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## Cole Camp Passes Chicken Ordinance, Must Be Permitted

By  
**Homer May**  
County  
Reporter

Under old business Thursday eve, city aldermen passed a bill that will allow residents to keep chickens. The number of fowl permitted was not publicly stated, but the group mentioned that a permit to keep fowl is still required. The bill perhaps responds to a few complaints by city residents living near owners of those animals.

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM on March 21, with Aldermen Jon Beckman, David Locke, Diana Burdick, Mindy Fox present. Mayor Bob Meuschke presided; City Clerk Dawn Paul recorded.

City resident Diane Banks, living at 505 West Ferguson, appeared at a public hearing that the group offered her to deal with an allegation that her property was a public nuisance. She responded but the group eventually affirmed that the property was indeed a public nuisance, leaving her with an ultimatum to either clean up the property, or the city will do so at her expense.

Following, the group approved the eve's agenda, February bills and financials for the city, and minutes of the February 15 meeting.

Diane Simon, who lives outside the city, then discussed a plan to modernize public restrooms in the city. She thought such an effort might cost \$16,000

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## Benton County Sheriff Faces Challenger In August Primary



SET FOR A FACE-OFF in the August Primary Election are Benton County Sheriff Eric Knox and former Benton County Deputy Andrew Breshears.

By  
**Judy Kramer**  
County  
Reporter

Andrew Breshears filed to run for the office of Benton County Sheriff on March 25. He will be challenging incumbent Sheriff Ray Knox who is seeking his third term in office. Since both candidates are Republicans,

they will know the results of their race on Primary Election Day, August 6. Both candidates were given a questionnaire to fill out and were also asked to give a short summary of their backgrounds. Results of the questionnaire are stated and followed by the candidate's answers.

Sheriff Knox was born in California, but moved to Texas when he was three

days old. He and his family lived in the state until he was four years old when they moved back to Missouri where the family originally lived. Sheriff Knox spent kindergarten through 12th grade in Cole Camp Schools and held a few jobs before spending four years in the U.S. Navy. He said that he did everything from trash truck driving to being a machinist, and then went

into construction where he remodeled and built houses. However, his passion was law enforcement, and he used the revenue from his construction career to put himself through P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer's Standards and Training) Academy. He worked full time in construction during the day, SHERIFF Page 7

## Warsaw R-IX Asks For Help In Passing Proposition KIDS

By  
**Anita Campbell**  
County  
Reporter

The need for improvements to the buildings of the Warsaw R-9 School District has prompted the Board of Education to ask 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.

According to R-9 Superintendent Scott Gemes, passage of Proposition KIDS will not increase the district tax rate. "Warsaw R-9 has a tax rate of \$2.75 operating levy and 80 cents debt service. That rate will not change with the passage of Proposition KIDS," said Gemes.

The State of Missouri set the tax rate at \$2.75 and the school district can increase that rate. In comparison, Lincoln R-2 School District has an operating levy of \$3.4331.

In addition to adding a fifth-grade wing to the middle school, there will be multiple remodeling projects associated with Proposition KIDS.

Both a boys' and girls' bathroom will be added to WHS. Presently the only girls' and boys' restrooms are the ones originally installed when WHS was constructed in 1969. WHS

BOND Page 3

## Elks Give Major Gift For R-IX Kids To Make Music

By  
**Judy Kramer**  
County  
Reporter

Music teachers Rhonda Applegate at South School, and Lydia Schockmann, at North, came up with the idea of entering their fourth and fifth grade choir students in the Music in the Parks Music Festival. It will take place at Silver Dollar City, Branson, on April 27. It is the first time the schools have taken part in the competition, and it is possible after fundraising by South School parent Michelle White, and generous donations from The Benton County Elks and other organizations.

"When the music teachers came up with the idea to do this, they found that it would cost \$4,200 for all the kids to go and they needed to raise funds," said White.



R-IX CHOIR STUDENTS are set to compete at Music In The Park Festival that will be held in Branson on April 27. Their trip has been underwritten by donations, including one from the Benton County Elks. Attending a check presentation at R-IX North were, front row: Mrs. Rhonda Applegate, Brookelynn White, Stephanie Anderson; and back row: Genia Townsend, Bob Waters, Marilee Carman and Brett Powell.

"My daughter Brookelynn decided that I wouldn't mind doing the fundraising. So, I reached out to businesses telling them that the kids in the community want to do this and it would be their first time going. Stephanie Anderson, Exalted Ruler of the Benton County Elks, is a friend of mine and I asked her how to get help from the Elks.

She told me to come make a presentation to the board, and I asked Brookelynn to make the presentation and answer questions."

Anderson said that Brookelynn made her presentation to some officers of the Benton County Elks Board on February 19. Board members included

Stephanie Anderson, Brett Powell, Bob Waters, Genia Townsend, Marilee Carman and Brenda Michael. She said that \$1,240 was raised from the lodge as well as individual member donors.

"The Chorus needed \$100 per child for travel, meals and entrance to Silver Dollar city," said Anderson. "The Elks donation was presented to the Chorus on March 12."

Michelle White said that the competition is a national thing and anyone from close to Branson can compete. She said that after their performance, the Chorus will spend time in the park until it is time to show up to the stage for the competition results.

"Besides going to the park, it is a good experience for the kids to see the competitors and competitions," said White. "The choir groups are all doing different things and it will open doors for them."

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## Benton County Basketball Gets Big Time Recognition From Central MO Media



EARNING THEIR STRIPES, Warsaw's Logan Gemes and Tanna Howe were recognized as Central MO Media All-District selections on teams released on Wednesday.

By  
**Adam Howe**  
Editor

As the 2023-24 basketball seasons have finally wrapped up, crowning champions in

each class and releasing All-State teams for each as well, one of the final lists remaining was let loose on Wednesday with the selections of players for Central MO Media All-District teams.

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## Community Calendar

**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 Health & Rehab Easter Egg Hunt, March 30, 10:00 AM, Age Groups: 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12, 1609 Sunchase Drive, Warsaw, MO.

**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 1, 2024:** The Benton County Republican Women's Club will meet at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, 121 Locust St. Our speaker is Susan Klein, Missouri Right to Life. Doors open at 6:30 PM, the meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

**APRIL 4, 2024:** Benton County Republican Central Committee, 6:00 PM, Warsaw Boonslick Library conference room, Everyone is welcome!

**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, Doors open at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM, Guest speakers are Jay Ashcroft, Mike Moon and many more of our elected officials.

**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://friendsbcso.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 Kincaid at (660)438-5978.

**APRIL 25, 2024:** Annual plant sale by the Benton County Master Gardeners from 8:30 AM until Noon, Location is Benton County Extension Office at 100 W. Washington Street, Warsaw, MO.

**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.

**PAYING IT FORWARD,** My thanks to the anonymous person who recently gave me a gift card at a local restaurant and paid for my meal. I was informed that person also provided gift cards to two other diners. Thanks again! -Homer May

**Ozark Foodie**  
By Lonnie Gandara Taylor




Hamburgers are beloved by just about everybody. While living in Paris many decades ago, it was not easy to find a hamburger. Despite loving French food, an American hamburger was

what I often craved. (I still do)

Upping the ante now on burger cuisine, a couple of sauce recipes can elevate your dinner. The fake Shake Sauce (Shake Shack) is a favorite. The main point is to make sure the dill pickle is very finely chopped.

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 4 slices kosher dill pickle, finely chopped
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- Pinch cayenne pepper

Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend on high, scraping down sides as needed for about 1 minute. Refrigerate until needed.

7 DAY FORECAST	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	HIGH 66° Low 45°	HIGH 73° Low 52°	HIGH 72° Low 53°	HIGH 78° Low 60°	HIGH 76° Low 41°	HIGH 57° Low 36°	HIGH 60° Low 36°
<b>LAKE STAGES</b>	Truman Lake 706.25, 0.25 feet above normal pool. Lake of the Ozarks at Warsaw's Joe Dice Swinging Bridge: 654.50, 5.50 feet below normal pool. Total discharge through spillway is (na) cfs. Surface water temperature of Truman Lake is approximately 50 degrees.						

**ELKS**  
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My daughter wants to listen to hip-hop and other types of music. Brooklyn did a great job of her presentation to the Elks. Many other organizations also helped the choir. Her grandfather encourages her and his other grandchildren to reach out to the community.

**MEDIA**  
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All-District teams are intrinsically selected by members of participating media outlets and their representatives. The process involves player nominations and substantial justification for selection and eliminations of some very deserving players.

The Class 3 boys coverage area includes schools from Belle, Bourbon, Cole Camp, Dixon, Fatima, Hermann, Iberia, Licking, Linn, New Bloomfield, North Callaway, Russellville, South Callaway, Steelville, Stover, Versailles, Warsaw, Windsor.

The Class 3 girls coverage area includes schools from Belle, Bourbon, California, Centralia, Cole Camp, Dixon, Father Tolton, Fatima, Hermann, Licking, North Callaway, South Callaway, Steelville, Stover, Versailles, Warsaw.

The Class 2 boys coverage area includes schools from Crocker, Eugene, Fayette, Glasgow, Green Ridge, Harrisburg, Laquey, Lincoln, New Franklin, Newburg, Northeast-Cairo, Northwest: Hughesville, Plato, Richland, Salisbury, Slater, Smithton, Stoutland, Sturgeon, Sweet Springs, Tipton, Vienna, Westran.

The Class 2 girls coverage area includes schools from Crocker, Eugene, Fayette, Harrisburg, Iberia, Laquey, Lincoln, Linn, New Franklin, Newburg, Northwest: Hughesville, Plato, Richland, Russellville, Salisbury, Slater, Smithton, Sturgeon, Tipton, Vienna, Westran, Windsor.

Players from the local coverage area were regarded as some of the best in their class and lists including Benton County players for Class 3 (boys and girls) and Class 2 (girls) are listed below.

**Class 3 Boys**  
**First Team**  
Nolan Brune, 5-10, sr., Hermann; Keyton Cook, 6-1, sr., Licking; Isaiah Craighead, 6-3, sr., North Callaway; **Gentry Dieckman, 6-5, sr., Cole Camp;** Tayber Gray, 5-10, sr., South Callaway; Noah Hall, 5-11, sr., Linn; Easton Haslag, 6-0, sr., Fatima; Adam Loucks, 6-6, sr., South Callaway; Carson Mullen, 6-2, sr., Steelville; Grant Perry, 6-3, sr., Iberia; Sam Pezold, 6-2, sr., North Callaway; Levi Robinson, 6-6, sr., Fatima; Baylar Smith, 6-3, sr., Iberia; Ryder Williams, 6-3, sr., Versailles; Drew Young, 6-1, soph., Dixon

**Second Team**  
Tristan Albrecht, 6-5, sr., Versailles; Brayden Cadwallader, 5-10, sr., Belle; Landon Edinger, 5-9, sr., Stover; Jacob Fuhrman, 6-0, jr., New Bloomfield; **Logan Gemes, 6-2, jr., Warsaw;** Reid Harrison, 5-10, sr., Cole Camp; Ethan Hickey, 6-4, sr., Russellville; Daeden Hopkins, 6-6, jr., Hermann; Austin James, 5-10, sr., Licking; Cody Mosher, 6-1, sr., Stover  
Tommy McBride, 6-5, jr., Dixon; Reese Murdock, 6-4, jr., Versailles; Tanner Patterson, 6-2, jr., Iberia; Matthew Robertson, 6-1, jr., Fatima; Seth Wolfe, 6-1, sr., Linn

**Coach of the Year**  
Ryan Robertson, Fatima  
**Class 3 Girls**  
**Second Team**  
Raegan Anderson, 5-7, sr., Centralia; Reagan Arrowood, 5-9, jr., South Callaway; Ella Bailey, 5-9, sr., California; Hannah Bauer, 5-6, sr., Stover; Bevin Bouse, jr., Bourbon; Abrielle Burgher, 5-5, sr., North Callaway; Lucy Crede, 5-8, sr., Fatima; Tayte Higgins, 5-10, soph., California; **Tanna Howe, 5-4, soph., Warsaw;** Nevaeh Kinsey, 5-10, sr., Belle; Marli Perkins, 5-10, sr., Steelville; Natalie Shryock, 5-9, jr., North Callaway; Sadie Sexauer, 5-8, jr., Father Tolton; Kelsey Wetherell, 5-8, jr., South Callaway; Kennedie Witthaus, 5-4, jr., Hermann

**Coach of the Year**  
Megan Brinkmann, Centralia

**Class 2 Girls**  
**Second Team**  
K'Lea Basnett, 5-8, soph., Russellville; Lexi Burns, 5-11, jr., Richland; Emma Fischer, 5-9, sr., Harrisburg; Callie Goss, fr., Smithton; Ryleigh Kliethermes, 5-7, fr., Eugene; **Alyssa Mellen, soph., Lincoln;** Adrienne Miller, 5-7, sr., Laquey; Alexis Millington, 5-9, sr., Windsor; Madison Prysock, 5-4, jr., Slater; Tori Ricketts, jr., Salisbury; Mary Rosa, 5-8, jr., Newburg; Alexa Rowden, 5-11, jr., Iberia; Julia Sloan, 5-6, jr., Salisbury; Kay Sullivan, 6-0, sr., Fayette; Aydan Wilhite, 5-9, sr., Sturgeon

**Coach of the Year**  
Jason Culppepper, Tipton

**COLE CAMP**  
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to \$20,000, adding that her organization has some of the funds to do so but she asked the city to also fund the project. The group, while favorable to the notion, asked her to provide more information about projected costs.

Also in old business, the group passed a trash ordinance which changes the time when trash will be picked up, with perhaps other provisions.

In new business, the group heard Clerk Paul discuss a proposed sound system for the meeting room. She was asked to obtain other bids, because of projected excessive costs so far.

Public Works Director Heath Roark then discussed a possible TAP grant for engineering costs to improve the Rock Island trail. He will issue a request for a consultant to do so.

Planning and Zoning Director Tammy Eckhoff reported that P&Z met this month and was getting "the ball rolling."

Clerk Paul was requested to get more bids for replacement of windows in the Community Building, especially as to labor costs. She then reported she attended a training session last week, where she learned a bit about grant writing. She has received one bid for a truck with 99,000 miles on it, and will ask for additional bids. Lastly, she said she will be on vacation for a week beginning Friday. Public Works Director Roark reported he received one bid for power washing the city's water tower, but still needs additional bids. He added that DNR gave the city a passing record on its water samples taken around town. He had purchased a 2018 Ford 3/4 ton truck for \$24,300, and has received several bids for asphalt work to be done on the water main project.

Police Chief Jeff Canfield reported that the city needed several stop signs around town, or it needed to change its related regulations.

City Attorney Todd Smith briefly discussed several legal issues.

And Mayor Meuschke reported that work on the new pickleball court may have been done today.

The open meeting closed at 8:40 PM. This group usually meets on 3rd Thursday eves. Visitors are welcome.

**BOND**  
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presently has 400 students with only two restrooms.

"It is just like your home," said R-9 Board member Leslie Grace. "After so many years, everyone has to update their home. Our elementary schools were built in the 50's and we need to do some replacing of bathrooms. I also want our preschoolers in the buildings instead of trailers."

Of course, parents are very interested in the passage of Proposition KIDS on April 2, there are many retired people in the community who are also interested in the education of Warsaw students. Katie Johnson, former teacher and local farmer, wants the very best for Warsaw students as well. "My boys graduated from WHS, however, I am still interested in the education of all our students," said Johnson. "We need this bond issue to pass because the school has issues such as preschool and remodeling of the high school as well as a remodel of the stage and music rooms. I would love for the district to build a fine arts center, but replacing the sound system and lights would help to improve our

musical productions."

Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on Tuesday, April 2; however, any registered voter can vote at the Benton County Courthouse any day of the week until the election. According to Tory Viebrock, the Benton County Clerk's Office will be open for absentee voting every day until the election from 8:00 AM until noon and then 1:00 PM until 4:30 PM. The office will also be open on Saturday, March 30, 2024, from 8:00 AM until noon and Monday, April 1, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Voters will need to present a valid photo ID in order to cast a vote such as a Missouri driver's license, a Missouri non-driver license, a U.S. Passport or a military ID.

Polls in the Warsaw School District will open on April 2 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.



**BENTON COUNTY Sheriff's Report**  
ERIC KNOX  
Benton County Sheriff  
**Sheriff's Report**  
3/18/24 to 3/25/24

Shane Bradley Kroske of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-18-24 for Exceeding the Speed Limit 36MPH or more and Driving While Revoked/Suspended. Subject was booked and released with a court date.

Hunter Green of Deepwater, MO was arrested on 3-18-24 on a Benton County warrant for Failure to Appear/Owner Operate Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility-1st Offense. Bond is set at \$261.50 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Ricky Lee Riga of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-19-24 on a Benton County warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Subject was booked and released with a court date.

Christopher James Sinn of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-20-24 for shoplifting. Subject was booked and released with a court date.

Amber D. Pasinski of Lincoln, MO was arrested on 3-20-24 on a Miller County warrant for probation violation with a no bond status. Subject was booked and transported to another county.

Joshua Ryan Hutfles of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-21-24 on 3 Benton County and 1 Phelps County warrants for Failure to Appear X2,

Resisting Officer/Resisting Arrest, Possession of Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle, Operate Vehicle on Highway Without a Valid License, Own/Operate Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility. Bond is set at \$600.00 cash only, \$2,500.00 cash or surety and \$20,000.00 surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

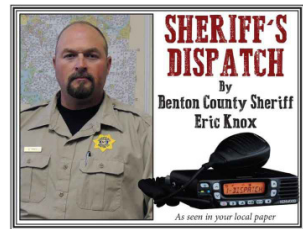
Steven Amos Henderson of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-21-24 on a Benton County warrant for Sexual Abuse-1st Degree and Assault-4th Degree. Bond is set at \$50,000.00 cash or surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

Ralph Ernest Fairman of Warsaw, Mo was arrested on 3-22-24 for Driving While Intoxicated. Subject was Booked and Released with a Court date.

Kenneth Date Wombles of Warsaw, Mo was sentenced on 3-22-24 to 48 hours for Tampering with a Utility. Subject completed sentence and was released.

Michael Paul Noble II, of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-22-24 for Operating a Vehicle on a Highway Without a Valid License-3rd. Subject was booked and release with a court date.

Bonnie Sue Sandifer, homeless, was arrested on 3-24-24 on a Benton County warrant for Failure to Appear/Trespass 1st degree, bond is set at \$1,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility



Hello Benton County, I want to talk about Echo Lloyd. This is a case that has never left our thoughts here in the Benton County Sheriff's Office. It is easy for people to get busy in the day-to-day grind of life. Memories dim, but not for us, and not for the members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC) who took over the case shortly after it came to us.

For anyone unfamiliar with the case, on May 15th of 2020 at 11:37 am, a report came in of a possible missing person. A deputy was dispatched to Stag Drive in Edwards Missouri where they met up

with the daughter of Echo Lloyd who stated she had not seen her mother in two weeks.

After gaining access to Echo's home, we called in the DDCC to conduct a forensic inspection which resulted in no factual evidence, or any information which would be helpful in locating Echo. The scene, however, raised more questions than we had answers for. We conducted a grid search of the area surrounding Echo's home which involved Sheriff's Offices employees, including myself, the Highway Patrol, all the area fire fighters, water patrol, the conservation department and other volunteers. Again, this search produced no answers that would help us to locate Echo or help determine what had happened to her. At that time, I knew our little office did not have the resources necessary to give this case what it was going to need, so the case was turned completely over to the DDCC.

The members of the DDCC have put in thousands of manhours on this case. They brought in expert cavers who worked the extensive cave system that exists here in Benton County. They followed leads that came in from citizens and interviewed every person that had contact with Echo as well as every other person of interest that may have been connected to her in any way. They interviewed people whose names came up from those leads and interviews as well, still producing no hard evidence of what had happened to Echo.

The DDCC is still actively investigating tips and leads that come in. Three weeks ago, the Camden County Sheriff's Office had a lead that was worked by DDCC which involved K9s and a forensic team, but unfortunately resulted in no connecting information in Echo's case. All leads, no matter how miniscule or vague, are followed up by the DDCC.

Leads that are called into the Benton County Central Dispatch or the Benton County Sheriff's Office are forwarded immediately to DDCC for action. It is the heartfelt desire by every member of the BCSO that evidence will come in that will help the DDCC solve this case. If you have any information, no matter how insignificant you may think it is, please contact the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 573-751-3452, the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 866-362-6422 or Benton County Central Dispatch at 660-438-9555. And as always, my door is always open. Somebody knows something, please come forward and give Echo's family and loved ones the peace they deserve.  
*Sheriff Knox*

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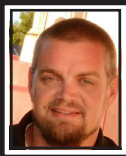
# SPORTS

Thursday, March 28, 2024

## 'Cats Are Champs At Odessa Baseball Tourney



**IF YOU AIN'T FIRST, YOU'RE LAST** and that was the mentality the Warsaw baseball squad used in securing a championship finish at the Odessa Tournament over the weekend. The 'Cats beat Richmond, 6-5 on Friday night before demoralizing Lexington, 18-3 on Saturday and then taking down Odessa later in the day, 2-1 for the first place finish.



By  
*Adam Howe*  
Sports  
Editor

The Wildcats are off to a hot 5-1 start in 2024 and have started their trophy collection for the season after recently staking claim to a first place finish at the Odessa Tournament over the weekend.

Warsaw's championship win came over the host Odessa Bulldogs in a tight 2-1 game on Saturday afternoon.

Both teams were strong on the bump but it was the Wildcats' Josh Bunch who prevailed in the win. The junior gave up just 1 run on 3 hits in 6 innings of work while retiring 9 by way of the K.

After 1 base on balls followed by back-to-back singles, Odessa got on the board in the bottom of the first when Bunch issued a bases loaded walk to make the score 1-0. The next three batters went down in order as the 'Cats defense avoided giving up a big inning.

The second inning went scoreless but the 'Cats broke the seal in the third when Jase Hubert led off the inning with an infield single. In the next at-bat, Hubert swiped second and then, with 1 out, Garrett Ferguson singled on another hard ground ball to the shortstop. Hubert scored on an error by the Bulldogs first baseman to make it 1-1.

With Ferguson standing on second, Jayce Depriest

was hit by a pitch and then, with 2 outs, Logan Gemes singled on another ground ball. Ferguson rounded third and headed for home to score safely and had all they would need for the 2-1 final.

Odessa drew 2 bases on balls in the bottom of the third but that threat was halted when Bunch got a fly out and a strikeout to end the inning.

The fourth, fifth and sixth innings saw both sides go down in order.

In the seventh, Warsaw went 1-2-3 again. Odessa drew a leadoff walk in the frame but Ryan Fajen, in relief of Bunch, induced a 6-4-3 double play and a groundout ended the game, earning the Wildcats the 2-1 win and the first place trophy.

Gemes had 2 hits and 1 RBI for Warsaw while 1 hit apiece was contributed by Ferguson, Hubert and Kendall Bagley.

Earlier on Saturday, the Lexington Minutemen proved no match for the Wildcats as they rolled to an 18-3 win.

After surrendering 1 run in the top of the first, the Wildcats took the lead and never looked back by plating 3 runs of their own in the bottom of the first frame.

Lexington added 1 more in the top of the second but Warsaw exploded for 9 runs on 10 hits in the bottom of the inning. Jase Hubert and Bradley Watson both had had 2 singles in the inning

while 1 each came off of the bats of Garrett Ferguson, Kendall Bagley, Logan Gemes, Josh Bunch, Reese Maxwell and Drake Murrell to blow things open at 12-2 after two.

Lexington put 1 more on the board in the top of the third, but Warsaw plated 3 more runs in each of the third and fourth innings for the 18-3 mercy rule win.

The Warsaw offense was fueled by Watson, Gemes, Bunch and Hubert who all collected 3 hits. Ferguson, Bagley, Maxwell and Murrell each finished the day with 2 hits.

Maxwell earned the win on the mound. He yielded 3 runs on 3 hits while striking out 9 in 4.0 innings.

Despite being outthit 12-5, Warsaw built a 4 run lead in the fourth inning and held off Richmond for a 6-5 win on Friday night.

After giving up 2 runs in the top of the first, Warsaw took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the inning when Bradley Watson scored on a sacrifice fly by Jayce Depriest, Josh Harvath scored on a fielder's choice by Ryan Fajen and Garrett Ferguson singled, scoring both Josh Bunch and Kendall Bagley to make the score 4-2.

The Wildcats scored 2 more runs in the bottom of the fourth off of errors to stretch their lead to 6-2. Richmond tagged the Wildcats for 1 run in the sixth and 2 more in the seventh but the Wildcats hung on to take the 6-5 victory.

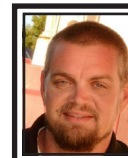
Ferguson led Warsaw with 2 hits while 1 each was added by Bunch, Logan Gemes and Jase Hubert.

Ferguson also got the win on the mound by going 6.0 innings. He gave up 3 runs on 10 hits and struck out 3 before giving way to Fajen and Bagley in relief.

The Wildcats traveled to Buffalo on Tuesday for their Ozark Highlands Conference opener. Their next home game is/was scheduled for Wednesday when they host Lincoln. They'll also be at home when on Thursday when Stockton comes to town. Both of those games are slated for a 5:00 PM first pitch.



## Ladycats Shutout Lone Jack, Power Past Lincoln



By  
*Adam Howe*  
Sports  
Editor

It was a pitcher's duel through 4 innings of play last Thursday night but the Ladycats finally broke a scoreless tie in the fifth when Mady Reimund singled and scored later on a Haylee Cobb double putting them up 1-0. Cobb advanced to third on an error and scored on a sacrifice by Adison Sherrill, and after a double to deep centerfield by Tanna Howe, she came around to score on a Brylee Brewster single to give Warsaw a 3-0 win over Lone Jack in their home opener.

Sherrill, Brewster and Reimund all picked up 2 hits for the Ladycats while Cobb, Howe and Sara Miller each accounted for 1 hit apiece.

Brewster earned the win in the circle for Warsaw by going the 7.0 inning distance, surrendering just 3 hits and 1 walk while striking out 13.



On Saturday, Warsaw improved to 4-1 when they rallied for 15 runs on 17 hits in a 15-4 win at Lincoln.

The Ladycats got on top in the first, 1-0, when Tanna Howe scored Haylee Cobb on a sacrifice fly to centerfield, but Lincoln bounced back in the bottom of the frame when they plated 2 runs on a Courtney Stephens triple to centerfield and Stephens later scored on a fielder's choice to make it 3-1, in favor of the home team.

The second inning was scoreless but Warsaw tied the game in the third when singles by Cobb and Adison Sherrill led off the inning. With 1 out, Brylee Brewster hammered a ball up the middle that was misplayed by the Lady Cards' second baseman and scored both runs to knot things up at 3-3.

Lincoln got back on top in the bottom of the third, 4-3 on a Ladycats' miscue but that one seemed to awake the sleeping giant.

Warsaw rallied for 5 runs in the top of the fourth after Cobb, Sherrill, Brewster and Maylee Slavens all singled, and Brewster stole home, each scoring 1 run to stretch things out at 8-4.

The Ladycats rallied for 2 more runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings and then 3 more in the seventh to nab the 15-4 win.

Cobb and Brewster both tallied 4 hits for Warsaw. Sherrill and Slavens were good for 3 apiece and Howe had 2.

Brewster went the distance in the circle. She gave up 4 runs on 4 hits while sitting down 14 with K's.

Warsaw traveled to Butler on Monday night for their Ozark Highlands Conference opener. They hosted Green Ridge on Tuesday night at home and will be back on the road on Thursday when they go to Miami.

## Lincoln Takes In Experience Of Game At Hammons Field



**HE IS OUT!** Lincoln's Zaden Cole blocked the plate and tagged out Kaden Coble in the third inning of Lincoln's game with Mansfield at Hammons Field in Springfield on Friday night. Lincoln lost 5-4 in eight innings.



By  
*Johnnie Logue*  
Sports  
Reporter

The Lincoln Cardinals were invited to play at Hammons Field, the home of the Springfield Cardinals on Friday, March 22, against Mansfield.

Lincoln head coach Will Lynde commented, "It was an opportunity of a lifetime for these kids to play on a professional baseball field. We wish to thank Hammons and Mansfield for the gracious invitation."

For most of the contest, it looked like the Cardinals would come away with a victory. However, sadly, for the second game in a row, Lincoln faltered late and this time lost 5-4 in eight innings after leading 4-0 going into the sixth. The Lions scored two in the sixth and two in the seventh to tie the game in regulation.

Temperatures didn't help either side as the wind blew and the fans already wrapped in blankets, felt the temperature drop several degrees before the game ended.

Coach Lynde thought they played well in spite of committing 5 errors, giving up 8 walks and 7 stolen bases.

The line was 4-6-5 for Lincoln and 5-6-1 for Mansfield.

The defensive play of the game for the Cardinals came in the third as center fielder Jayden Kelly fielded a double and hit his cutoff, shortstop Dawson Parrott, who fired a perfect strike to catcher Zaden Cole who blocked the plate and tagged out Kaden Coble, who never touched the plate. "It was textbook," Coach Lynde said.

Lincoln scored in the first on a groundout by Cam Everhart. Riley Sanders drove in 2 on a double in the fourth and scored on a single by Hunter Vandaveer. Everhart was caught stealing third to end the inning.

Sanders started on the mound going 3 scoreless innings, giving up 1 hit, 4 walks, 2 strikeouts, a wild pitch and a hit batter.

Parrott pitched 2.1 innings giving up 2 runs on 2 hits, 2 walks, striking out 2.

Chance Koll came in for the last 2 frames. The Lions scored 2 in the sixth and 2 in the seventh. The tying run came with 2 outs on a fly ball that Kelly traveled to shallow right, slid, but couldn't hang on. The score keeper gave him a questionable error.

In the bottom of the eighth, Judd Watterman was hit, stole second, advanced to third on a single and scored on an infield error by Lincoln to end the game.

Lincoln fell to 2-2 on the young season.

## Lincoln Softball Splits First Four Games Of Season



**SAFE!** The Lady Cardinals' Danika Gillespie scored against Windsor on Thursday in a 11-1 victory. They were 2-2 going into Monday's game at home.

By  
*Johnnie Logue, Sports*

Lincoln scored 12 runs in the sixth to defeat Archie 17-1 on the road last Monday. It was a strange contest being that there was no score after four.

On Thursday, Lincoln defeated Windsor, 11-1 after six at home. Cadence Harvey went 3 for 4 with two RBI's. Braylin Paxton pitched all six innings with 1 run on 2 hits and 1 walk. Windsor also only walked 1 batter.

Lincoln played three games in three days, and it would

have been four but Sweet Springs canceled Saturday; two against top teams in Buffalo and Warsaw. They led Buffalo on Friday at home before losing 8-7 and then on Saturday, they lost to Warsaw, 15-4 after leading 3-1 in the first.

Paxton has pitched every inning for the Lady Cardinals this season. She is following in the footsteps of her two sisters as a starting pitcher. Aleah was the pitcher on the 2019 state champion team and is in her first year as the head coach of the Lady Cardinals.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,  
 Disclaimer: As a dedicated employee of the Warsaw R-IX School District for over 16 years who left the district on good terms only to move out of state to be closer to family, I still only want what is best for the district. In regards to Proposition KIDS, I have nothing against the district and am only writing this article to make sure that other aspects of the upcoming bond proposal are considered and to voice my deep concern of the potential consequences. I will also share my personal opinion on what might be one better solution. (There are several other alternatives, but I don't want to make this too lengthy.)

was an incredibly tough, but at the time necessary, thing to do.

The concern with the proposed proposition on April's ballot are two-fold (at least). First and foremost, if the district was to proceed with these changes, would the district have the money to maintain and sustain them long-term? More facilities mean more energy costs, more maintenance/upkeep costs, and more personnel costs (such as administrators, secretaries, custodians, teachers, etc.) to support them. Does the district have a way to pay for these additional expenses once the Covid money runs dry, or will its fund balance continue to decline until drastic measures have to be taken again? Renovations are one thing to use bond money for, as they can help the district pay for needed upgrades and repairs, but additions such as those proposed will only accrue additional costs that we need to know for sure we can afford ten years down the road before approving through a vote. Given the district's past, some serious financial forecasting needs to be considered by outside entities before carrying on with these projects, because we can't walk away from these add-ons like we did RME. A three-year ballpark estimate isn't good enough for such an impact to a budget.

In addition to the facilities expenses, personnel costs should be considered. Last year the district completely restructured the certified salary schedule to help financially long-term sustain its budget. This, again, was another tough decision that the district/board had to make to protect its finances in the future. However, adding more personnel to put in these new additions will only negate that change. The district should be careful to not let the currently high

fund balance cloud the fact that a major change was made for its certified staff less than a year ago to safeguard its future.

Now that the district has nearly reached the "Covid cliff" and won't have those extra federal dollars coming in, can it long-term sustain extra energy, maintenance, and personnel costs? What areas of funding will need to be cut in the future to sustain the extra costs associated with the additions: textbooks, personnel benefits, sports, technology, curriculum resources. . . ? Those are questions for which voters need an honest answer before voting yes this April. Furthermore, where would the district be right now without those ESSER funds? The leaking walls/windows at the HS that just got replaced would probably still be leaking, HVAC units at North/South would still be in desperate need of repair/replacement, and the district's fund balance would not be nearly as high as it is currently. That \$6M financial injection saved the district in many respects.

In other words, the district was struggling to maintain prior to Covid. Can the district continue to thrive without those extra funds? More importantly, can the district even survive if this bond passes and additional costs are added? Granted, the district's enrollment (which is a major driver of its revenues) has increased the last two years, but why is that? Is the county experiencing a large increase in new industry/jobs resulting in more people moving within district boundaries, or is it a fluke that will slowly fade away again? Does the district have solid evidence that enrollment will stay steady or increase? If so, then voters should probably approve Proposition KIDS as space will be needed, but the future is hard to predict

without sure signs of new industry/jobs coming to the area, and caution should be taken to safeguard long-term finances.

The second concern is gleaned from data taken from the DESE website concerning the district's total adjusted operating tax (i.e., the amount collected that the district can use to fund its operations) in comparison to other districts in the state. In over 20 years, it hasn't changed from \$2.75, and the state average is now over \$3.60. That's a big difference, and less than 15% of the state's school districts are at the minimum like Warsaw. Yes, Warsaw R-IX is operating at the bottom 15% of the state's districts.

Have we seen drastic inflation in the last 20+ years? Absolutely! Then how can a school district continue to operate without an increase somewhere as well? The issue at hand is once again long-term sustainment. The district has had to make major changes (like retirement incentives, salary restructures, and even a school closure) in the past, partially because voters have not been asked to vote for an increase.

Why is this? No one likes

to pay more taxes, and it's much easier to sell a no tax increase rate bond. That's why you see it bolded on the district's website and mentioned in every newspaper article. However, this just kicks the proverbial can down the road further and doesn't solve any long-term problems. In the case of additions, it even adds long-term problems. Additionally, just because a district has the capacity of an \$18M no tax increase bond, doesn't necessarily mean it should all be pursued. Now, it's hard to know whether or not those past tough choices would have needed to have been made if we had "kept up with the times" and increased taxes, but one thing is for sure. The district would be in better financial shape overall.

No one likes to pay more taxes, but in reality a change like this has minimal impact on households and can add up to make a long-term positive impact for our students' education and the district's under-paid staff.

Rather than ask for a no tax increase, it may be (past) time for the district to ask for a tax increase. . . and it's definitely time for the voters to approve it. The district's students, faculty, and staff deserve it.

In summary, voters should vote yes on the April ballot \*\*\*IF\*\*\* the district has weighed out all the long-term costs associated with these proposed changes and has a solid financial plan to accommodate the increased financial burden. However, if voters cannot see proof of that, then they should vote no for now and instead perhaps even ask the district to request an increase of taxes on the next ballot to get us more in line with the rest of the state. Let's start by stabilizing long-term funding and then revisit the topic of additions and niceties after we are sure we can afford them. Let's learn from history and practice some caution going forward.

-Shawn Crouch

The Warsaw R-IX School District is proposing a no-tax increase bond issue on this April's ballot, but is it the right thing for our school district? The proposed benefits are great on the surface: new blacktop instead of gravel, new classrooms, renovated bathrooms, etc. Yet, the question of all voters should be this. How will this financially impact the district long-term?

Right now, district finances look great. Last year's ending fund balance was probably the highest in at least 20 years, but why is that? That is easy to answer. The district received well over \$6M in ESSER federal funding (due to the Covid pandemic) over the last few years, and those dollars have boosted numbers considerably. Prior to that blessing, though, the district was struggling and even had to shut the doors on an elementary school and reduce staffing in order to reverse the downtrend. It

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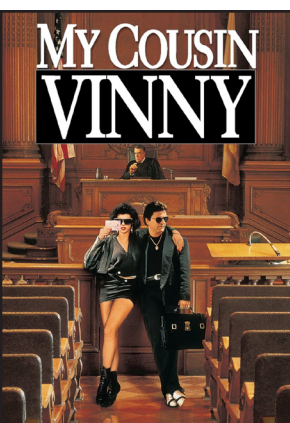


**NAME:** Garrett Wirsig  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Lowry City  
**YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY:** I've worked in Warsaw since January.  
**FAMILY:** Parents and 2 older brothers  
**THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN BENTON COUNTY IS:** Being part of a small town community.  
**OCCUPATION:** Personal Lines Insurance Agent  
**WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP:** A P.E. teacher  
**FIRST JOB:** Lawn care  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** Playing wiffle ball in the yard with my brothers  
**THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS:** Watching the Chiefs win multiple Super Bowls in my lifetime.



**MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT:** Falling down the bleachers in middle school  
**WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS:** Relatability  
**MY GREATEST FEAR IS:** Heights.  
**I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO:** Skydive.  
**I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO:** Snowboard/ski.  
**IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD:** Establish a brewery.  
**MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO:** Augusta, Georgia.  
**HOBBIES:** Golf, fishing and walking  
**FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN:** Billy Currington  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** My Cousin Vinny

**FAVORITE DRINK:** Coffee  
**FAVORITE SNACK:** Seasoned pretzels  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** Snickers  
**FUTURE GOAL:** To have a boat  
**WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST:** My father  
**ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF:** Don't procrastinate the things that will take you 15 minutes to do.  
**WORDS TO LIVE BY:** The bad days make the good days even better.



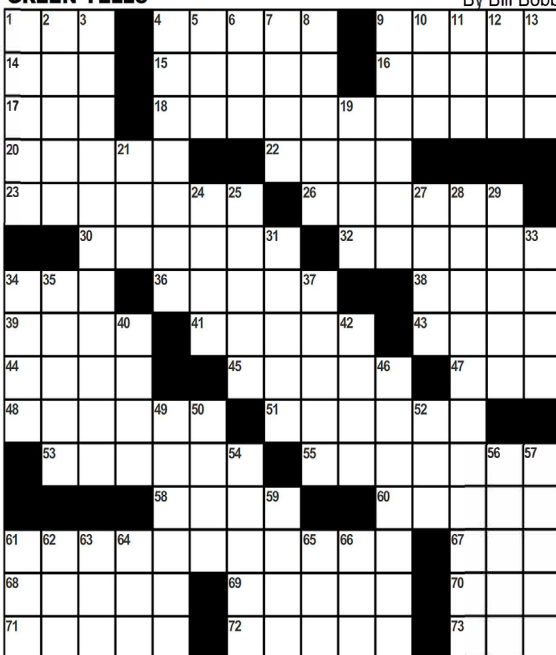
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- 1) North Pole assistant
- 4) Father of Leah and Rachel
- 9) Certain down
- 14) Keanu in "The Matrix"
- 15) Draw forth
- 16) Loan shark's interest
- 17) Road sealant
- 18) Eternally
- 20) Momentous occasion
- 22) Change the motif of
- 23) Return, as feelings
- 26) Sucker deal
- 30) Oust from office
- 32) Some barbershop quartet members
- 34) Luxurious retreat
- 36) Golden Horde member
- 38) Caspian Sea feeder
- 39) Sagan or Reiner
- 41) Divided country
- 43) Turnpike rumbler
- 44) Car, for short
- 45) House of Lords member
- 47) Stage construction
- 48) Laundry additive
- 51) Guinea pig, in a way
- 53) Military organizations
- 55) Small picture holders
- 58) Awestruck
- 60) Constant beater
- 61) Homeowner's nightmare
- 67) Purchase
- 68) Bland or trite
- 69) Building leveler
- 70) "He Got Game" director
- 71) Very angry
- 72) Sand, on the links
- 73) Non-PC suffix

### DOWN

- 1) Big keyboard key
- 2) Make an exit
- 3) Front half of a side of meat
- 4) Political liberal
- 5) "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 6) Hitchhiking seed (var.)
- 7) Super server
- 8) Not even once
- 9) Alps locale
- 10) Suffix with "hero"
- 11) Group of two performers
- 12) Be incorrect
- 13) Type of whiskey or bread
- 19) Change a manuscript
- 21) Abbess, e.g.
- 24) Boat-deck wood
- 25) "Midnight Express" wrestler Bobby
- 27) Burden or responsibility
- 28) Adjective with "future"
- 29) Falsely incriminate
- 31) Card for a fortune-teller
- 33) Thin cut
- 34) Cut covering
- 35) Singer Abdul
- 37) Non-conformist
- 40) Good soil
- 42) "Besides that ..."
- 46) Some glass artists
- 49) Common shape
- 50) Effectively treat
- 52) \_\_\_ out (just manage)
- 54) Falconry or baseball
- 56) Aligns
- 57) Eyelid afflictions
- 59) Bygone Russian despot
- 61) Crime-fighting agcy.
- 62) Boathouse tool
- 63) Genetic matter, briefly
- 64) Savor supper
- 65) "Anytown, \_\_\_"
- 66) One curl in the gym

### GREEN YELLS



**NEWS**

By Pat Arnett  
Contributing Reporter

The weather in the Fristoe area has been spring-like in some ways but still has some really cool times. The area needs some moisture to bless the gardens that have been planted.

Prayer requests for this week are Mary Jackman Crouch, Kathy First, Amber First, Carolee Apperson, Lewis Retherford, Gladys Harris, Cheri Lynn Boehler, Curtis Allen, and Mary Scarbrough!  
 Happy Birthday shout-outs this week to Rusty Vaughn on March 27, Janie Burns on April 1 and Patience Colbert on April 3.  
 It is with much regret that I must mention that Jesse Crouch, who I have listed for several weeks for prayer requests, passed away last week and was laid to rest in the Windsor Cemetery

on Saturday, March 23. He leaves his daughter Connie Crouch Cunningham and three brothers. One thing I will mention is that Jesse enjoyed the Cowboy Church that was held in the Fristoe Community Building for several years. He would drive from his home in Windsor and enjoy the evening of worship at the Cowboy Church. Jesse was well liked by many!  
 We received a wonderful update from Gracie Yoder describing her days of ministry in Guatemala. Sundays are their day of rest but she said on

Monday they worked with the Birdhouse Foundation. They also do house visits and teach English and Bible classes. They are at the base of a volcano about an hour away from Parramos where she lives on the Adventures in Missions base. Later in the week, they will do some street evangelism, help with women Bible study and a children's soccer program. They will also have activation so when the whole squad of about 50 have workshop and a session at base then go out on the streets and put into practice what they have learned. Friday's and Saturday's they go to a school and teach classes, clean rooms, do gardens and practice discipline. She is very excited for the ministry there and are asking for prayers that the Lord will move through their team and will use the team for the months they will continue to be there. Thank you Gracie, and everyone reading this, please say a prayer for this ministry!

The Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church was blessed on Sunday morning, as usual. Special singing was provided by Claude and The Lighthouse Singers, Ken, DoBee, Brenda and Tony, then Br. Dave and Brenda! Br. Smith's message was found in Luke chapter 15, the story of the prodigal son. Thought for the week:

Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted!  
 Hoping everyone who reads Fristoe News has a wonderful week, full of love, laughter and blessings!



### Lodge #2783

By Betty Mewszel  
 Contributing Reporter  
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All meals are open to our members and their guests. Members enjoy playing Shuffleboard on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM and Darts at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays in a non-smoking room.  
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## SHERIFF

(Continued from Page 1) and had a full night-time job at the sheriff's office before running for sheriff.

1) *Why are you the person to be Sheriff of Benton County?* I am a Patriot, and I am and will always be Constitutional. I am a United States Navy veteran who served my country during war time, and I chose to continue my life of servitude as sheriff. I have a proven record of success. Through my leadership and perseverance, we were able to bring a new jail facility to Benton County creating 26 new jobs and bringing in over \$2,000,000 in revenue into the county through leasing bed space to Federal inmates.

2) *What do you plan to accomplish in your first 30 days? 90 days if elected to a new term?* Within the first 30 days of my office, I was actively campaigning for school resource officers to be stationed within schools. I also worked with a variety of groups and individuals to raise funds for bullet resistant vests for the deputies, something they had lacked prior to my first term. Within the first 90 days I was already actively planning for a new jail facility. Two of my third term goals are to build an animal shelter attached to the jail for law enforcement use. I also have plans to start a citizen's academy, in this we would like to train groups of citizens and introduce them to some of the things that we deal with on a regular basis. The citizens academy would also include firearms training and training on the Missouri State Statutes and crime prevention.

3) *What kind of leadership do you bring to the office?* I feel that I am a strong leader who can lead without micromanaging my staff. I believe in surrounding myself with fantastic, intelligent, hardworking people, then utilizing those strengths to help me make decisions which are best for the office, which equals best for our community. At the end of the day, I have no problem making hard decisions and standing behind them.

4) *What is the number one thing you think needs to be changed at the sheriff's office and how would you change it if re-elected?* The budget and budget constraints! We struggle daily with trying to find funds to effectively run and maintain a professional agency. There is a nationwide crisis

involving a shortage of law enforcement officers. The agencies that are blessed with a full roster can pay more and offer their employees LAGERS, the premier retirement system for government agencies which focuses on employee longevity and performance. The economy has no effect on this retirement system and allows law enforcement to retire at age 55. The fix is bringing awareness to the people, working with the county commission and finding new ways to bring income into the community without the burden of raising taxes. I have several ideas that I have presented to the county government.

5) *How do you plan to address staff morale and retention in the sheriff's office if re-elected?* Morale within the office has never been higher! Even with not being able to pay as much as other counties and the lack of LAGERS, we have been able to slowly add to our ranks. We are on pace to be fully staffed by summer with some amazing people. To these people, money is not the driving force. They were looking for a home within our community because we are very fortunate to have a community who supports their law enforcement! Couple that with a Constitutional sheriff who is not afraid to mix it up for his community and on their behalf. You need a strong sheriff to stand up for your rights! I am a fighter, and I don't apologize for it, I have fought for your rights with Covid regulations and gun control. I have fought within the state government at the Capital to defend your constitutional rights and I continue to fight the Federal Government and their overreach. I will continue to do so if I am your sheriff.

6) *How will you approach budget cuts or financial constraints in the office going forward?* I will stand against any budget cuts, our community deserves a well-paid, well trained, and professional sheriff's office. The community, early on, saw a need to help with funding and additional gear that was not allowed for in the budget. The Friends of the Benton County Sheriff was born. This group works closely with the sheriff's office and has been instrumental in helping to fund the original bullet resistant vest program, our drone program, K9 program, benevolent program and now our MILO program. (Multiple

Interactive Learning Objectives). MILO is a state-of-the-art shooting simulator that will allow law enforcement and, in the future, citizens the ability to train with firearms in real world situations, virtually. In addition to the Friends of the BCSO, we apply for every grant available to us, bringing in thousands of dollars for gear and training. If we should find ourselves short on funding or in need of additional funding, I will always reach out to the people and inform them of what is going on and what is needed. The office of sheriff belongs to the people.

7) *What will you do to improve transparency from the sheriff's office?* In my opinion this is the most transparent sheriff's office this county has ever had. One of my first priorities when I took office was to open the lines of communication between the citizens of Benton County and its sheriff's office. I instituted a website for the office so citizens can see the office's information and who is currently housed in the county jail. I started a Facebook page to better reach the citizens of Benton County and currently have a following of over 14,000. I regularly share my thoughts and keep followers informed on current situations. I also share articles in the Benton County Enterprise, the Lincoln New Era, and the Cole Camp Courier to keep citizens updated on the Sheriff's Office activities.

8) *What strategies have you implemented to tackle drug related crimes?* In my estimate, drug related crimes make up over 70% of the crime here in Benton County in one form or other. We work closely with the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force who operates within our borders in an undercover capacity. Early on as sheriff, I helped neighborhoods start my version of neighborhood watches, there is power in numbers! When neighborhoods take a stand and get involved, all crime goes down. Drugs are not just a law enforcement problem, its everyone's problem.

9) *What strategies have you taken, and will you take to protect the vulnerable in Benton County?* I've implemented neighborhood watch groups, neighbors helping neighbors and more patrolling as the office continues to gain quality personnel. We have strong partners within the division of aging and division of

family services. We have and will continue to deal strongly with those who commit crimes against our very young and our more mature citizens.

10) *Finally, how do you plan to address the increase of cybercrime?* Since my time in the office, I have added a detective's division who can concentrate on all crimes to include cybercrime. We are also a member of a cybercrimes task force whose sole existence is to track down and deal with crimes relating to the internet.

Andrew Breshears was raised in Southern Benton County, Edwards, and helped run the family farm while attending Warsaw High School. He was a leader and mentor in school sports and other school activities and graduated in 2005. He then helped manage the day-to-day operations of the family construction business for many years. In 2012 he decided to follow his passion of helping and serving the community and joined the police academy in Warrensburg, graduating at the end of that year. He then went to work at the Benton County Sheriff's Office where he had the joy of serving Benton County while raising a family. He has taken pride in upholding a high level of respect, integrity, and dedication to the citizens of the county, and in being active with youth sports in hopes of building a strong future of leaders and active members of the community for the future.

1) *Why are you the best person to be Sheriff of Benton County?* I believe I would benefit Benton County due to having a wide range of knowledge of the county and the citizens who live within Benton County. I will make it a priority to protect and uphold the rights of the citizens of Benton County. I take pride in being involved in the community and lending positive leadership and guidance to not only the office but the citizens alike. As a father in this community, I understand how important it is for our organization to get more involved in the schools and community. After all they are the future of our country. A good sheriff must be able to maintain composure in stressful situations and having 10 plus years working for the sheriff's office I know this is a quality I possess.

2) *What do you plan to accomplish in your first 30*

*days? 90 days?* In the first 30 days, I would work to reinstate relationships with other agencies within the county. After all we need to work together as a team to make Benton County strong and a safe place to live and raise a family. The Sheriff's Office cannot do it alone, it takes a community. This will be achieved by communicating and setting a foundation and goals with all agencies and the county commission and working as one for the best interest of the community. In those 90 days, I would work to have more community involvement. The Sheriff's Office cannot be effective in protecting and serving the community if it does not have the trust and respect of the people we serve.

3) *What kind of leadership will you bring to the Sheriff's Office?* I will bring strong positive leadership to the office, leading by example and being involved in the everyday workings of the office. A leader needs to be present not only in the office but also in the field and willing to lend a hand when guidance is needed. I feel my vast range of experience and knowledge will be beneficial in guiding the office in quality service to the community.

4) *What do you think is the number one thing that needs to be changed at the Sheriff's office and how would you change it?* The number one change I see within the Sheriff's Office is positive leadership and relationships with the community and other local agencies. I will make it a priority to restore these relationships and uphold a higher standard of service to the community. In return it will help bring willing and qualified deputies wanting to work for Benton County.

5) *What steps will you take to ensure privacy and the rights of citizens are respected?* I will stand with the people of the community to protect and uphold the constitution. The constitution and our rights are dear to my heart and protecting those rights is priority in these times.

6) *How do you plan to address morale and retention in the Sheriff's Office?* I strive to have the trust and respect of the deputies and staff which is earned by listening and considering opinions and ideas. I believe the job is rewarding when there is positive involvement and feedback. This is achieved by giving positive

leadership and guidance. The low staffing issue can be restored when the Office personnel feel appreciated and trusted by its leadership and the community.

7) *How will you approach budget cuts or financial constraints in the department?* The Sheriff's Office will work tirelessly with the commission to ensure the best use of taxpayers spending. The budget should reflect the community's best interest and how it will benefit the citizens of Benton County.

8) *What will you do to improve transparency from the Sheriff's Department?* The Sheriff's Office will work tirelessly with the commission to ensure the best use of taxpayers spending. The budget should reflect the community's best interest and how it will benefit the citizens of Benton County.

9) *What strategies will you implement to tackle drug related crime?* I believe high visibility and patrol are key to curbing drug related crimes. I also plan to have a strong working relationship with our local drug taskforce. It is also important to provide offenders with resources and avenues to make change rather than just releasing them back to the community with no guidance.

10) *What strategies will you take to protect the vulnerable in Benton County?* I plan to get back full staff to ensure more patrols in the rural areas of the county. A presence in the rural areas of the county will not only deter crime but help ensure the community the Sheriff's Office will be there in their time of need or concern. The Sheriff's office is responsible for providing assistance to the community beyond patrol and responding to calls for service. The Sheriff's Office will also strive to provide further resources to ensure the safety and knowledge of the citizens of Benton County.

11) *Finally, how do you plan to address the increase of cyber-crime?* I plan to be involved and partner with locale awareness groups and build a working relationship with the local cyber task force team, to spread awareness and knowledge to the community and younger generation on the risk and dangers of the internet and social media.



## Barbara Jean Ferguson Johnson



Mrs. Barbara Jean Ferguson Johnson, age 77, of Huntsville, AL, passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

She was born in Warsaw, MO, on November 9, 1946 to Homer and Marie Ferguson and was the second youngest of nine children. Barbara was a graduate from Warsaw High School in 1964 and then became a bank teller in Kansas City, MO.

Barbara enjoyed gardening, KC Chiefs Football, KC Royals, Atlanta Braves Baseball and the great outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. Barbara was also an avid bird watcher and enjoyed jigsaw puzzles.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Kimberly Johnson (Tara Parker) of Huntsville, AL, and Christy Johnson Blevins (Randy) of Johnson City, TN; son, Deron Johnson (Brooke) of Big Timber, MT; grandchildren, Mitchel Johnson (Lusandra), Selene Johnson, Paige Johnson, David Osen, and Tatum Osen Johnson; great-grandchildren, Luna and Everett; brothers, Art Ferguson and Jim Ferguson; sisters, Percilla Ferguson and Donna Ferguson Antwiler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bob Ferguson and Bill Ferguson; sisters, Wanda Ferguson and Charlotte Ferguson Cornwell.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Crestwood Medical Center SICU for the loving care they provided for Barbara.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11 am at Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw, MO., under the direction of Danny Ferguson.

## WARSAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

-Galatians 1:3-5

Grace and peace are two of Paul's favorite words. God's grace, His reaching out to save us even though we are unworthy, has brought us into the kingdom of God. Knowing we are among the redeemed brings peace to us. These two blessings flow to us because of God's love and the sacrifice of His Son.

Notice also that Jesus not only delivered us from our sins, He delivered us from this present evil age. Do you realize that the age we live in as we await the return of Jesus is evil? Yes, there are good people, and yes, there are faithful Christians, but evil is characteristic of the world in which we live. John warns us, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" -1 John 2:15.

We don't want to fall in love with this world where evil abounds. While we appreciate the good things God has placed in the world, our love for God must transcend our love for the world. If you fall in love with this world, you admit that you do not love God. Our duty as Christians is not to love this evil world but to do what we can to transform it through our service to Jesus. Jesus will complete the transformation process when He returns.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JOHNIE J. LOGUE

Some Place Green

In preparing a message for St. Patrick's Day. I thought about The Oak Ridge Boys song, "Some Place Green."

Do yourselves a favor and download the tune for free sometime. It should have been a big hit.

At the ball game in Springfield the other day, they played, "All My Ex's Live in Texas".

The high schools here play The House of the Rising Sun at ball games which is about prostitution; or Hotel California, a song about drugs, mental illness and high living.

The song Woolly Bully was banned from radio in the sixties. We play it here.

The Statler Brothers biggest hits were about sex. Most country songs are.

Coaches can't talk without using profanity. I know, I am wasting my time here, because we are spiritually dead.

In the aforementioned song, the country side is green, the city is gray and heaven is gold. The singer has lost his wife and is remembering better times. I guess it was too good to have been popular in our fallen world.

I am Pastor Johnie J. Logue of Grace Baptist Church at 31046 Hwy MM in Warsaw. Phone is (660) 281-4775.

## LINCOLN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Hello from First Baptist Lincoln. Hope your Palm Sunday was great. Don't forget this Friday the 29th is Good Friday and also the 31st is Easter Sunday. Attend a service in your area to experience Christ love. Today we wish Kevin Jacobs and Tina Kliaber a happy birthday. There were a lot of youth in attendance at Sunday School today. Our church is growing so keep praying for everyone and the church.

Youth will be going to Bennett Springs on the 29th for a fishing trip. It is time to help stock up items at the camp for the spring and summer. Also there is a drive to improve the pool and pool house. If you can help any way please do so.

John 21 was the text for today. Pray without ceasing. Do you have things in order? Jesus needs to be the most important thing in our lives. All people need to be fit to pray and when we pray it needs to be to get things out of your way. God already knows what you have done. Say it out loud when you are praying alone. Who do you see when you look in the

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mirror? Do you see a child of God? It is amazing what you can do if you ask Jesus. We are very small without Jesus Christ. We serve a big God.

The disciples were fishing and catching nothing until Jesus came by. He told them to throw the net out on the other side of the boat where they caught 153 fish. Jesus was Peter's hero. He wanted to be close to Jesus. Jesus needed Peter also. We need Jesus also. Jesus is our Father.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK GO WITH GOD AND GOD BLESS.

## HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

In Matthew 17:14-20, a man kneels before Jesus because the disciples couldn't heal his son. Jesus has limited time on earth. Jesus has a weight on his heart. He's going to die soon, and no one is really concerned or understands, and they're not ready for what is going to happen next. Jesus tells them to bring the boy to Him. He tells the demon to come out of the boy and then there was peace, and the disciples ask what they did wrong. Jesus had given them the authority and they finally have the chance to do it, and the demon would not listen to them. Jesus' response hurts, but it's solid, and the disciples needed to hear it. He tells them they have such little faith. Then He tells them they need to have faith of a mustard seed, so small, but it grows. If our faith is growing, we can move mountains, we can do the impossible. Jesus tells them they couldn't cast out the demon because their faith has stopped growing. Jesus tells them they weren't ready.

We sometimes feel like the disciples. We think we should be prepared, but Jesus says, that's why I'm here - we weren't ready yet. We need to have faith, and believe Jesus is in control. We might be surprised how much we can handle with faith. Faith starts out tiny, but it grows with everything we go through. Jesus tells the disciples they've seen all the brilliant things, and this is their first heartbreak. Jesus tells them to keep growing. We may not feel like we have the answers, but Jesus does because He is enough. Knowledge of faith is not growing, and the question is, are we really building our faith. Are we going to grow or sit in the dirt. If we're stuck, we can pray, Jesus, we need more faith. Dear Jesus move our feet, move our hearts and take us on an awesome ride.

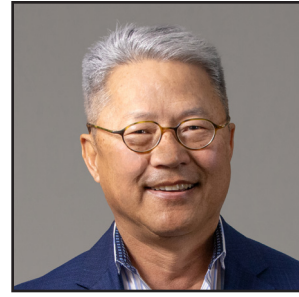
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Service at 11 a.m., followed by a Children's Egg Hunt at noon. You can also watch live at 11 a.m. on Hopewell Baptist Church Facebook page.

## UNITY OF THE LAKES

This Sunday 3/31/24 is a very special Sunday at Unity of the Lakes. It is Easter Sunday and Rev. Don will, present "The Resurrection". The scripture reference is John 20:1-18. Please join us as we learn more about the resurrection that took place more than 2000 years ago and the resurrection that is taking place within us now. The service will conclude with Holy Communion. This is the common union between you and God and is offered to all, whether you are a member of this church, another church or faith or none at all. This is between you and your God. The elements used are grape juice and bread. Service is 11 am, dress is casual and all are welcome. Come for service and stay for refreshments and fellowship. We are located 8 miles south of Warsaw on highway 65. We are the little country church on the east side of the road. We are small in size but large in spirit. After all, Jesus only had twelve and he changed the world! If you want to set your GPS (God's power steering) our physical address is 34948 Hwy 65 South. Follow us on Facebook. We have some exciting things coming up and would love to have you join us.

## Golden Valley Announces New Pulmonologist



DR. TOMMY KO, MD

Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare (GVMH) is pleased to welcome Dr. Tommy Ko, MD, Pulmonologist. He specializes in lung conditions. Dr. Ko diagnoses and treats diseases of the respiratory system, such as asthma, pulmonary fibrosis and COPD.

Ko received his Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Arts through a combined program at the University of Missouri and Kansas City School of Medicine in Kansas City, MO. In addition, he completed his residency in Internal Medicine at University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City MO. He is Board Certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners, a Diplomate

of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a Diplomate, ABIM, of the Subspecialty Board of Pulmonary Disease.

"We are happy to have Dr. Ko join our team," said Savanna Facklam, Executive Director of Ambulatory and Telehealth Services. "He is very kind, friendly and understanding and we know our patients will be delighted to work with him."

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## New Promotions Announced at Golden Valley



Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare (GVMH) is pleased to announce new promotions of two staff members.

Melanie O'Neal has been promoted to Director of Clinical Services at the Clinton Clinic. In this role she is responsible for leading, planning, directing, monitoring and improving the overall clinic performance to achieve excellence in the delivery of daily operations. O'Neal will also engage staff and cultivate a positive culture that prioritizes kindness and patient-centric care. Prior to this position, O'Neal worked as the Employee Health Nurse.

"We are delighted to have Melanie in this role," said Savanna Facklam, Executive Director of Ambulatory and Telehealth Services at GVMH. "I know that she will provide exceptional leadership throughout the Clinic."

Hayli Wade has been named Director of Birthing Center. In this role she will be responsible for the administrative management of the Birthing Center on a 24-hour basis. Wade will oversee performance improvement activities, infection control guidelines and safety measures. Previously, she worked as the Assistant Director of Birthing Center.

"Hayli will do an outstanding job as the Director of Birthing Center," said Lynnette Hayes, Chief Nursing Officer at GVMH. "I am confident that with her background and skill set, she will be an asset to our patients."

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**Singer** treadle sewing machine, LARGE lot old quilts (family believes 100+), button collection,  
 Lot miscellaneous kitchenware, glassware & pottery, lot small appliances, lot craft decor & wall art,  
 Oil lamps, several large area rugs assorted sizes, **Sharp** boom box, **HP** computer & **Canon** printer,  
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 Lot floor & table lamps, antique cherry secretary, lot misc. occ tables, stained glass angel collection,  
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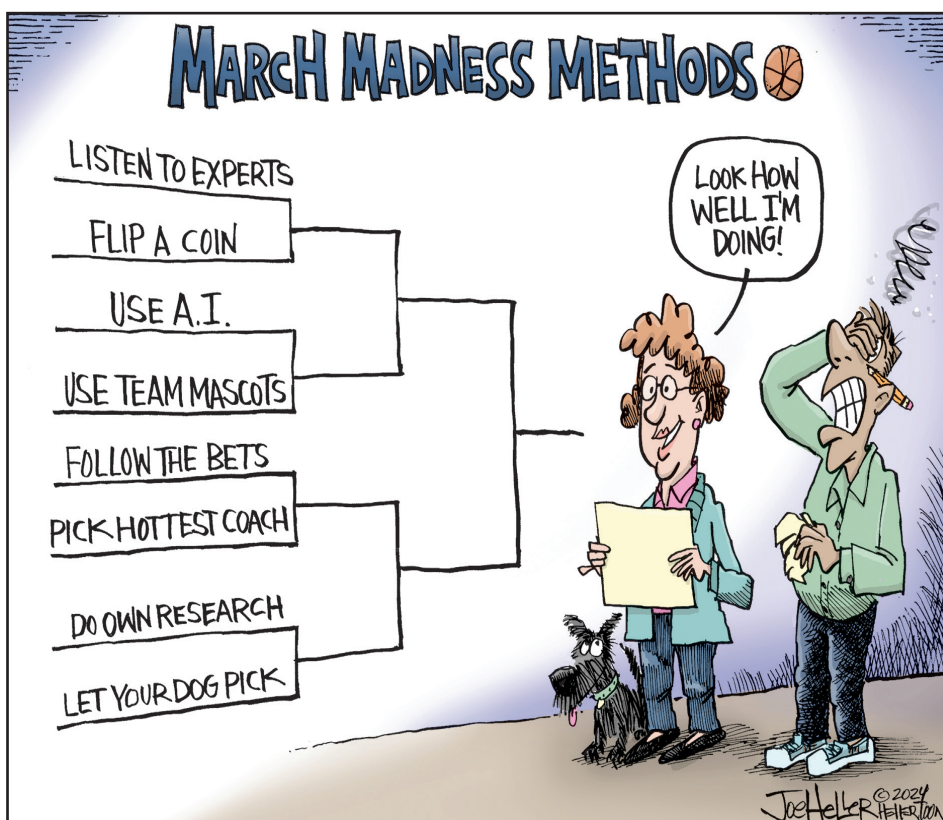
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**Have I Got A Line For You!**  
By James Mahlon White

We can thank our legislatures for another trillion dollars going down the drain while we work to pay for it. The latest spending bill includes money to pay college tuition for Egyptians, clothes that help teens hide their gender and Ukraine's war. Our politicians are so politically involved they've lost sight of the people they're supposed to represent. Now they can get back to work carving out little exemptions and exceptions for their friends and making sure big donors are taken care of. There's no difference between either party in D.C. They put these bills out during an election year so they can get re-elected. Where else can you work at a job paying \$175,000 a year and come out a multi-millionaire? One of these days the chickens are going to come home to roost.

SpaceX launched their 19th mission. Owner Elon Musk said his first generation Starship will take passengers to the moon someday and a larger more advanced version will travel to other star systems. I think it's great what he's doing. In the 1960's we had President Kennedy providing visionary leadership and praising the achievements of space

research. You'd be hard pressed to find a leader in politics or business today who understands the precariousness of human existence on this fragile world and the importance of looking beyond.

My grandfather White went to William Jewell in the mid 1920's and met my Grandmother there. He was a star basketball player and had a great coach named "Dad" Bowles. After Grandpa graduated, married and went back to Warsaw, he managed to give a number of local boys "An assist" in getting into Jewell. This was in the Depression but he found them jobs on campus and helped make introductions. He followed their progress on to graduation. In my Grandfather's old files there is a list of instructions he wrote for his Jewell contingent.

Here it is: "Dad Bowles is the best friend you've got. When any sort of difficulty arises, go see him. Don't hesitate. He will always have a solution to your problems.

Don't cut class, it's a losing game. Let your professors know you. They are not hard boiled if you treat them right and study. Don't be late to class. But it's better to be late than to

miss. Go to Sunday School. It's good for you and will give you contact with Liberty townspeople.

Don't get blue because of a cash shortage. Hundreds of boys have gone through college on much less. Study. Make your grades and everything will be rosy.

Write home every day. Your parents are more lonesome than you think.

There are three groups of students. Ministerial, Dormitory and Fraternity. Be a friend with all. They can help and teach you the tricks of the college racket.

Speak to everyone. Do your damndest. Warsaw is watching and more interested in your careers than you can possibly imagine. Some back home don't think you can make it. Show 'em!

If things go wrong, for any reason, call me on the phone and I will come on pronto. Don't quit before you give me a chance to straighten things out."

This group finished Jewell. Not long after Pearl Harbor happened and they themselves much farther from home than the distance from Benton County to Clay County. Over the years many of them stopped by the office in Clinton to visit him. What a gift he was able to give them. They learned, in turn, how to offer their own gifts to the world.

I've rambled all over the keyboard today. Have a safe journey wherever this week takes you Old Buddy.

'Til Next Week:  
J.M.W.

P.S. I wonder what the legal disclaimer will look like for the two paying passengers who buy tickets to fly around the moon?

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One of your important sources of retirement income will likely be Social Security — but when should you start taking it?

You can start collecting Social Security benefits at 62, but your checks will be considerably bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. You could even wait until you're 70, at which point the payments will max out, except for yearly cost-of-living adjustments. But if you need the money, you need the money, even if you're just 62 or any age before full retirement age.

However, if you have adequate financial resources to meet your monthly needs, whether through earned income, your investment portfolio or a combination of the two, you could have some flexibility in choosing when to take Social Security. In this case, you may want to weigh these considerations:

• **Life expectancy** – For all of us, it's one of life's great mysteries: How long will we live? Of course, we can't see into the future, so the question can't be answered with total confidence. But to make an informed decision on when to take Social Security, you don't need to know your exact lifespan — you just need to make a reasonably good estimate. So, for example, if you're approaching 62, you're enjoying excellent health and you have a family history of longevity, you might conclude it's worth waiting a few years to collect Social Security, so you can receive the bigger payments. Conversely, if your health is questionable and your family has not been fortunate in terms of longevity, you might want to start taking your benefits earlier.

• **Employment** – You can certainly continue working and still receive Social Security benefits. However, if you're under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit of \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above \$59,520. So, you may want to keep these reductions in

mind when deciding when to begin accepting benefits. Once you reach your full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing benefits. (Also, at your full retirement age, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amount to credit you for the months you received reduced benefits because of your excess earnings.)

• **Spouse** – Spouses can receive two types of Social Security benefits: spousal and survivor. With a spousal benefit, your spouse can receive up to 50% of your full retirement benefits, regardless of when you start taking them. (Your spouse's benefit can be reduced by the amount of their own retirement benefit and whether they took Social Security before their full retirement age.) But with a survivor benefit, your decision about when to take Social Security can make a big difference. A surviving spouse can receive the larger of their own benefit or 100% of a deceased spouse's benefit, so if you take benefits early and receive a permanent reduction, your spouse's survivor benefit may also be reduced for their lifetime.

When to take Social Security is an important — and irrevocable — decision. So, consider all the factors before making your choice.

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

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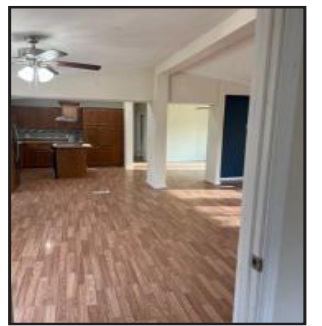
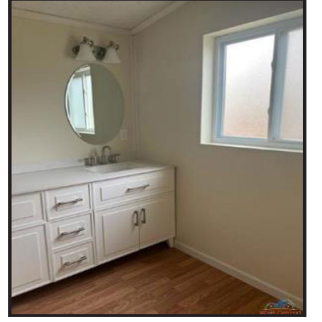
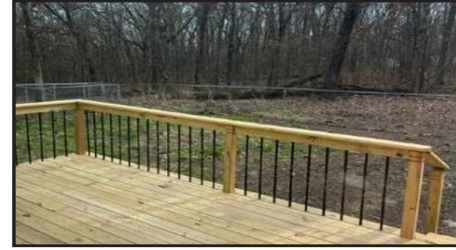
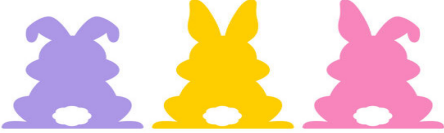


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Last Week: 2,322 head. Weaned feeder cattle sold \$3-\$7 higher & new crop calves sold steady. Slaughter cows & bulls sold steady. Listen for our Market Report on KZMU 100.7 every Wednesday at 12:30 and again on Thursday at 6:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. by Jared Anstine.

Load Lots of Yearlings		Slaughter Cows	
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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

NOTICE is hereby given that at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 25, 2024 the Warsaw Planning and Zoning Commission shall meet in the Council Chambers of the Community Building, Warsaw, Missouri. An application was received from Gerard and Brenda Porter to consider rezoning of certain real estate, situated in the City of Warsaw, County of Benton, State of Missouri, to-wit:

Section 17, Township 40, Range 22, a strip of land 18 1/2 feet wide off of the southeasterly side of lot 15 running from Jefferson St. to the alley and all of lot 16 in block 43 of the original town of Warsaw, MO., also known as 502 E. Main St.

Requesting that said property be rezoned from a R-3, Residential District to C-1, Commercial District and that said application 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; 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 Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: March 28, 2024

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Benton County is soliciting bids to have a contractor install a 100-gallon, gas-fired hot water heater for the Sheriff's Office Detention Center located at 1620 E. Main Street, Warsaw, MO 65355. Specifications are available in the County Clerk's Office at 316 Van Buren, Warsaw, MO 65355.

Sealed bids are to be mailed to the County Clerk's Office (P.O. Box 1238, Warsaw, MO 65355) by Friday April 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Bids can also be emailed to the County Clerk's Office (Susan.porterfield@bentoncomo.com). Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024 in the County Commissioner's Office. Benton County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any irregularities contained in the bids and to accept the bid most advantageous to Benton County.

Date(s) of Publication: March 28 and April 4, 2024



REQUEST FOR BIDS

Benton County is requesting bids for the purchase of a used dump truck for Road and Bridge District #1. Unit shall be a 2018 Freightliner or similar unit. Specific details are available at the County Clerk's Office at 316 Van Buren, Warsaw, MO 65355. Sealed bids are due on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Bids can also be emailed to the County Clerk's Office (Susan.porterfield@bentoncomo.com). Bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024 in the County Commissioner's Office. Benton County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any irregularities contained in the bids and to accept the bid most advantageous to Benton County.

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SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Warsaw R-IX School District has declared the following as surplus property:

Multiple classroom sets of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt "Journeys" Reading series, 2016 edition, which includes:

- Teachers Editions
-Student Hardcover Textbooks
-Reader's Notebooks
-Close Readers
-Classroom kits with vocabulary cards
-Leveled Readers

These sets are for grades K-5 and are available after May 15, 2024.

Warsaw R-IX assumes no further responsibility for repairs or cosmetic damages; buyer assumes all responsibility. Buyer is responsible for removal of items from the property. Bids may be submitted to the Superintendent's office located at 20363 Lane of Champions, Warsaw, MO 65355 during the normal business hours. All sealed bids submitted must be received by April 16, 2024 by 1:00 pm to be considered. For more information, please contact the Central Office at 660-438-7120.

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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 Notice is hereby given that the General Municipal Election will be held in the County of Benton on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 as certified to this office by the participating entities of Benton County. The ballot for the Election shall be in substantially the following form.

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF MID MISSOURI

To elect two (2) trustees at large from The Community College District of Mid Missouri (also known as State Fair Community College), consisting of the Sedalia School District 200; Pettis County R-IV LaMonte; Pettis County R-V Northwest; Pettis County R-VI Smithton; Pettis County R-VIII Green Ridge; Pettis County R-XII; Benton County R-I Cole Camp; Benton County R-II Lincoln; Benton County R-IX Warsaw; and Cooper County R-VI Otterville in compliance with The Community College District Law, Sections 178.770 to 178.891 inclusive, Revised Statutes of Missouri.

FOR STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO
LORI EIFERT
JASON SMALLWOOD
ANGELA PARROTT
WRITE IN

WARSAW R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOR BOARD MEMBER THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO
AMBER CAMPBELL
BRADLY WRIGHT
WRITE IN

Proposition KIDS

Shall Benton County R-IX School District issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$18,000,000, resulting in no estimated increase to the District's debt service property tax levy, for the purpose of constructing, improving, repairing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school facilities and sites, including:

- constructing a 5th Grade classroom wing at John Boise Middle School which will include a storm shelter and an art/science addition at the High School
remodeling of the stage and music rooms at the High School and the restrooms at both elementary schools
upgrading elementary school playgrounds and equipment
repairing and improving sidewalks, parking lots and hardscapes at various District facilities?

If this question is approved, the District's debt service property tax levy is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.80 per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

YES NO

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LINCOLN R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

To choose by ballot two directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said School District for a term of three (3) years.

Vote For TWO
LORI EIFERT
JASON SMALLWOOD
ANGELA PARROTT
WRITE IN

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.

Vote For ONE
ZACHARY LUTJEN
PETER A. PIERSON
WRITE IN

OSAGE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FOR DIRECTOR SIX YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO
DAVID BROWN
WRITE IN

FOR DIRECTOR FOUR YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
ADAM FOX
WRITE IN

NORTHWEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Proposition No. 1 To choose by ballot two Board Members who shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors of said Fire District for the term specified.

SIX YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO
TWYLA CRAVEN
WILLIAM (BILL) WALKER
CALEB CLINE
ROBIN RAY-HARRIS
WRITE IN

LINCOLN COMMUNITY NURSING HOME DISTRICT

FOR DIRECTOR THREE YEAR TERM

Vote For TWO
JEANA COX
WRITE IN

CITY OF WARSAW

FOR MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
EDDIE SIMONS
WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN WARD 1 TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
ROB COSKEY
WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN WARD 2 TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
JAMES MAHLON WHITE
WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN WARD 3 TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
ADAM HOWE
WRITE IN

CITY OF LINCOLN

FOR MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
GLEN NELSON
WRITE IN

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FOR ALDERMAN EAST WARD TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
JACK LIETZKE
WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN WEST WARD TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
SETH CASEY
WRITE IN

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? YES NO

CITY OF COLE CAMP

FOR MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
ROBERT MEUSCHKE
DIANA BURDICK
WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN EAST WARD TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
MINDY FOX
WRITE IN

FOR ALDERMAN WEST WARD TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE
JEREMIAH CRIDER
JONATHAN BECKMAN
WRITE IN

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

BENTON COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFERS \*PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THE FIRST GRANITOR & FIRST GRANTEE ARE LISTED. OTHER NAMES MAY APPEAR ON THE DOCUMENT. Table with columns: Grantor, Grantee, Instr, Series, Inst #, Book, Page, First Legal, First Reference, Rec. Date. Includes search results for Benton County, MO.

### 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*  
 Susan Porterfield  
 Benton County Clerk

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

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