: 23BE-PR00119

In the Estate of JUDITH GILLHAM, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JUDITH GILLHAM, Decedent:

On NOVEMBER 29, 2023, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of JUDITH GILLHAM, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BENTON COUNTY, Missouri. The name, business address,

and phone number of the personal representative is: JOSEPH M. ESCOBEDO, 32173 HWY. 83, WARSAW, MO 65355

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

J. ERIC MITCHELL, P.O. BOX 309, CLINTON, MO 64735, 660-885-6161

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

SHANDA SCHULTZ, CIRCUIT CLERK Julia J. Harms, Deputy Clerk

Date of the decedent's death: 05-MAR-2023 Date of first publication: 12/14/2023

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

DATES OF PUBLICATION: 12/14/23; 12/21/23; 12/28/23; 1/4/24

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