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## WHS School Shooting Threat Puts Safety Protocols To Test



**STAYING VIGILANT,** Warsaw R-IX School Resource Officer David Fajen instructed JBMS eighth graders Johrdan Decker, Brecken Brewster and Brett Howe to use a door lock safety feature after 18-year-old Ozzy Lee Davis was arrested and charged with a first-degree terrorist threat, a class D felony last Monday.

By  
**Joyce Coates**  
County  
Reporter

The Benton County Sheriff's Office took 18-year old Ozzy Lee Davis of Edwards, MO. into custody on Monday night, March 11, on a 24-hour hold pending

investigation into allegations that he made threats against Warsaw High School and a faculty member. Based on results of the investigation, a warrant charging him with first degree terrorist threat was issued on March 12, 2024. Bond was set at \$250,000.

Charges were filed and the arrest warrant issued

based on credible claims by three witnesses who each reported that Davis had told them directly that he was going to shoot up Warsaw High School and kill the principal.

A first degree terrorist threat is a Class D felony with a potential fine of up to \$10,000 (RSMo §558.002). In addition, if convicted,

Davis could be sentenced, at the judge's discretion, to either one year in county jail or up to seven years in prison (§558.011). Under Section 574.115, the felony applies when "... a person, with the purpose of frightening ten or more people or causing the evacuation, quarantine or closure of

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## Finding Balance: Working Moms Become Masters At Multi-Tasking



**A MOM IN MOTION,** vet tech Kerri Wittman treated livestock at Warsaw Veterinary Clinic on Tuesday morning.

By  
**Anita Campbell**  
County  
Reporter

All mothers are working mothers; however, those mothers who work at a job in addition to the one they have at home are a special breed who manage to make

what they do look easy. Most of those "working mothers" agree that it isn't always easy and they all say that holding down a job and taking care of children is a balancing act.

Tiffany Hill is the mother of two girls; Addie, 14 and Alia, 7. She also is a real estate agent, entrepreneur and restaurant worker.

"It's all about time

management and making sure that I make the time I have with the girls valuable. I explain how my schedule benefits us so they understand but still make the effort to know their lives and schedules while I don't have them. Working 3 jobs is exhausting but the rewards and time that we share together makes

all those hours worthy. I've worked 134 hours in two weeks at the restaurant as well as shown house before and after work and catered a couple events in the last couple months," said Hill.

Lincoln High School FFA teacher Brandi Rath takes her baby along with her at times.

"Springtime is my busiest time of year between FFA events, school, family obligations, and raising a one-year-old with my husband. Most of the time, Jackie ends up going with me to events and meetings in the evening if my husband has to work. I've come to realize that my son will grow up in a classroom and at FFA events and there's nothing wrong with that. On nights where he can't come with me, I have an awesome, supportive husband and family who are always there to help out," said Rath.

Warsaw teacher Megan Daleske also relies on family to help out.

"Between teaching and

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## Warsaw Will Give Eddie St. To Owners

By  
**Homer May**  
County  
Reporter

In a short open session under new business Monday eve, Warsaw Aldermen noted that Eddie Street off of Hickory Street was undeveloped, also was a dead end street not needed by the city; then approved an ordinance vacating and returning it to adjacent owners. The city was formerly responsible for its upkeep, but has retained its utility easements and rights to those presently established.

The meeting opened at 6:00 PM on March 18, with Aldermen Lou Breshears, Eric Flores, Adam Howe, Reba Slavens present. Absent was Alderman Rob Coskey. Mayor Eddie Simons presided; City Clerk Jessica Kendall recorded.

First business conducted was to approve the eve's agenda and payment of March bills. The group then okayed a resolution approving a resolution urging senators and

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## Alternative School On Tap For R-IX Bond

By  
**Anita Campbell**  
County  
Reporter

One of the major issues facing the Warsaw R-9 Board of Education is securing a place for an alternative school. The need for an alternative school is one of the reasons the Board of Education is asking voters to approve Proposition KIDS on April 2. The bond issue will not increase the tax rate but will give the district a \$18,000,000 general bond to construct, remodel, upgrade and repair existing buildings.

Alternative schools are designed to educate students who have not been successful in regular schools, often because of behavior, disciplinary and safety concerns. An alternative school may involve a range of different educational settings other than the typical school.

According to R-9 Superintendent Scott Gemes, the high school annex building which now

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## World Record! Snagger Brings Giant Paddlefish From Waters Of Warsaw



**A WORLD CLASS WHOPPER,** Chad Williams caught a record breaking paddlefish last week. Williams was on his first snagging trip when he reeled in the 164 pound fish.

The 2024 paddlefish snagging season is off to a great start after an angler reeled in a world record fish at the Lake of the Ozarks. The

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) congratulates Chad Williams of Olathe, Kansas for snagging

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# EASTER EGG HUNT

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**Ozark Foodie**  
 By Lonnice Gandara Taylor



I love hot dogs; grilled, steamed, beanie weenies, etc. One of my favorite sandwiches is the Chili Cheese Dog Grilled Cheese. Certainly not a top hit on the esoteric foodie list, but when my stepdaughters were young and always hungry it was one of their favorites too. Many versions abound,

## Community Calendar

**MARCH 20, 2024:** The Benton County Democratic Party will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM in the Warsaw Library meeting room. Guest speaker will be 57th Legislative District Candidate Michael Walbom. We'll discuss the upcoming Presidential Primary, Reproductive Health Initiative Petition and the Delegate Selection Plan. Everyone is welcome!

**MARCH 23, 2024:** Saturday, March 23, 5:00 PM, Cole Camp Boonslick Regional Library, Flower Arranging With Pat Barnes, Free Workshop, All Supplies Provided, Limited Seating, call today to reserve a space! Call (660) 827-READ (7323) option 2, Ages 12+.

**MARCH 23, 2024:** The Democratic Presidential Primary will take place at the Benton County Courthouse on Saturday, March 23, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Acceptable forms of identification include a Voter Registration card, Missouri driver's license or ID, and a utility or phone bill with your current name and address. Snacks will be available!

**MARCH 25, 2024:** The Clear Creek Cemetery Board will hold their annual meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Meeting will be held at the Clear Creek Baptist Church on Dick Road. Directions: 6 miles west of Lincoln on Hwy C, then ¼ mi South on Hwy T, then West on Dick Road. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**MARCH 25, 2024:** The Benton County Cattlemen's meeting will be held at the Warsaw Ambulance building. The Cattlemen's women's meeting starts at 6:00 PM, the potluck dinner starts at 6:30 PM and the regular meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Guest speaker Bill Brouk will be speaking about warm season grasses. Everyone is welcome.

**MARCH 27, 2024:** Save the Date: The Benton County Economic Development Committee will meet Wednesday, March 27, 4:15 PM, at The Heights at 515 N. Highway 65 in Lincoln. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Amie Breshears at (660) 438-5012 or abreshears@missouri.edu.

**MARCH 30, 2024:** Warsaw Community Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 PM at West Bledsoe Ferry Sports Complex (16609 Bledsoe Ferry Road), FREE. Egg hunt groups: 1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7 years through 5th grade. Lots of eggs! Come have fun! Sponsored by Benton County Youth Coalition See our website for information about our organization and to learn how to help your youth make positive decisions.

**MARCH 31, 2024:** Hopewell Baptist Church invites you to join us for Easter Sunday on March 31, 7:00 AM men begin cooking, 9:30 AM Easter Breakfast, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:00 AM EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, 12:00 PM CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT, NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**MARCH 31-APRIL 3, 2024:** Easter Revival at Abundant Life Church located at 15423 Centerline Avenue in Cole Camp, MO 65325, Sunday, March 31 thru Wednesday April 3. Sunday March 31 at 6:00 PM, Jeff and Sheri Easter will be holding a concert. Tickets are \$20 at the door and 16 and under are FREE. Gerald Crabb of the Crabb Family, will be singing and preaching Monday and Tuesday night at 7:00 PM. Danny Wegman of Dallas, Texas will be preaching on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 PM. Nursery is available in all services for ages 5 and under.

**APRIL 5, 2024:** Come and see our new exhibit, "Fashion through the 20th Century" when the Benton County Museum opens for a new season on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Museum hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

**APRIL 6, 2024:** White Knight Auctions presents the annual Home & Garden Show on Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM inside the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. Gather valuable contact info, check out demonstrations, win door prizes all day long and much more! Contact Julie White for more information at (660) 287-7936 or whiteknightauctions@hotmail.com.

**APRIL 6, 2024:** Benton County Lincoln-Reagan Dinner will be on Saturday, April 6 at the Warsaw Community Building. More details to come.

**APRIL 8, 2024:** Monday, April 8, 2024 at 12:30 PM, Boonslick Regional Library Cole Camp Branch, Eclipse Watch Party, Join us for a block party style Solar Eclipse Watch Party! Free event. Food, live music, rocket launches and plenty of "edu-tainment" for kids and adults alike!

**APRIL 8, 2024:** Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM will be the next monthly meeting of the Friends of the Benton County Sheriff's Office. It is held in the training room of the Sheriff's facility. Come and help us support our guardians. Please view our website at: <https://friendsbeso.org> for additional information.

**APRIL 9, 2024:** Benton County Retired Teachers and Support Staff breakfast meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 8:30 AM at the German Table in Cole Camp. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Judy Kinkead at (660)438-5978.

**JUNE 8, 2024:** SAVE THE DATE! 35th Biennial Warsaw All School Reunion at John Boise Middle School, Watch for further information and invitations, Check out Alumni Association on Warsaw School District website (<http://www.warsaw12.org>), Alumni information is on the left hand side of the page.

## 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.

**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.

**TRIKES, BIKES AND BALLS** for kids' prizes at the Warsaw Community Easter Egg Hunt! We are requesting individual donations so that we can purchase lots of action toys as prizes to keep the kids active and healthy. Send your donation to Benton County Youth Coalition (BCYC), a faith-based not for profit 501 (c)(3) charity, at P.O. Box 1302, Warsaw, MO 65355. All donation greatly appreciated. See our website for information about our organization and how you can help your youth make positive decisions.

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 2 tablespoons butter, cut into three even pieces  
 1 hot dog cut into 4 thin slices lengthwise  
 2 slices hardy white bread, such as Pepperidge Farm  
 2 slices American cheese  
 ½ cup of your favorite chili  
 Melt one third butter in a large nonstick skillet. Add hot dog slices, cook, turning occasionally until browned on all sides. Transfer to plate, add both bread slices and cook until pale golden brown on bottom side, about 2 minutes. Transfer to cutting board, toasted side up, place cheese slices on

top of each slice. Add hot dogs and chili to one side, then close sandwich, with both toasted slides facing inwards.  
 Melt one more piece of butter, and over medium low heat add sandwich, swirling

occasionally until deep golden brown. Remove sandwich, add remaining butter, return to skillet cooked side up and cook until deep golden brown and cheese is thoroughly melted.

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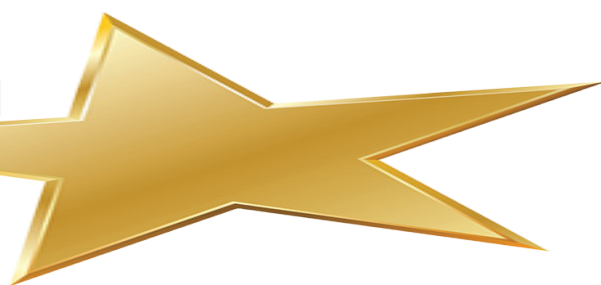
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<b>LAKE STAGES</b>	Truman Lake 707.41, 1.59 feet above normal pool. Lake of the Ozarks at Warsaw's Joe Dice Swinging Bridge: 655.32, 4.68 feet below normal pool. Total discharge through spillway is (na) cfs. Surface water temperature of Truman Lake is approximately 43 degrees.						





# STUDENTS of the MONTH



## JBMS Announces February Students Of The Month



**FEBRUARY 2024** Student of the Month: (L to R): 8th Grade-Miranda Myers, 7th Grade-Brogan Schibi, 6th Grade-Grayson Vaughn. JBMS teachers and staff nominate one student from each grade based on the following criteria: 1. Goes above and beyond 2. Assists and Motivates Peers 3. Hardworking and enthusiastic 4. Respectful to peers and faculty 5. Positive contributions to the classroom and school environment.

## Warsaw North Recognizes Students Of The Month



**FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** for North Elementary were announced this morning, (L to R): Axel Richardson, Clarke Radford, Remington Ghyra, Reagan Box, Haven Hinkle, Kase Smith, Sebastian Cooper, Brylee Shope, Kayden Piers, Nathaniel Seitz, Bentlee Cockriel, Ella Anderson, Kaileigh Burr, Savhannah Martin, Hunter Gregory, Chistopher Guzman, Harley Dunham, Beau Butterworth, Hannah McGovern, Maelyn Haslock.

## Warsaw South Presents Students Of The Month



**WARSAW SOUTH** Students of the Month for February, Character Trait: Helpful, (L to R): Daxeton Staton, Anastasia Baker (not pictured), Ryker Mutch, Luna Jackson, Avery Ferguson, Braxtyn Whittecar, Raina Crabtree, Clara Valentine, Ally Harness, Zak Hopkins, Stella Sartin, Labela Green

## WHS Music Takes Solos And Small Ensembles To Districts



Warsaw High School's Music Department participated in District Music Festival for solos and small ensembles on March 4 at Stockton High School. Fifty-three students performed their solos and small ensembles for a judge to receive a rating.

Soloists receiving a Bronze rating were Sarah Holmes, Ivy Kelsey, Alison Longhat-Hallock and Jade Parmalee.

Receiving a Silver rating were Alyson Alcantara, Haley Boley, Arabella Chenault, Christian Culbertson, Isabel Dilday, Dillan Ellison, Erin Goodpaster, Dakoda Jensen, Elijah Long, Serenity Miller, Jovi Robertson, Michael Schliefert and Hazel Thompson.

Those who received Gold were Ayden Burdick, Jayden Culbertson, Grace Drake, Eliana Jensen, Angela Konopasek, Sonia Lasseigne, Kathryn Lomax and Gabriel Wassman.

Allen SSA (Haylie Allen, Hayley Case,

Isabel Dilday, Jordan Dove, Jovi Robertson, Trinity Sandstrom) and Saxophone Quartet (Christian Culbertson, Jennifer Murdock, Michael Schliefert, Aaron Ramsey) received a Bronze Rating on their small ensemble.

Receiving Silver ratings were Kelsey SAB (Ayden Burdick, Jayden Culbertson, Wesley Jackson, Josephine Kelsey, Dallas Steinhoff, Autum Walton, Alysia Yoder); Jensen SAB (Izak Fraser, Analicia Guevera, Sarah Holmes, Dakoda Jensen, Madison Lawrence, Naomi Yoder); Holmes SSA (Arabella Chenault, Sarah Holmes, Josephine Kelsey, Makayla Lawrence, Aleah Minks, Jade Parmalee, Bralyn Smith) and Warsaw SATB ( Christian Culbertson, Dillan Ellison, Eliana Jensen, Sonia Lasseigne, Serenity Miller, JC Minks, Jasmin Myers, Gabriel Wassman).

A Gold rating went to Warsaw SAB (Alyson Alcantara, Jaxson Deckard,

Grace Drake, Angela Konopasek, Kathryn Lomax, Elijah Long).

Students receiving a Gold rating qualify for State competition April 27 at Mizzou.

Choral students are under the direction of Deanna Schockmann. Instrumental students are under the direction of Sandra Stewart.

## Lincoln Music Students Perform At State Fair



Lincoln music students were busy last Saturday at District Solos/Ensembles at SFCC!

The following students received an Exemplary (1) rating and will advance to state contest at Mizzou on April 26!

Emarie Eckhoff (vocal) Mariska DeFoor (bass clarinet solo) Thomas Rose (tenor sax & piano solos) Hannah Rose (bassoon solo) Lance Stevenson (trumpet solo) Westin Eifert (alto sax solo) Cadence Harvey (flute solo) Taylor Roark (vocal solo) Saxophone Quartet: Thomas Rose, Westin Eifert, John Cramer & Myles Harms

## Lincoln Scholar Team Takes Third In Conference



Congratulations to the Lincoln Scholar Bowl team on their 3rd place finish in the Kaysinger Conference Tournament over the weekend!

And more congratulations to Thomas Rose on being the TOP SCORER in the conference!



## Benton County 4H Makes Trip To Visit Reedy At Capitol



**EARLY MONDAY** morning Representative Rodger Reedy (R-57) met with a group from the Benton County All Rounders 4H Club. It was their first time visiting the Capitol and Reedy was thrilled to talk with them and explain the work that gets done at the Capitol.

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## Benton County Extension Swears In Board Members



CONGRATULATIONS to the returning and newly elected Extension Council members for Benton County!

Re-elected for a second consecutive 2-year term are:

Leland Burnett  
Leslie Dickerson  
Brian Harms  
Josh Sater

Newly elected for their first consecutive 2-year term:

Holly Eierman  
Rob Exendine  
Dan Hagedorn

Tom Hare was re-elected to the Benton County Extension Council for his third two-year term. Tom previously served on the Benton County Council from 2019-2023 and served as Council Chair; he also served as Chair of the West-Central Region Extension Council. Tom also has served on the Extension Council of both Holt and Andrew Counties before moving to Benton County.

(As required by statute, Extension Council members may serve two 2-year terms in a row and then must take a mandatory 1-year break from Council service.)

Taking the Oath of Office from Council Chair Caitlin Dill are (from left) Leland Burnett, Leslie Dickerson, Josh Sater, Tom Hare, Dan Hagedorn, Holly Eierman, Rob Exendine, and Brian Harms.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE BENTON COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL!

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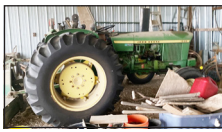
ON BEHALF OF the Benton County Extension Council Scholarship Committee: CONGRATULATIONS to Tara Morano, winner of the SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE Henry Golden Boy .22 L/R/LR with a one-of-a-kind engraving of Truman Lake! The winning ticket was drawn at the Benton County Extension Council Annual Meeting last Thursday evening. Because of the success of this raffle and dedication of the Scholarship Committee and the Extension Council, this May, one deserving senior at Cole Camp, Lincoln, and Warsaw High Schools will each receive a scholarship of at least \$1,000. That's 3 scholarships of at least \$1,000 each! This is the second year for the Benton County Extension Council Scholarship. Last year's \$300 scholarship recipient was Emma S. of Lincoln. High School. The quality of last year's applications was so good that the Scholarship Committee was determined to increase the number of scholarships awarded and the amount of the scholarship and that's how we got to here! Congratulations again to Tara and THANK YOU to everyone who bought a ticket and supported this scholarship raffle! PICTURED: Tara (left) and Amie Breshears, MU Extension Ag Business Specialist.



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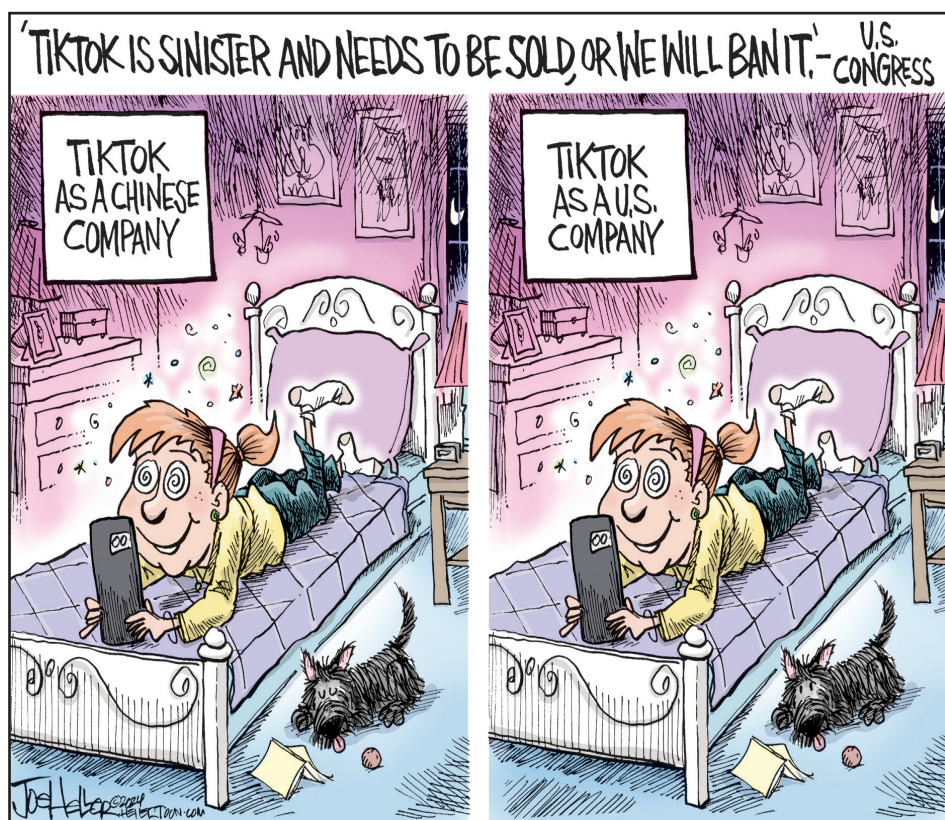
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**Have I Got A Line For You!**  
By James Mahlon White



Lots of things headed our way. Whether we'll like them or not, who knows. The Devil Comet will make an appearance on April 21. If it's a clear night, we should be able to step outside and watch it sailing through the sky. Named The Devil Comet for its pair of horns, it won't return until 2095. Many of us will have sailed somewhere else by then and I wonder what our world will be like? Life sure goes by fast, like the blink of an eye and I remember Hale-Bopp in 1997. What a splendid sight it was. When I zoomed across the sky I was living in Highlands Ranch, Colorado and thought it was magnificent

to see against the Rockies. This spring two different broods of cicadas, one that lives on a 13 year cycle and the other on a 17 year cycle, will emerge at the same time from underground. The last time this synchronized event occurred was 1803. This miraculous duo won't appear again until 2245. AMAZING! Close your eyes and imagine the sounds of cicadas, crickets, birds, frogs, toads and other species. If you were to travel back in time, 500 years ago, the same sounds would be present in our area during a warm summer night. Then as now, these sounds are a familiar reassurance. At least I've found that to be

**CORRECTION**

Following are corrections to last week's article titled "It's Campaign Season: Benton County Political Parties Snap Into High Gear": Cass County Democrats are having a meet and greet event and Benton County Democrats are going to see if it is something they would like to be replicated in our county. Jacqueline Farr is Vice Chair of the Missouri Democratic Party Rural Caucus. MDRC is not an official acronym for the Missouri Democratic Party Rural Caucus. The Democrats are waiting until after the primary on April 2 before going full throttle on mailings and events. Farr is a representative of the Rural Caucus and travels to other rural communities to hear what they have to say. There are no satellite groups of the Rural Caucus. Although the library has Benton County Democrats meetings scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30, the meetings actually start at 6 P.M.

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Spring is almost here, which means it's time for some spring cleaning. This year, in addition to tidying your home and surroundings, you might want to consider sprucing up your financial environment, as well.

Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

- **Improve your vision.** Once the days are warmer and longer, you may want to get outside and clean all the winter grime and smudges from your windows, allowing you to see the world more clearly. And you may want to bring more focus to your financial vision by asking some key questions: Is my investment strategy still appropriate for my needs, goals and family situation? If not, what changes should I make? And am I prepared for changes in my life, such as health challenges or a need to retire earlier than planned? The answers to these and other questions can help you clarify where you are, in terms of your financial picture, and where you want to go.

- **De-clutter.** As you look around your home, you may find things such as expired health care products, old prescriptions, ancient cleaning solutions, and so on, in addition to duplicate household items (how many blenders do you really need?) and non-working equipment — printers, laptops, etc. Most people find that eliminating this clutter gives them a good feeling — and more livable space. As an investor, you can also find clutter in the form of redundant investments — for example, you might own several nearly identical mutual funds. You might be better off selling some of these funds and using the proceeds to find new investments that can help you further diversify your portfolio. As you may know, diversification is a key to investment success, but keep in mind that it can't prevent all losses.

- **Plant seeds of opportunity.** Whether they're planting camellias and crocuses or carrots and cilantro,

gardeners are busy in the spring, hoping their efforts result in lovely flowers and tasty foods. And when you invest, you, too, need to plant seeds of opportunity in the form of investments that you hope will grow enough to enable you to make progress toward your goals. So, you may want to review your portfolio to ensure it's providing this growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance.

- **Reduce dangers.** You may not think about it that much, but your home and surroundings can contain potential hazards. You might have ill-fitting caps on cleaning products with toxic chemicals, or sharp cutting instruments protruding from shelves in your garage, or heavy, cracked tree branches hovering close to your roof. Spending some time on a spring-cleaning sweep can get rid of these dangers — and devoting time to consider the possible threats to your financial security, and those of your family, can pay off, too. For starters, review your life insurance to determine if you've got enough. Your employer may offer some coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need private coverage. And the same is true for disability insurance, because if something were to happen to you, and you couldn't work for a while, you'd still want to protect your family's lifestyle.

Spring is a great time for brightening your physical space — and your financial one, too.

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



## WORD ON THE STREET

What's one spring cleaning project you're looking forward to?



Getting the pool ready.  
-Megan Howard



Getting my yard in order.  
-Paula Wampler



I just want to be on my mower.  
-Chuck Webster

the case.

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Let's get back to the present. Judge McAfee said DA Fani Willis could stay on the election interference case against President Trump, even though her actions have, "The odor of mendacity, unprofessionalism and a tremendous lapse in judgment." This is just another version of yes Hillary destroyed 33 thousand emails that contained classified information, but shouldn't be charged with anything. Same for Fani. She lied and mishandled a case against a former President, but no big deal. We'll just tell her to clean up her act and move on. Lapse in judgment is the new code word for government officials who commit crimes. Every person that commits a crime has a lapse in judgment, don't they? UNBELIEVABLE! Bet Fani feels so entitled she'll run for Governor. Ain't life grand in our Banana Republic?

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I've rambled on a bit, but have enjoyed doing so. Take care of yourself Old Buddy and as subscriber Trevis Headings commented, "It's a good day to have a good day!" You betcha.

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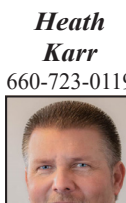
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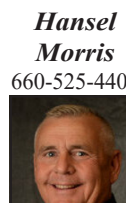
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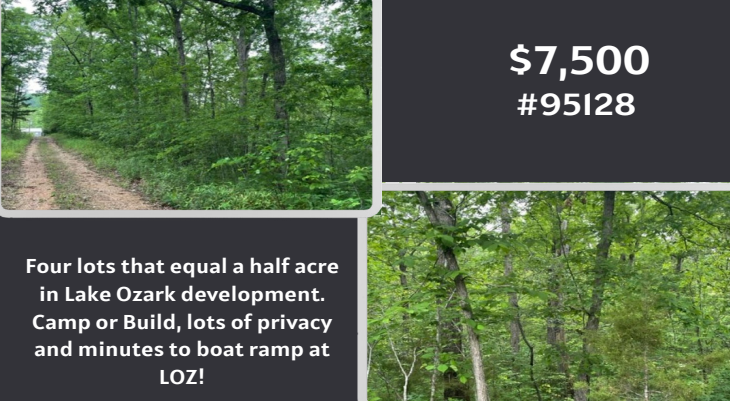


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PROBATE DIVISION

Case No.: 24BE-PR00006

In the Matter of: A. K. W., Minor. PAMELA RUSHING, Petitioner, vs. GENE WOLF, Natural Father And AMANDA FRAME, Natural Mother. Respondents.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Respondents: GENE WOLF and AMANDA FRAME

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Benton, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Petition for Guardianship and Conservatorship of a Minor.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is Cale B, Haddock, 245 W. Washington St., P.O. Box 24, Warsaw, Missouri 65355, and his phone number is (660) 223-5152.

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 the 29th day of February, 2024, judgment by default will be rendered.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published

according to the law in the Benton County Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Benton, State of Missouri. A true copy from the record.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 23rd day of February, 2024.

Shanda Schultz, Circuit Clerk Julia J. Harms, Deputy Circuit Clerk

DATE(S) OF PUBLICATION: 2/29/24, 3/7/24, 3/14/24, 3/21/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI AT WARSAW

IN RE THE MATTER OF: CHARLES WAYNE BACON,

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AFTER JUDGMENT OF CHANGE OF NAME OF ADULT INDIVIDUAL

To Whom it May Concern: Notice is hereby given that by an Order of the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, in the above-captioned cause, entered on the record on February 26, 2024, the name of CHARLES WAYNE BACON was changed to CHARLES WAYNE HOEHNS BACON.

DULL & HEANY, LLC. By: /s/Gable B. Dull Gable B. Dull, #74639 Attorneys at Law 220 W. Main Street PO Box 1495 Warsaw, MO 65355-1495 Tel. No. (660) 438-7102 Fax No. (660) 438-7910 Email: gdull@dullheanyl.com

ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

Date(s) of Publication: 3/7, 3/14 & 3/21/2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 24BE-DR00008

IN RE THE MATTER OF: TERESA ANN SIMPSON, PETITIONER,

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

On this 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, entered judgment in the above-captioned cause, changing the name of Teresa Ann Simpson to TERESA ANN SIMMONS.

/S/ SHANDA SCHULTZ Circuit Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: MARCH 7, 2024, MARCH 14, 2024, MARCH 21, 2024

IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case Number: 24BE-PR00004

In the Estate of TIMOTHY EDWARD BUSING, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of TIMOTHY EDWARD BUSING, Decedent:

On MARCH 11, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of TIMOTHY EDWARD BUSING, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri. The personal

representative's business address and phone number is:

BRENDA EDWARDS, 1710 HICKORY LANE, SEDALIA, MO 65301;

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: SEAN PILLIARD, 322 S OHIO, STE 205, SEDALIA, MO 65301; 660-829-2008

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: 27-SEP-2023

Date of first publication: March 21, 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: 3/21/24; 3/28/24; 4/4/24; 4/11/24

TO BE PUBLISHED IN: BENTON COUNTY ENTERPRISE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Board of Adjustment of the City of Warsaw, Missouri has received application from Rhonda & Steven Montgomery for a variance to change the side yard setback, related to the following described property situated in the City of Warsaw, County of Benton, State of Missouri, to-wit:

Sec 16 TW 40N, Range 22, Lot 8 BLK 3 Boring's Town & Country Estates a subdivision in the City of Warsaw, Benton County, Missouri, also known as 138 Lillie Lane.

Said application is to be acted upon as provided in Chapter 42, of the Warsaw, Missouri City Code, THEREFORE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, other applicable statutes and said zoning regulations. The Board of Adjustments of Warsaw, Missouri will meet in the Council Chambers at the Community Building in Warsaw, Missouri at 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 11, 2024 for the purpose of a public hearing in relation to said application at which date, time and place parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Jessica Kendall, City Clerk By: Kathy King, Deputy City Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: March 21, 2024

In compliance with the statutes of the State of Missouri, notice is hereby given to the qualified voters in the County of Benton, State of Missouri, that the annual elections will be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April 2024, beginning at 6:00 a.m. and closing at 7:00 p.m., of said day. To vote on the propositions included on the sample ballots attached hereto.

SAMPLE BALLOT GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI NOTICE OF ELECTION THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF MID MISSOURI Proposition KIDS FOR STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM WARSAW R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR BOARD MEMBER THREE YEAR TERM

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LINCOLN R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DIRECTOR FOUR YEAR TERM CITY OF WARSAW FOR MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM NORTHWEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Proposition No. 1 SIX YEAR TERM COLE CAMP R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CHOOSE BY BALLOT ONE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR. FOR DIRECTOR THREE YEAR TERM OSAGE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR DIRECTOR SIX YEAR TERM CITY OF LINCOLN FOR MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM

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FOR ALDERMAN EAST WARD TWO YEAR TERM FOR ALDERMAN WEST WARD TWO YEAR TERM FOR ALDERMAN WEST WARD TWO YEAR TERM QUESTION Shall the City of Lincoln impose a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the City of Lincoln Police Department? CITY OF COLE CAMP FOR MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM FOR ALDERMAN EAST WARD TWO YEAR TERM

The polling places for said election will be as follows: Cole Township - Edmonson Baptist Church Fristoe/ Alexander Township - Warsaw Shrine Club Lindsey Township - Warsaw Community Building Tom Township - St. Ann Catholic Church Union Township - Edwards Community Center White Township - Lincoln Community Building Williams Township -Trinity Lutheran Church Voters of Benton County Districts residing in Pettis County vote at the following polling places in Pettis County: Washington Township at Green Ridge Community Center Flat Creek Township at

Advanced Builders

Lake Creek Township at Smithton Community Center Voters of Benton County Districts residing in Henry County vote at the following polling place in Henry County: Osage Township at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Said polling places will be open from the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., during which time any person properly registered to vote in the county will be given the opportunity to cast his or her ballot.

I hereby certify that this sample ballot is a true and correct copy of the official ballot to be used in the April General Municipal Election to be held in Benton County, Missouri on April 2, 2024.

Susan Porterfield Benton County Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: March 21 & March 28, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public test of the vote counting equipment on March 29th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to this test in the county clerk's office.

Date(s) of Publication: March 21, 2024

NOTICE

The County Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, March 30, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and on Monday, April 1, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for absentee voting. Please remember to bring a government-issued photo ID for identification purposes.

Date(s) of Publication: March 21, 2024



Classifieds

GARAGE SALE

MOVING SALE, Sun-Tues, March 24-26, 401 East Locust St in Lincoln, Furniture, Tools, Clothing, Dishes, Lots of misc, 8:00 AM-Dusk, P-PU-3/22

HELP WANTED

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