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Benton County Has Momentum! Flurry Of New Business Takes Flight

By
Anita Campbell
County
Reporter

Benton County is on the move according to Economic Development Director JoAnn Lane.

"Since the first of the year, we have had several businesses open up as well as plans for many more in the coming months," said Lane.

On Main Street, Michelle Branson has opened her new store, Main Event Wedding, Boutique and Rental. Branson has been in business awhile in Warsaw, but recently moved to the downtown area.

Another new business is Velvet Studio located in the building next door to the Benton County Enterprise. Alyssa Tinney and Mikayla Barkley are the owners. Barkley is a tattoo artist and Tinney creates permanent make-up such as lashes, eyebrows and tattoos.

"We both were working at Studio 86 and we decided to open our own business," said Tinney.

To make an appointment, check out Velvet Studio on Facebook or Instagram. At this point, both Tinney and Barkley are booked for two weeks.

"Right now, we are only taking appointments, and customers must be 18 years old," said Tinney.



ACTIVITY ABOUNDS on Warsaw's Main Street as three new businesses are set to open this month, including Velvet Studio, under the ownership of Alyssa Tinney and Mikayla Barkley.

The Velvet Studio will celebrate their Grand Opening on April 13.

LOZ Outfitters will open on April 12 in the old Third of June building on Main Street. LOZ, owned by the Dockery family, will offer lake shirts and other items.

The Vault, owned by Stacey

and Danny Morrison, is scheduled to open in October. Located in the old Osage Valley Bank, The Vault will be a special venue available to host parties and other events.

Also in Warsaw, Goetz Brothers Carpet will be behind Advantage Real

Estate. They plan to sell all types of flooring materials. Goetz Brothers also has a store in Stover.

Coming soon to Warsaw is a new flower shop, The Petal Market on Main. Owners Derenda and Jim Miller are working on opening this spring at 121 West Main in

downtown Warsaw. They have already hosted several events such as corsage making classes. Call to (660) 723-0213 to make an appointment.

In Lincoln, Premier Automotive, owned by Fred Braselton is located at 214 Highway 65, Premier Automotive will offer golf carts as well as servicing

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City Administrator Outlines Unique Walking, Biking Trail System

By
Homer May
County
Reporter

In a short session Monday eve, City of Warsaw Administrator Randy Pogue discussed an ambitious plan to build a five foot wide walking and biking trail and "landscape calming" features in and around the city, through a projected RAISE project. He added that, with a fully described plan, city residents will be able to understand the project's vision, but cautioned that the plan is presently in a stage which is yet unfunded and it's costs could be beyond the monies which will become available. Yet this project, if it becomes reality, would address a long-standing concern among many for a trail that could serve other than motorized traffic.

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

First actions by the group were to approve the evening's agenda, March 18 meeting minutes, and payment of bills presented.

In new business, the group approved an ordinance which established that any actual or prospective bidder who is aggrieved in connection with the

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Warsaw Students Flush With Opportunity At Mizzou's J-Day

By
Tanna Howe
Guest
Reporter

WHS students attended Journalism Day at the University of Missouri last Wednesday and gained valuable experience and knowledge while also receiving awards for submitted work.

The purpose of Journalism Day, or "J-Day" as the students refer to it, is to spotlight high school journalist's work and possibly reward them for it. Most of all, journalists get the option to learn from many different colleagues in the field, along with professors from different universities. There were 52 different schools in attendance from all over the state who attended the day, therefore allowing journalists to connect in



PREPARING FOR THE REAL WORLD, WHS students traveled to MU to take part in the university's Journalism Day. Students were under the direction of Amanda Adler.

different ways.

"My favorite part about J-Day was getting to learn about journalism and being in sessions with people who have the same interest in it that I do," Warsaw junior Editor-in-Chief Keira Mostaffa commented.

Additionally, advisors who attend with their classes are also benefited in many ways.

"J-Day is a chance for me to network with other advisors to learn from presenters to improve the quality of our program at WHS," Ozark Echoes and The Wildcat Advisor Amanda Adler said. "This event also provides opportunities for staff writers and editors of the school publications to

learn leadership skills in seminars."

Students, however, are still the main benefactors of the day.

"Personally, J-Day helps me better understand my role on the yearbook staff. The professors who present other seminars give good advice to especially help in the future, and lead to success," sophomore Staff Writer Brennen Slavens stated.

The itinerary for J-Day began with an early 8:00 AM introduction and welcome from guest speaker from the Kansas City Star, Hannah Wise. Students then attended three different 50-minute seminars.

The seminars were primarily taught around a college level and presented informally. Students attended different seminars, including: broadcasting, interviewing, photography

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Invader Lurks In Form Of Pear Tree



"WORSE THAN MURDER HORNETS" is a term that has been used to describe the highly invasive Bradford (Callery) Pear tree.

A Nichols Worth Of NATURE
By **Donnie Nichols**

One sign of spring are the white blossoms of Bradford pear trees. This

oval-shaped oriental became a favorite of landscapers and was widely planted in yards, city malls, business campuses, parks and downtown revitalization efforts from the 1960s up to 2000, but after

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Community Calendar

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://friendsbeso.org> for additional information.

APRIL 8, 2024: Bingo Night at the Warsaw Senior Center, includes a potato bar from 5:00 PM-5:45 PM, Bingo from 5:45 PM-7:00 PM, \$5.00 includes meal and 1 Bingo card.

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

APRIL 12, 2024: Warsaw Senior Center Advisory Board meeting, 9:00 AM at the Warsaw Senior Center.

APRIL 13, 2024: Pasta with a Purpose, Dinner from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM, Dance from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM, Free will donation.

APRIL 14, 2024: The Cole Camp Community Choir, under the direction of Alicia Cole, will present the cantata "Upon this Rock, The Passion, the Question, the Call" on Sunday, April 14, 4:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. The cantata is free and all are invited.

APRIL 21, 2024: There will be a going away celebration for Margaret (Peggy) Tess of Hastain, MO on Sunday, April 21, 2024, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM at the Turkey Creek Church of the Brethren in Fristoe, MO. Peggy will be moving to Arizona to live with her son. All are encouraged to attend Sunday School at 9:30 AM, followed by church service at 10:30 AM. A potluck lunch will be served immediately following, prior to the reception. Cards may be sent to Peggy at 33157 Hairpin Drive, Edwards, MO, 65326.

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.warsawk12.org>), Alumni information is on the lefthand 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.

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LAKE STAGES	Truman Lake 706.22, 0.22 feet above normal pool. Lake of the Ozarks at Warsaw's Joe Dice Swinging Bridge: 655.08, 4.92 feet below normal pool. Total discharge through spillway is (na) cfs. Surface water temperature of Truman Lake is approximately 51 degrees.						

FLURRY

(Continued from Page 1) golf carts.

Just beyond Cole Camp Junction, The Patch will be opening this summer. The Patch, owned by Allison and Kyle Rupe, hosted a lighted Christmas display as well as an Easter egg hunt. This summer the Rupes plan to open a kitchen so customers can eat there when they stop by to buy fresh vegetables as well as pick their own strawberries. They also plan on having a subscription delivery business where they will deliver fresh vegetables to homes.

"I am so excited about all the projects in Benton County," said Lane.

J-DAY

(Continued from Page 1) and more. Later on, at the end of the day, all students met back in the auditorium for the awards ceremony.

More staff writers benefited from different seminars they attended.

"Attending J-Day gives me more opportunities to learn different angles to take during a sports game or story," junior staff writer Carter Howell said. "Personally, I tend to do more sports stories because that's what I prefer and enjoy, so being able to connect with others and be educated by good professors sets me up for success."

For awards, samples of the students' best work is submitted and then reviewed by judges hired by the Missouri Interscholastic Journalism Association (MIJA).

Students are then awarded within the school size, by class, as honorable mention, excellent, superior or All-Missouri. Along with The Show-Me awards that are given to the top submissions in the contest (regardless of the school size). Over 1,500 submissions were received this year, making the competition ever-so difficult for judges.

Many staff members of The Wildcat newspaper and Ozark Echoes yearbook were rewarded in respective categories.

The Wildcat newspaper was awarded with All-Missouri overall, along with The Wildcat Online being awarded with Superior as well.

The Ozark Echoes yearbook staff was awarded with Excellent as a whole.

Individual awards for WHS included:

All-Missouri: Ashlynn Adams - Academic Photography; Madyson Reimund - News Feature Writing; Grace Drake - News Feature Writing and Sports Action Photography; Keira Mostaffa - News Feature Writing and Sports Action Photography.

Superior: Ashlynn Adams - Yearbook Writing; Aubree Smith - News Feature Writing; Madyson Reimund - News Feature Writing.

Excellent: Sarah Gilbert - Yearbook Traditional Package - Academic; Haylee Cobb - Yearbook Traditional Package - Student Life; Brennen Slavens - Yearbook Traditional Package - Club/Organizations; Samantha Harr - Academic Photography.

Honorable Mention: Brylee Brewster - Yearbook Traditional Package - Sports and Sports Action Photography; Grace Drake - Sports Action Photography; Hailey Ferguson - Sports Feature Photography.

NICHOLS

(Continued from Page 1) four decades the Bradford pear would appear on the categorized lists of invasive trees in nearly all the eastern, midwestern and southern states.

In the early 1900s, United States pear orchards were in danger of being wiped out by fire blight disease. The U.S. Department of Agriculture sent Frank Meyer, a scientist, to China to search for a disease resistant fruit variety. Meyer collected several hundred pounds of the Chinese Callery pear seeds. He headed to Shanghai on a riverboat in 1918. The boat arrived with the seeds but Meyer was missing. His body was later found in the river, the cause was never determined.

Meyer's Callery pear seeds were shipped to the USDA Plant Station in Glen Dale, Maryland. Over the next three decades plant scientists found that the Callery pear was fire blight resistant but it did not produce edible fruit. Although it had little value for orchard growers, the Glen Dale station chief, Charles Bradford, thought the Callery pear might make a good oriental tree. He was working on its development when he collapsed of a heart attack in 1951.

Frank L. Creech continued Bradford's work. He found one variety of the Callery pear tree had a pleasing shape and produced a proliferation of white flowers. Creech reproduced the tree and eight years later the carefully pruned test trees were deemed a success. Creech named the tree Bradford pear in honor of his deceased boss.

By 1962, the Bradford pear was available commercially and became one of the most widely planted ornamental trees in the United States. All ornamental pears originate from Pyrus calleryana, commonly referred to as Bradford pear.

The trees were very popular because of their prolific spring flowers, dark glossy leaves and ability to thrive in almost any kind of soil - and because as a hybrid, people thought they were sterile, therefore having no messy fruits to contend with. The tree grew only 20-25 feet tall, retained its oval shape and in the fall, leaves had brilliant colors.

In 1966, Lady Bird Johnson planted a Bradford pear in Washington, DC publicizing its use as a landscape tree.

Fast forward to the 21st century when conservationists and forestry scientists were calling the Bradford pear an "invasive tree". By 2011, at least 26 states had reported problems with the spread of wild Callery (Bradford) pear.

In 2007, Theresa Cully, an Ohio scientist, documented the reason for the spread of wild Callery pears. As other cultivars were developed and released, each cultivar was genetically different from the others which meant they could, and did, cross with each other producing lots of fruit and seedlings trees. Birds ate the fruit and scattered the seeds across the landscape. The proliferation of wild Callery pear thickets has been wide spread, most noticeably around municipalities and non-cultivated areas. Its invasive spread has been largely uncontrolled. Callery

pear populations have exploded and threatened native biodiversity as the trees steadily march into our native grasslands and forested areas, even becoming a headache for land developers.

Callery pear (Bradford pear) continues to be one of the most invasive tree species in our area.

To learn more about native trees good for landscaping visit the MDC website at <https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/treecare>.

A lawn is nature under totalitarian rule. -Michael Pollan

WARSAW

(Continued from Page 1) solicitation or award of a city contract may protest to the City Administrator, adding other provisions to the ordinance. Aldermen then approved a resolution for the City Administrator to submit a Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) grant in the amount of \$600,000 for Main Street improvements. The city will contribute matching funds of \$508,136 for a total project cost of \$1,108,136. Administrator Pogue said the funds would fund a gap in Main Street improvement from Hackberry to Illinois streets, adding that this project will possibly take place in about two years.

In late session, the Administrator discussed a TAP update which would involve selection of an engineer to plan improvements to the south side of Main Street.

The group completed its open session at about 6:12 PM, followed by a closed executive session.

Visitors are welcome to the open sessions, usually held on 1st and 3rd Monday eves.



When my stepdaughters were young and always hungry, almost anything I made with ranch dressing was a hit. So, the following recipe for cucumber salad was always on the table during grilling season.

- 16 ounces medium pasta shells
- 16 ounces frozen peas, thawed
- 1 medium cucumber, halved and sliced
- 1 small red onion, medium diced
- 1 cup ranch salad dressing

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and rinse in cold water. Combine the pasta, peas, cucumber and onion. Add dressing, toss to coat. Cover and chill for several hours before serving.

Another favorite was to chop up some potatoes, toss in ranch dressing mix and roast until golden brown.



PROSECUTOR'S POST

ROD RICHARDSON
Prosecuting Attorney

March 8, 2024

Greetings. Below are the cases that were resolved/indicted in the Associate and Circuit Courts of Benton County from March 1 - 31, 2024.

Dispositions:

Jeremiah Casdorff: male, age 43, Carrollton, MO, was sentenced to 5 years supervised probation and to serve 30 days in the Benton County Jail for felony DWI - Persistent.

Samantha Dobnikar: female, age 32, Sedalia, MO, was sentenced to 4 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections after having her probation revoked for felony Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Teddy (Christopher) R. Harper II: male, age 44, Lee's Summit, MO, was sentenced to 3 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for each count of felony Tampering with a Motor Vehicle 1st Degree, felony Possession of a Controlled Substance, and felony Resisting a Lawful Detention.

Christopher B. Boles: male, age 39, Cole Camp, MO, was sentenced to 24 days in the Benton County Jail for the felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Timothy D. Stephenson (Gincjko): male, age 50, Independence, MO, was sentenced to 16 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for Murder 2nd Degree.

Indictments:
Chester G. Allen: male, age 33, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Payne Bohling: male, age 20, Cole Camp, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Property Damage 1st Degree.

Darrin T. Curtis: male, age 47, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Justin Eversole: male, age 45, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on three felony charges of Endangering the Welfare of a Child 1st Degree.

Brandon Hardesty: male, age 24, Lincoln, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Burglary 2nd Degree.

Adan Rivas: male, age 50, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charges of Burglary 1st Degree, Stealing of a Motor Vehicle, and Stealing of a Firearm.

Nathan Isbell: male, age 19, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Harassment 1st Degree.

Patrick Peterson: male, age 60, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charges of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Delivery of Marijuana.

Cecelia Jones: female, age 66, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Jason Martinez: male, age 42, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Kimberly Martinez: female, age 47, Lincoln, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of DWI - Physical Injury.

Jerry W. Tucker: male, age 42, Warsaw, MO, was

GIVING back

Warsaw Shrine Donates To CHS, Jubilee Days



WARSAW SHRINE CLUB recently presented a check for \$500.00 to the Center for Human Services in Warsaw to aide in the fine work they do. There for the presentation were: Lindsay McDormall-CHS, Lisa Hsgness-CHS, Steve Elliott-Warsaw Shrine Club, John Mackey-Warsaw Shrine Club, Tracey Roberts-CHS, Cathy Parker-CHS and Chanish Lambert-CHS.



WARSAW SHRINE CLUB recently made a \$500.00 donation to Jubilee Days to aide in another successful weekend celebration. Pictured (L to R) are: John Mackey, Ron Fountain and Steve Elliott, all from the Warsaw Shrine Club, and Chuck Allcorn, Director of Jubilee Days.

indicted on the felony charge of Passing a Bad Check.

Frisco W. Wehrly: male, age 36, Warsaw, MO, was indicted on the felony charge of Passing a Bad Check.



Sheriff's Report 3/25/24 to 3/31/24

Nicholas Ryan Fruth of Edwards, MO was arrested on 3-25-24 on a Benton County warrant for Possession of Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

Christina Jean Coffman of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-25-24 on a Benton County warrant for Possession of Methamphetamine. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 Surety. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Robert Charles Brown of Springfield, MO was arrested on 3-26-24 on two Pulaski County warrants for Traffic Violation and Failure to Appear. Bond is set at \$600.00 cash. Subject was transported to another county.

Christopher Lee Herron of Lincoln, MO was arrested on 3-28-24 on a Benton County and US Marshall warrant for Parole Violation and Probation Violation. Subject was transported to another facility.

Dennis Ray Knifong of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-29-24 on a Cass County warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance- Amphetamine. Bond is set at \$2,500.00 cash only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

Kaenan S Casey of Lincoln, MO was arrested on 3-30-24 on 2 Benton County warrants and 1 Pettis County warrant for Driving While Revoked- 1st Offense, Failure to Comply with Ignition Interlock Device Requirements, and Driving While Intoxicated, Failure to Drive on Right half, Operate Vehicle on Highway without Valid License. Bond is set at 1,200.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Quenten Adam Harmon of Green Ridge Mo was arrested on 3-30-24 on 1 Benton County, 1 Pettis County, 1 Cass County and 2 Johnson County warrants for Failure to Appear Operate Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility, Failure to Appear Operate Motorcycle Without Valid License, Failure to Appear No Insurance, Failure to Appear No Seatbelt, Failure to Appear Driving While Intoxicated. Bond is set at \$860.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Joseph Martin Thornton of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-30-24 on a Benton County warrant for Trespass-1st degree. Bond is set at \$200.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Dalton Lee Davis of Clinton, MO was arrested on 3-31-24 on a Benton County warrant for Retaining Stolen Property, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Driving Without a Valid License and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond is set at \$25,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

Waylon Matthew Burns, Homeless, was arrested on 3-31-24 on a Pettis County warrant for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility. Bond is set at \$249.50 cash only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

Howard M Morey of Sedalia, MO was arrested on 3-31-24 on a Cooper County warrant for Failure to Appear/Take, Attempt to Tak or Possess Deer without Deer Permit. Bond is set at \$250.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

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Ladycats Roll To Second Straight Championship At Buffalo Tourney



ANOTHER TOURNEY, ANOTHER TROPHY for the Warsaw Ladycats as they used some impressive offensive performances and superb pitching to power their way to a first place finish at the 2024 Buffalo Softball Invitational. Warsaw pummeled Spokane, 19-0; came from behind to win 3-2 over Buffalo and then shutout Fair Grove, 12-0 for the title.



By
Adam Howe
Sports
Editor

In a highly anticipated and long awaited rematch of last year's quarterfinal game when Warsaw lost to Fair Grove, 6-1, the two met again on Saturday in the championship of the Buffalo Softball Invitational where the Ladycats flipped the script and toppled the Lady Eagles with a lopsided 12-0 shutout to take first place for the second consecutive year. Warsaw (10-1) opened the scoring in the top of the second inning thanks to a leadoff double by Bri Fellers and back-to-back singles by Jaylen McCullick and Sara Miller to put Warsaw up, 2-0.

That score remained until the top of the fifth when the Ladycats went on a 2-out rally, led off with a single by Brylee Brewster. Three more singles off the bats

of Fellers, McCullick and Miller drove in 3 runs to make it 5-0.

Like she did the entire game, Brewster held the Lady Eagles (7-5) at bay in the bottom of the inning and Warsaw tacked on 1 more run in the top of the sixth to make it 6-0.

The Ladycats put the game out of reach in the top of the seventh when they scored 6 runs on 7 hits. A double by Miller led off the inning and she advanced to 3rd on an errant throw. Autum Walton grounded out but scored Miller. Mady Reimund followed with a single of her own and came around to score on a double by Haylee Cobb. Singles from Adison Sherrill, Tanna Howe, Brewster and Fellers all led to runs to give the Ladycats the 12-0 final.

Sherrill, Brewster, Fellers and Miller all had 3 hits for Warsaw while 2 apiece were added by Howe and McCullick.

Brewster threw the 7

inning complete game for the win. She gave up 0 runs on 5 hits and struck out 9 for the Ladycats.

Coming into the weekend, Warsaw held down the #3 spot in the Class 2 poll while Fair Grove, at 5-4 (then) was ranked #9.

The Ladycats trip to the championship game was hard-earned when they had to come from behind to beat Buffalo, 3-2 in their semifinal.

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth frame, and with 2 outs, Warsaw's Adison Sherrill reached first base when she was hit by a pitch, bringing Tanna Howe to the plate. Working a 2-0 count, Howe's next pitch was a called strike on a questionable check swing. With the count at 2-1, Howe saw the next pitch and blasted it over the centerfield fence for a 2-run homerun to erupt the Warsaw dugout and put the Ladycats in front, 3-2.

Brylee Brewster took the reigns from there in the top of the sixth. She issued a leadoff walk but got a strikeout for out number one, induced a groundout for out number two and got an easy popout for out number three to seal the win.

Howe paced the Warsaw offense with 2 hits in 3 at-bats. She also drove in all 3 runs for the Ladycats (9-1). Haylee Cobb, Sherrill, Brewster and Bri Fellers all had hits for the Ladycats as well.

Brewster notched the win in the circle. She went 6 innings and surrendered 2 runs on 3 hits while striking out 10.

In their first game of the day, Haylee Cobb drove in 4 runs on 4 hits to lead Warsaw

past the Spokane Lady Owls in a 19-0 shellacking.

Warsaw got 3 runs in the bottom of the first when Cobb led off the bottom of the inning with a single. With 1 out, Tanna Howe singled to score Cobb. Elizabeth Winters drew a walk in her at-bat and a Carly Price scored them both.

The Ladycats (8-1) big inning came in the second when they plated 16 runs. Cobb, Howe, Jaylen McCullick, Sara Miller, Winters, Price, Autum Walton and Grace Drake all had RBI's. Cobb had 3 singles and McCullick had 2 in the inning while Howe's 1 hit in the inning was a 2-run homerun that cleared the leftfield fence easily.

Bri Fellers picked up the win in the circle by hurling 3 innings of no-hit softball while fanning 6 Spokane batters.

Ladycats Blast Way To Three Wins Last Week

By
Adam Howe, Sports

In three games last week prior to their trip to Buffalo on Saturday, Warsaw logged a total of 48 runs and gave up just 1 in wins at Butler, at home versus Green Ridge and at Miami.

Last Monday, the Ladycats Brylee Brewster dominated the Butler Lady Bears, when she faced 18 batters and retired 17 of them by way of the strikeout. She surrendered 0 runs on 0 hits along the way and walked 0 in an "incomplete" perfect game no-hitter.

Warsaw notched 1 run in each of the first and second innings and then blew things open in the fourth with 6 runs. They added 4 more in the sixth for the 12-0 win.

Haylee Cobb, Tanna Howe, Brewster and Bri Fellers all collected 2 hits for Warsaw.

On Tuesday, the Ladycats made quick and easy work of the Green Ridge Lady Tigers, defeating them 19-0 in just 3 innings.

Warsaw tallied 5 runs in the first, spearheaded by a 2-run homerun from Tanna Howe, and then plated 14 runs in the second, much thanks to a grand slam homerun from Haylee Cobb, the first of her career as the Ladycats cruised to the 19-0 win.

Brylee Brewster picked up the win. She threw 3 innings and gave up just 1 hit while striking out 7.

Thursday's game at Miami was also less than competitive as the Ladycats rolled to a 17-1 win.

After falling behind, 1-0

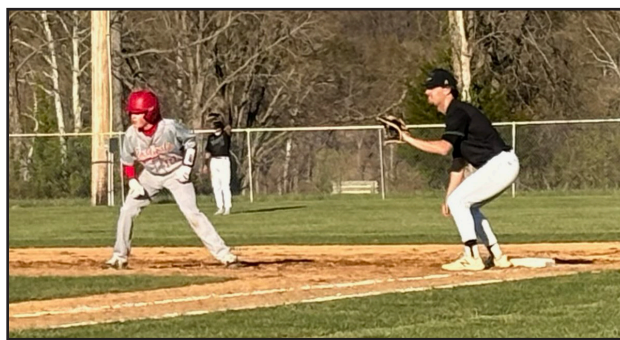
at the end of the second, Warsaw rallied for 5 runs in the third, 3 in the fourth and then 9 in the fifth to close out the 17-1 final.

Mady Reimund, Sara Miller and Tanna Howe all recorded 4 hits in 4 at-bats while Jaylen McCullick and Autum Walton had 2 apiece.

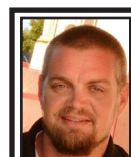
Bri Fellers got the win in the circle. She hurled 5 innings and gave up 1 run on 1 hit while striking out 9.

The Ladycats will be on the road for two more contests this week when they travel to Versailles on Thursday and Skyline on Friday.

Warsaw Rallies For Two Wins In Busy Week



CONTRIBUTING ON BOTH SIDES, Lincoln's Hunter Vandaveer pitched a complete game and Josh Bunch manned first base for the Wildcats in their 7-3 win over the Cardinals last week. Both young men had hits for their clubs.



By
Adam Howe
Sports
Editor

A Dawson Parrott single in the first and an untimely error by the Warsaw defense put Lincoln on top early, but Warsaw tied the game in the bottom of the second and then added runs in each of the next four innings to defeat Lincoln last Wednesday night, 7-3.

A 2-2 tie was broken in the fourth when the Wildcats' Logan Gemes scored Jase Hubert on a fielder's choice. Jayce Depriest followed with a single scoring Drake Murrell to make it 4-2.

It was 5-3 after five and the Wildcats tacked on 2 more runs in the sixth for the 7-3 final.

Depriest led the way for Warsaw with 4 hits while Garrett Ferguson, Kendall Bagley and Hubert each had 2.

Ryan Fajen earned the win on the bump. He tossed the 7 inning complete game, surrendering 3 runs on 8 hits while striking out 6.

Zaden Cole and Parrott

both had 2 hits for the Cardinals.

Hunter Vandaveer absorbed the mound loss for Lincoln. He went 6 innings and yielded 7 runs on 13 hits, striking out 2.

Josh Bunch turned in another gem on the hill on Thursday in a 3-1 win for the Wildcats over Stockton.

Bunch allowed 1 run on just 6 hits through 7 innings of work. He struck out 4 and walked only one.

The game was scoreless through four innings but Warsaw got on the board in the bottom of the fifth thanks to back-to-back singles by Jayce Depriest and Bunch.

The visiting Tigers scored 1 run in the top of the sixth but Warsaw got that back in the bottom of the inning on another 2-RBI single by Depriest for the 3-1 final.

Depriest led Warsaw with his 2 hits while 1 apiece was added by Garrett Ferguson, Bunch and Reese Maxwell.

The Wildcats will be at Holden on Wednesday and back at home on Thursday when they host Versailles.

Lady Cards Beat Tipton, Fall To Crest Ridge



By
Johnnie Logue
Sports
Reporter

LINCOLN'S Courtney Stephens claps as she scores Lincoln's lone run against Crest Ridge in a 4-1 loss on Thursday at home.

After Santa Fe canceled on Tuesday, the Lincoln Lady Cardinals went to Tipton on Wednesday and came away with an 18-1 victory.

Braylin Paxton pitched a six inning no-hitter and Alyssa Mellen hit a 2-run homer in the second inning.

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Lincoln committed no errors in the contest.

Paxton went 2 for 2 at the plate with two RBI's, scored 2 runs and walked twice.

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On Thursday, with a cold wind blowing inward, undefeated Crest Ridge (4-0) came to town and was challenged for the first time in this young season.

Crest Ridge had beaten LaMonte, 24-1; Orrick, 17-0; Green Ridge, 9-3 and Midway, 19-0.

Crest Ridge scored three times in the first on their way to a 4-1 victory.

Lincoln threatened in the seventh with two on but a controversial call at first ended the game.

Five key errors cost the Lady Cardinals dearly.

Courtney Stephens scored on an error in the fourth for Lincoln's lone run. Crest Ridge scored 4 runs on 3 hits and took advantage of 6 walks.

Lincoln fell to 3-3.

The lines went 9-10-0 for Lincoln and 2-6-4 for the Tigers.

Lincoln moved to 3-3.

Bluebirds Battling Consistency On Baseball Diamond
By
Johnie Logue, Sports



The Cole Camp Bluebirds are 3-3 after a couple of busy weeks of baseball this season.

After losing to Warsaw, 5-2 and Eugene, 12-1, the Bluebirds defeated Sherwood in five innings, 13-3 back on March 20, behind the three hit pitching of Kolby Bohon.

Blake Abey hit a solo home run to left field in the second. The next day, on Thursday, March 21, they lost to California on the road, 10-4.

A six run fourth blew the game open for the Pintos. Jack Schreck got the win on the mound and Blake Abey took the loss for Cole Camp.

After a couple of rainouts, the Bluebirds defeated Otterville, 3-2 at home on Tuesday, March 26, on a walk-off error.

Grady Strathman bunted and Reid Harrison, who had walked and stole second, scored when the ball was misplayed in the infield.

On Thursday, March 28, at the friendly William Smart baseball field, the Bluebirds pounded Leeton, 11-1.

Grant Rodriguez had a great day at the plate, going 3 for 4 with 3 RBI's. The Bluebirds scored one in the first, four in the second, two in the third, three in the fourth and one in the fifth in the five inning affair.

Cole Camp was 11-7-4 while Leeton finished 1-0-6.

Kolby Bohon got the no-hitter striking out nine and walking one.

JBMS Scoreboard

Baseball

Tues, March 19
Warsaw, 3; Clinton, 16
Thurs, March 21
Warsaw, 2; Versailles, 5
Wed, March 27
Warsaw, 7; Skyline, 11

Softball

Thurs, March 28
Warsaw, 19; Lincoln, 3



Any ladies out there ready to get out and golf this year? Want to meet other ladies who love to golf? You can! Come out to the Shawnee Bend Ladies Golf league

kick-off event on Tuesday, April 16! Social time begins at 5:00 PM and our meeting starts at 5:30 PM. You can find out more about this great time on Tuesday evenings during warmer weather! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We would love to meet new ladies who would like to possibly join us and, of course, our returning members!

If you are already part of the ladies league, please bring an hors d'oeuvre. We are a NO DRAMA, FUN TIME league! ANY skill level and ANY age!

We are a 2-lady team format so if you have a friend to bring, please do! If you don't have someone to team up with, we can help you with that. You can also start as a substitute if you are the least bit unsure! (Subs can play every week as well.)

It is only \$30 to join our league. It will cost \$15 per round at the course (including cart and that is a league discount). Each week you pay \$5 for the night. We have different games every week and a banquet at the end!

We will start on April 30. That night will be an easy scramble evening and we will start keeping track of team scores the third week in order to give everyone time to get new members and keep practicing. We will

play all summer long and the last day will be Tuesday, September 3.

If you are already a member or considering joining, please get out and start playing as soon as you can. Keep your scores if you are not a member of the GHIN handicap system yet and, if you are, please start recording. It is best to have 10 scores to get started but not a requirement. (We will require 5 scores to get you a local handicap but it is not official until there are 10 scores).

If you have questions in the meantime, or plan to play but cannot make it to the kick-off, let me know. Call me, Kelly Stackhouse at (660) 221-1443 or you can find me on facebook on messenger and reach out. Call the golf course if you need to and they can get you to me (660) 438-6115.

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Kelly Stackhouse

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Cardinals Are Too Much For Winless Smithton



STAYING AWAY FROM HIS POWER, Smithton tries to pitch Lincoln's Riley Sanders up and away. Sanders went 2 for 3 driving in 2 in a 9-2 home win over Smithton on Thursday.



By
Johnie Logue
Sports
Reporter

Lincoln defeated winless Smithton (0-5) on Thursday night at home, 9-2.

The Cardinals scored 2 in the second, 1 in third, 4 in the fifth and 2 in the sixth. Smithton scored in the fifth and the seventh.

Riley Sanders started and pitched five innings giving

up 1 run on 1 hit while striking out 11. Dawson Parrott came in for 2 innings and allowed 1 run on 5 hits striking out 2. Neither sophomore hurler gave up a free pass.

Sanders went 2 for 3 with a triple and drove in 2 runs. Cam Everhart went 3 for 4 and scored 2 runs. Hunter Vandaveer went 2 for 3 with a RBI and scored 1 run.

The Cardinals committed no errors while Smithton had 4 miscues on the night.

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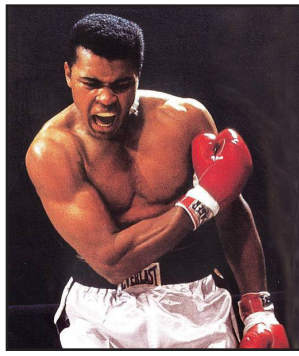
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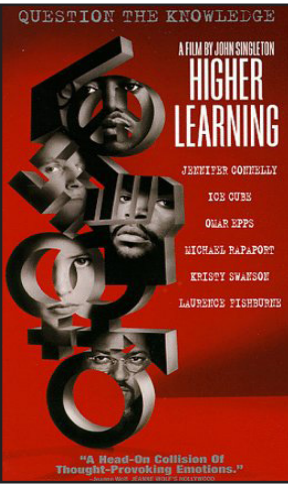


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BIRTHPLACE: Windsor
YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY: I've worked at UMB for almost a year.
FAMILY: Wife, Lacey; 4 children
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN THE AREA IS: The outdoors, especially the lake.
OCCUPATION: Personal banker at UMB-Warsaw
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: A professional boxer
FIRST JOB: Bus boy at Country Kitchen
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Fishing trips with Grandma
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS: My first child was born.



MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: My first loss as a boxer
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Loyalty
MY GREATEST FEAR IS: Failing my children.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Do any time.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Give up.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Probably do a lot of community improvements.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Africa.
HOBBIES: Fishing, playing with my grandson
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Public Enemy

FAVORITE MOVIE: *High Learning*
FAVORITE DRINK: Pepsi
FAVORITE SNACK: Potato chips
FAVORITE CANDY: Reese's
FUTURE GOAL: To retire
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: Muhammad Ali
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: It's ok to concede; you don't have to win every time.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Be kind.



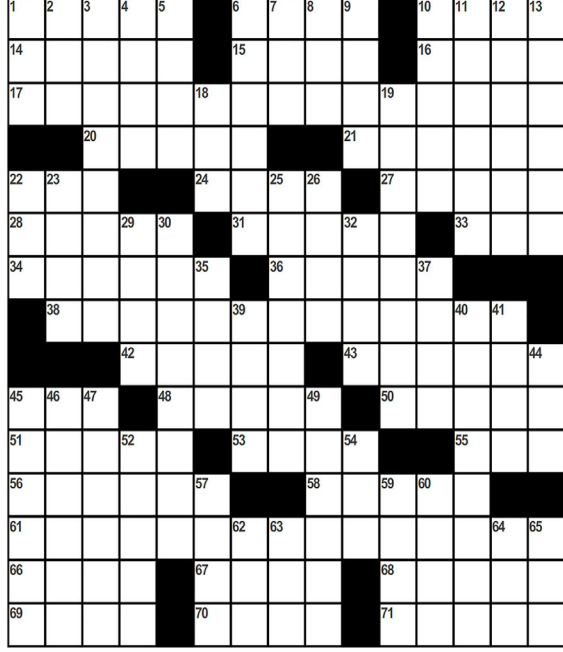
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- 14) "He's ___ nowhere man ..." (Beatles lyric)
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- 28) Kind of pasta
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- 38) Pry or snoop
- 42) Adult nit
- 43) Copier fluids
- 45) Fraternity characters
- 48) Moist, as a roast
- 50) Target practice place
- 51) Built-out window
- 53) All-time strikeout king Nolan
- 55) Boston clock setting
- 56) It may keep you on your toes
- 58) Come up with, as money
- 61) Friendly with each other
- 66) Weight-loss plan
- 67) Ireland, to locals
- 68) Soft, crinkled fabric
- 69) Maneuverable, as a yacht
- 70) Breed, as animals
- 71) Green fence?

DOWN

- 1) Damage
- 2) Fury
- 3) Succession
- 4) Smear, as paint
- 5) Mingle-mangle
- 6) Musical "ax"
- 7) Suitable
- 8) Baked Hawaiian dish
- 9) Self-styled superior
- 10) Puzo subject
- 11) King Mark's bride
- 12) Small waterway
- 13) Stopwatches, e.g.
- 18) Carpenter's cutter
- 19) One who does accounts?
- 22) Mineral baths
- 23) Rosemary or basil
- 25) The spice of life
- 26) Winged god of love
- 29) Catch, as a criminal
- 30) Dignifies
- 32) Give off
- 35) Blue-green shade
- 37) Ship of Columbus
- 39) Russia, once
- 40) Like most modern furniture
- 41) Dynes at work
- 44) Matching collection
- 45) Not a single person
- 46) Astronomy Muse
- 47) Lone Ranger's horse
- 49) One making money
- 52) Glitterati, e.g.
- 54) Pester
- 57) Stadium level
- 59) Thing to scratch
- 60) Desperately dry, as land
- 62) Make a bow
- 63) Savings vehicle
- 64) Hybrid's selling pt.
- 65) Take in visually

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NEWS

By Pat Arnett
Contributing Reporter

This week has had some cold weather early on but by Saturday it has turned warmer and much nicer. Seeds that were put in the ground have come up and even able to be eaten, an example is lettuce and green onions on the table.

Prayer requests for this week: Cheri Lynn Boecher, Kathy First, Amber First, Carolee Apperson, Lewis and Judy Retherford, Gladys Harris, Curtis Allen and Mary Scarbrough.

Happy Birthday to Emily Hatcher, on April 6!

We received several notes from Gracie Yoder last week, bringing the community up to date. She sent beautiful pictures from Hobbitenango, Guatemala, and one day she made a list of what she has, and is in Christ. It is very impressive and shows how proud she feels in her missionary work! Please keep Gracie and her missionary team in your prayers.

I always appreciate when someone sends news that

would be appreciated by people from the Fristoe area; I received such last week. Beth Bybee Arvidson, daughter of Joyce Bybee Brown notified this column that Turkey Creek Church of the Brethren in Fristoe will have activity around the building. It is this church's 135th anniversary. They will be installing new windows in the sanctuary. I will be including more of Beth's news next week!

The Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church had a blessed Easter Sunday morning on March 31. The church wishes and prays for more youngsters for their Sunday School. The Adult Sunday School class lesson was the Easter lesson. From John chapters 20 and 21 and Luke chapter 24. Great specials from Claude and others; Ken, DoBee and the Smiths; Larry and Ellen and Dave. The specials were all Easter based songs. Br. Smith's message from Luke 24 was very encouraging to everyone. He encouraged all of us to remember because there is hope, we must have faith.

Thought for this week: We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we GIVE!

We hope everyone who reads the Benton County paper has a safe, happy and very blessed week!



Lodge #2783

By Betty Mewszel
Contributing Reporter

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Dart tournament winners for March 27

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Lawrence Lee Casey



Lawrence Lee Casey, age 85, of Warsaw, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024 at his home. He was born on January 21, 1939, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Charles Lee and Sylvia Edna Casey. He was raised in Kansas City moving to Lincoln, Missouri in his early 20's. He met the love of his life, Patsy Janette Kreisel and was married on March 15, 1959.

He is preceded in death by his wife Patsy Casey, his parents Charles and Sylvia Casey, and two brothers; Leo Casey and Kenneth Casey.

Lawrence is survived by his son, David Casey and wife Kerri Casey of Warsaw, a daughter Diane Busick and husband David Busick of Warsaw, six grandchildren, nine great-children and a new one arriving the end of May. He is also survived by one sister Linda Casey of Warsaw, many extended family and friends.

Lawrence shared his laughter with all and didn't know a stranger. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, April 4, 2024 at the Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw, with Pastor Van Mellen officiating. Visitation will

be held one hour prior to the funeral from 10:00 until 11:00 A.M. Interment will follow the funeral at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Billy Ray Stevens



Billy Stevens, age 47, of Warsaw, Missouri, passed away Sunday March 31, 2024 at home. He was born on July 13, 1976 in Clinton, Missouri unto John and Bonnie Gaylord Stevens.

Billy was a lifelong resident of Warsaw, graduating from Warsaw High School in 1994.

He made a statement of faith in 1986 and was baptized. He was a member of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

Billy worked several jobs in Clinton, Lowry City and Warsaw, the last one being Wal-Mart in Warsaw where he loved working there.

Billy was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan and loved to watch them play. He also was a fan of and enjoyed professional wrestling where he admired "The Rock" and all the others. Billy was also known as a "want to be" golfer.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Stevens, grandparents, Jesse and Ruby Gaylord, 2 step sisters and one step brother.

He is survived by his mother, Bonnie Stevens, of

Warsaw, one step brother and two step sisters, all of St. Louis, Missouri, 3 aunts, 2 uncles and a host of cousins and friends.

There has been a huge hole left in our lives now that Billy is gone but he will always be in our hearts. He enjoyed being with friends and family and loved them with his whole heart.

Funeral services for Billy Stevens will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday April 8, 2024 at the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Warsaw, Missouri with Pastor Barry Edwards, officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to services. Graveside services and interment will be at the National Cemetery in Warsaw.

WARSAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

-Titus 3:5

How can I receive salvation? Other religions tell you to live right and perform the correct rituals, and maybe God will save you. Some religions teach that God will save you if your good deeds outweigh your sins. Other religions take a "do it yourself" approach to finding God.

Our Christian faith takes a different approach. Nothing we do, no amount of righteous deeds we do, can earn God's favor. Our salvation rests entirely upon God's mercy. Mercy and merit are two very different things. Merit says we must earn God's favor by doing right. Christianity says God saves us by granting mercy to us when we trust in His Son. He regenerates and renews us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Salvation is a gift we do not deserve. What kind of God do you prefer? One who makes heavy demands we cannot keep, or a God of mercy. If you think you can measure up to the demands and requirements of God, good luck. I vote for a God of mercy.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JOHNNIE J. LOGUE

Jesus Or The Lord Jesus Christ?

Some 17 times in I Corinthians chapter one, Paul refers to the Lord as Lord Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ, Christ Jesus or Christ.

For the second week in a row, I might be stirring up a little controversy here.

It is not my intention to do so but something I have noticed over the years has bothered me for a long time. I do not know who is saved or who is not saved and I cannot put everyone in the same box. However, what I have noticed is that many, not all, that talk about Jesus live a casual lifestyle, hit and miss church if they go at all, and have a low regard for sin. Many who preach Jesus love to ask for money.

We are to confess the Lord Jesus. Romans 10: 9 and 10 Paul preached Jesus Christ to the Corinthians (I Cor 2:2).

Someone once referred to Jesus as their buddy. Ron Gross, my preacher friend who died last year was my buddy. Denny Henson, a dear friend and buddy also died last year. John Fowler is my longtime buddy. Joe Gettle is a high school buddy and former neighbor.

Jesus Christ is my friend as he once said but not my buddy in the same sense as the men I named. He is so much more. He is my God, my Lord and my Saviour.

A relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ will change your manner of dress, your language, in some cases the company you keep, your thinking pattern and your passion for life.

They were to name Him Jesus (Matt 1:21). There is no other name by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). See Acts 4:10 (Jesus Christ of Nazareth).

I pray to Him and in His name. I will bow to the name Jesus one day.

From the moment I was saved in 1978, Jesus has been the Lord Jesus Christ to me.

The name Jesus is simple to say and I am thankful it is but I confess him as Lord to the glory of God." I say "thank you Jesus" when I find something I lost. I thank Him when I wake up in the morning.

If you can curse in his name then you better check up on your salvation. Is your Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ?

I am Johnie J. Logue pastor of Grace Baptist Church at 31046 Hwy MM in Warsaw.



LINCOLN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Happy Easter from FBC of Lincoln. This past weekend was a celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ rising up out of the grave to give us eternal life with Him. It is great to the Lord's children. Good Friday started by our youth and some adults going on a fishing trip to Bennett Springs. They had a lot of fun and caught fish to have later at a fish fry. Good Friday finished with a service at our church. It was a lovely evening with many church there and lovely music and specials intermingled with the reading of scripture and a message. Fellowship followed with lots of good food for all. The evening was very well attended with people who love the Lord.

Easter Sunday started with a breakfast at 9:30. There were a lot there to share in the good food. Afterward we enjoyed Worship at 10:30. Many families were in attendance who enjoyed the day together. Pastor read from Luke 24. How would you feel if it was your brother on the cross? People in that day were crucified or stoned. Our salvation comes only from what Jesus done on the cross. Why are you not a child of God? We serve a living God. We were all crucified with Him because Jesus died for all our loved ones and us.

Pastor went on to tell of the men from Emmaus who didn't know Him at first until He revealed Himself to them. Their hearts burned when they found out who He was. Our hearts should burn with that kind of spirit in us. The disciples went to the others and declared that He had risen. Our account will be settled one way or the other. It will be heaven or it will be hell. (Yes hell is real.)

How do you live your life? Are you on the right side of Jesus? There is an empty tomb to prove He lives.

After service there was an Easter egg hunt for the children. The youth hid the eggs for them. There were a lot of youth and children in church today. They each receive a bag of candy after the hunt.

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU. LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART. GOD BLESS.

UNITY OF THE LAKES

Unity of the Lakes is very blessed to have Rev. Sandra Duncan as our guest speaker this Sunday 4/7/24. Her service is "The Faculty of Wisdom" and the scripture reference is Joshua 24, "as for me and my household,

we will serve the Lord." The choice is always ours. What we want to learn, how we choose to live, how we rise out of limitation, lack and difficulty into a greater life. We want to learn that we can get right direction and good results, in the right time, as we use this spiritual gift. Join us for this uplifting service at 11 am and stay refreshments and fellowship following the service. Dress is casual and all are welcome. We are located 8 miles south of Warsaw on highway 65. Our physical address is 34948 Hwy 65 south. We promise to treat you so man ways you are bound to like one of them. Follow us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Romans 6:5-14 Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, and at the end, He was crucified. They put Him in a tomb and rolled a stone over it. On the third day, He rose and conquered sin for you, for me, and for everyone! He is risen, He is risen indeed!

As believers, those who have asked for forgiveness of sin, we have died a spiritual death and need to live in Him. When we pray and ask for forgiveness, our sins are still with Him, and we have conquered death with Him. Every creature that walks the earth will die, and Christ died once for all! When Jesus died, our sins died with Him. When He rose again, so did we! Jesus died for all! He died once to save all of mankind. Every single human that will ever walk on earth. He is enough! Confess to Jesus, we need Him, only He is sufficient! The events of Easter day will end but Jesus' grace will never end.

If we are dead to sin and alive in Christ, why do we keep living like we are still dead to our sin. Satan shames us. We struggle with it every day. We hold on to it like that's what defines us. This is a tool of Satan. The truth is we are more than the sum of the things we have or have not done. Our identity is in Christ. Don't let sin reign in our lives. Humans sin but Jesus lives inside us. We are going to fall and make mistakes, and we are defined by the grace of Jesus Christ. We need to stop dwelling on the sin and move on. Surely there is a better way to move on. His grace was sufficient, then, now, and forever! Alive in the glory of Jesus Christ's love. He forgives us once, for all! Let's walk in the glory of Jesus!

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retractable air hose reel, 4 - ATV sprayers, Porter Cable 8" bench grinder, Wagner paint sprayer,
Ramset concrete nail gun, transfer punches, roll around service cart,
Snap On tap & die set (Metric & SAE), pneumatic fan clutch wrench set, torque wrench in case,
lot Craftsman sockets ratchets & hand tools, router bits, 2 - Paslode cordless 16ga angle finish nailers,
drill DR, Bosch power planer, Bosch plunge router w/attachments, pipe vise,
Rigid 300 electric pipe threader, lot long handled tools, 2 - poly carts, MK wet tile saw, Kwikset 1381990 door installation kit,
Senco Dura Spin model SG2510, Milwaukee right angle 1/2" drill, Milwaukee 14" chop saw,
Senco finish nailer, 2 - Worm drive circular saws, Bosch router w/bits, Milwaukee 9" side grinder,
Greenlee 767 knock out driver set, Hitachi pneumatic frame nail gun, Bosch commercial jig saw,
Husqvarna 445 chain saw, pallet jack, chain boomers, lg lot nails screws & hardware,
lg lot electrical wire, lot electrical cords, lot ratchet & tow straps, lot casters of all sizes,
Large lot electrical hardware, drill bits, clamps of all sizes & styles, new 16' garage door w/hardware,
Appliance dolly, two wheel dolly, 2 - wall safes, expanded metal yard cart, 4'x7' utility trailer (no title),
ATV ramps, 4 - LED flood lights, several set collapsible sawhorses, shop vac, 10'x100' roll plastic,
Misc. halogen work lights & tripods, 10ga. heavy electrical wire 75'+, propane space heater,
huge lot plumbing supplies & fittings, sump pump, lot misc. lumber, 100+ used T-post, temporary construction power distribution box, Husqvarna straight shaft string trimmer, roller stands, 2 - 6' levels, lot copper tubing, house jack, pump dog, live trap, transit, old wagon frame, four wheeled garden wagon, 3 - 6' step ladders,

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2011 Frontier Equipment MS1117 manure spreader 540-PTO (like NEW),
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2015 Starlite 14' bumper hitch trailer w/ dove tail & drop ramp tailgate,
2017 John Deere X300 lawn tractor 42" cut 275hrs,
1940s Allis Chalmers WD tractor,
2008 Delta 24' chain harrow cart, Bumper hitch 8 bale, bale trailer,
2 - John Deere 14' hay wagons w/hoist & steel floors,
2 - So1 Priefert portable squeeze chutes (2014 & 1996),
20+/- 10' heavy tubing livestock panels, 16+/- 12' livestock pipe panels w/5' walk through gate,
3pt Land Pride RTA3576 - 6' rotary tiller 10' pull type tandem disk w/cylinder,
Danuser F-8 post hole digger w/12" & 10" augers,
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New Holland 256 side delivery rake,
John Deere 14" 3pt 3-bottom plow, 3pt Bale unroller w/cylinder,
McCormick 200 manure spreader,
2013 Yamaha EF12000DE Generator 9,500watt 4-stroke V-twin,
2 - Balemaster 3pt bale spikes, 3pt 8' blade,

3pt bale/pallet forks,
Fuel transfer tank w/ele pump, 3pt spreader/ seeder, 3 section harrow,
90+ NEW 6' green steel T post, Lot 35+/- used steel T post, 6 - rolls "Red Barb" four point barbwire,
25+/- ele. fence post, 2 - FS90 Stihl string trimmers, Stihl 026 chainsaw, Stihl HT101 pole saw,
Lg lot used lumber (in barn), lot used woven wire, Craftsman roll around toolbox, lot misc. hand tools,
Craftsman floor jack, Farmhand 20gal air compressor, Honda GC 190 pressure washer, LARGE lot Pittsburg Corning "Foamglas" 2'x4' commercial insulation, vintage porch swing, 2 - spring type patio chairs, 90s ford tailgate, 5gal plastic fuel jugs (10+),
lot electric fences, several, Ariens front tine tiller, Farm Jack, pr of tractor Wheel weights, "Parkhurst" wooden racks (modified for 91

lot dinner plates & platters (Royal Stafford, Spode, Naif, Williamsburg, Fitz & Floyd, Villeroy & Bosh)
Lg vintage Italian platters, 12 - playing card plates, lot wine Bormioli glasses,
lot crystal (Lenox, Kosta Boda, Rosenthal "German", Orrefors), Mancor Italian sheep dishes,
new flags, vintage four wheel dock cart, old wall clock, butter press, cast iron (lodge, Griswold & wagner)
4 - lg wooden unique butcher block style animals, collapsible wooden folding picnic table,
Singer treadle sewing machine, 4 - rolls antique yard fence, 2 - 3' gates, 2 - 6' gates,
Copper oven box, 133lb Anvil, predator security light, 2 - Advantage hay trolleys, hay rope,

AUCTIONEER NOTE: This is a small sample of a LARGE Auction. there are so many quality tools & supplies not listed & yet to be discovered, Mike was a truly skilled & talented craftsman as anyone who knew him can attest, all items are clean & well cared for. Hope to see you there.
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Excalibur food dehydrator 9 tray model D95055, 6 - lg pickle jars, 24+/- storage buckets w/Gamma seal food grade lids, lot 100+ canning jars (many NEW), Lot coolers,



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Kenmore cross bottom refrigerator, Keurig 2.0 (NIB), wooden futon, stainless steel table,
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Lift chair, Lot Quilts some hand stitched, DM Ferry & Co. flour seed wooden box w/seed packets,
Bee Keeping supplies (hive smoker, suit, etc.), pizza grilling stone, primitive wooden bench,
Kitcheneer meat grinder/salad maker, 2 - Martha Stewart tiered stand w/planters,
Decretive copper milk cans, Wesko microscope, Sputnik weather station thermometer barometer,
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Saturday, April 6th • 10:00 am

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2 - John Deere 14' hay wagons w/hoist & steel floors,
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Bissell "Big Green" carpet cleaner, small Kenmore chest freezer, Cast iron parlor stove,
misc. floor & table lamps, 3pc. luggage, globe, shelves, nightstand, misc. misc. old toys & children books,
lot linens & throws, misc. pictures, mirrors & wall décor, assorted glass pots, pans & kitchenware,
quilt teddy bear, picnic table, wooden (Amish made) patio glider, vintage croquet set, lot iron wheels,
vintage metal gas cans, Monitor ZA pump jack, old enamel wood stove, lot milk cans

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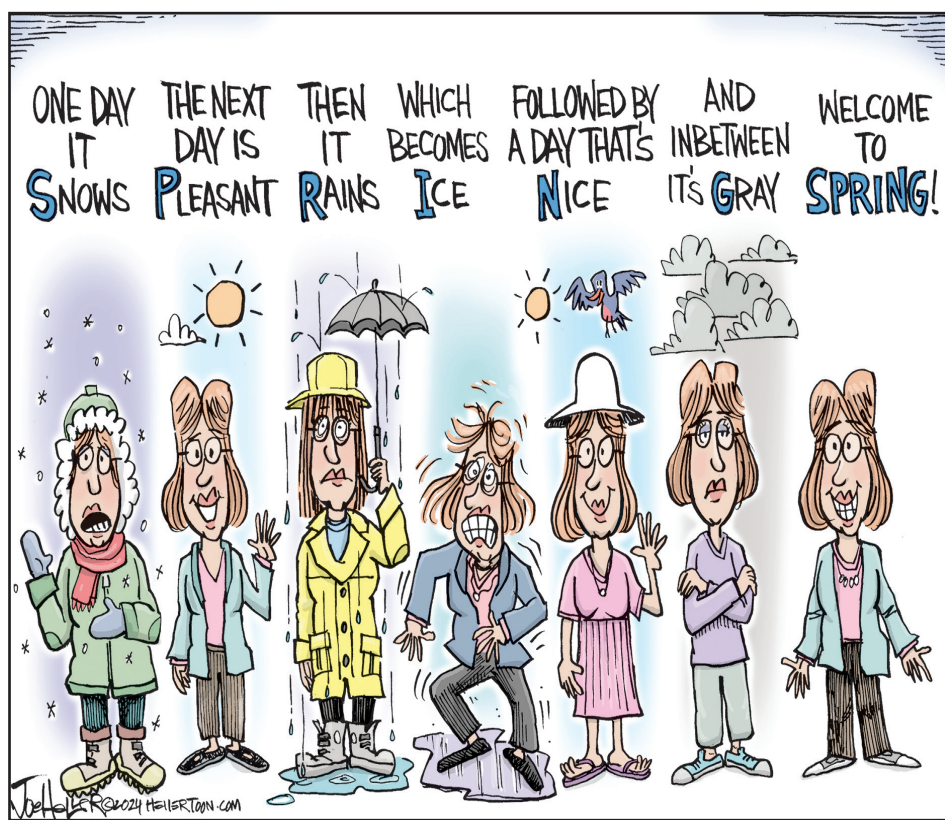
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You've probably heard stories about fortunate investors who "get in the ground floor" of a new, hot company and quickly make a fortune. But while these things may happen, they are exceedingly rare and often depend on hard-to-duplicate circumstances — and they really don't represent a viable way of investing for one's goals. A far more tried-and-true approach is the "slow-and-steady" method.

To follow this strategy, consider these suggestions:

- *Start small — and add more when you can.* When you're first starting out in the working world, you may not have a lot of extra money with which to invest, especially if you're carrying student loan debt. But one of the key advantages of the slow-and-steady method is that it does not require large investment sums to get going. If you can afford to put away even \$50 or \$100 a month into individual stocks or mutual funds, month after month, you may be surprised and pleased at how your account can grow. And when your salary goes up, you can put away more money each month.

- *Take advantage of an employer's retirement plan.* If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar tax-advantaged retirement plan, try to take full advantage of it. Again, if you're just beginning your career, you may not be able to put away much in this type of plan, but even a small amount is better than nothing. And as soon as you can possibly afford it, try to put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. These types of plans can offer some key benefits — and perhaps the biggest one is that investing is automatic, in that the money is moved directly from your paycheck into the investments you've chosen within your 401(k) or other plan.

- *Be prepared for downturns.* The financial markets will always experience ups and downs. So, you need to be prepared for those times when your investment statements may show negative results. By

understanding that these downturns are a normal part of the investment environment, you can avoid overreactions, such as selling quality investments with good fundamentals just because their price has temporarily dropped.

- *Chart your progress regularly.* A key element of a slow-and-steady investment approach is knowing how well it's working. But it's important to measure your progress in a way that makes sense for you. So, for example, instead of measuring your portfolio's performance against that of an external stock market index, such as the S&P 500, you may want to assess where you are today versus one year ago, or whether the overall progress you're making is sufficient to help you meet the financial goals you've set for yourself well into the future. Another reason not to use a market index as a measuring tool is that the index only looks at a certain pool of investments, which, in the case of the S&P 500, is simply the largest companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges. But long-term investors try to own a range of assets — U.S. and foreign stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit, and so on.

"Slow and steady" may not sound like an exciting approach to investing. But it's often the case that a little less excitement, and a lot more diligence, can prove to be quite effective.

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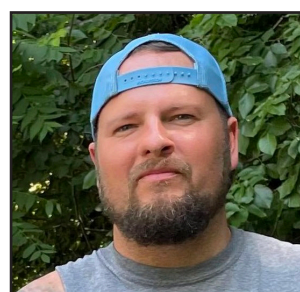
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Have I Got A Line For You!

By James Mahlon White

What's the earliest election you remember?

I grew up in a political household, bathed in discussions about elections, and can remember my parents talking about somebody called Ike "Skeleton", who of course, was really Ike Skelton, who ran for Missouri Senate in 1971, and later on was a long serving member of Congress. During Easter lunch, Aunt Jane said the earliest political candidate she recalls was Al Smith, governor of New York who ran as a Democrat for President. He didn't stand much of a chance as he was Catholic. Herbert Hoover was elected. My grandparents and great-grandparents drove from

Warsaw to Sedalia (no Highway 65 back then) to see and hear candidate Smith talk from a Mo-Pac train headed west from New York. "Pops", my great-grandfather issued strong warnings to everyone going to Sedalia to keep a firm grip on wallets and purses, as there would be pickpockets in the large crowd. Guess whose wallet was stolen... yep.

Pops attended several national party conventions as well as area activities. One of them was held east of Missouri 5 in a pasture near Bunceton. This was in the early 30's and was a fine rally and a great outdoor dinner. However, it rained and nearly all the cars became stuck in the mud and

teams of horses were still hauling them out the next day. The Bunceton rally and picnic was a favorite story in west Missouri party circles for a number of years. I imagine that most people who were there have gone on to that next place, where there probably aren't any cars to get stuck, you just drift along on a big cloud to where you want to go.

Speaking of politics, abortion is supposed to be a "swing issue" in this year's Presidential Election. Remember the last go-around when The Donald really put his foot in it? He told a reporter that if it were illegal, the woman should be punished. He changed his statement later, but managed to offend just about everyone on both sides. Someday, probably not in my lifetime, the abortion issue will be a moot point. After all, we need a license or a permit to do just about anything, whether it's catching a fish or driving a car. But there is nothing required to have a child. I bet the feds will figure out there's more tax money to be collected by requiring another permit. Having a child without one will most likely garner a fine. Far-fetched, who knows? What do you think?

Hang in there Old Buddy and we'll see what happens next. "I shudder to think" as the old saying goes. Whatever it is though, it's bound to be interesting. Meanwhile, everything is copacetic and I wish the same for you.

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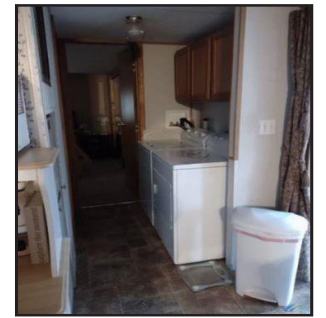
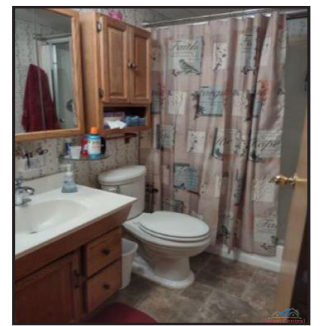


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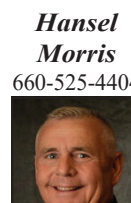
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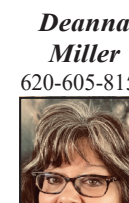
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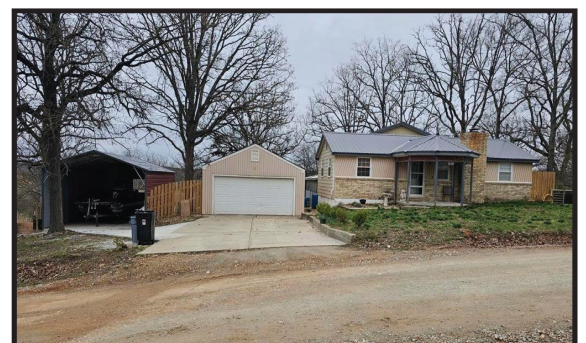
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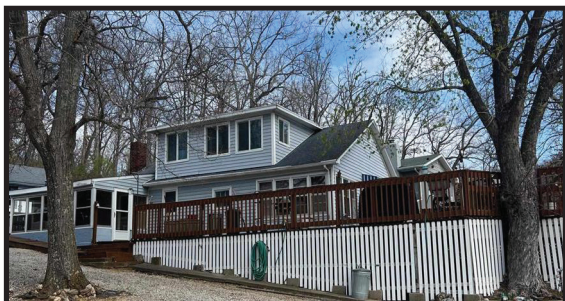
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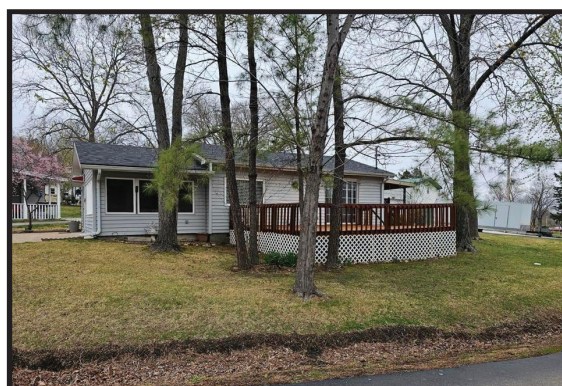
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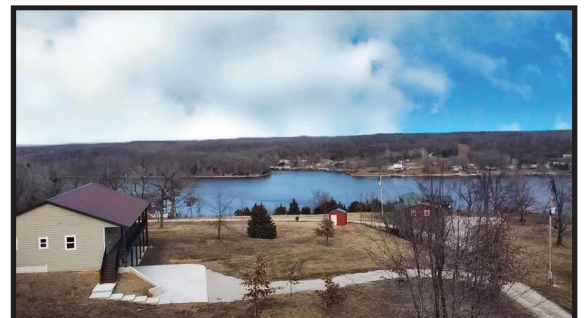
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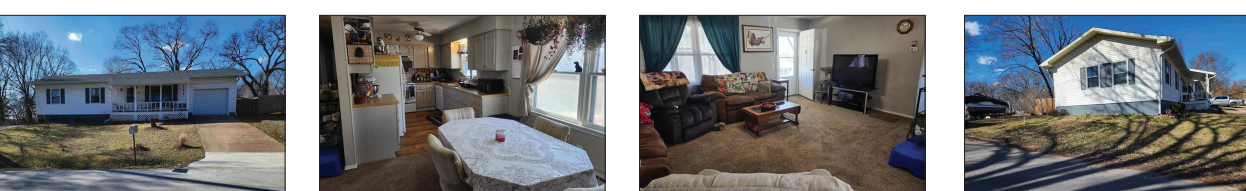
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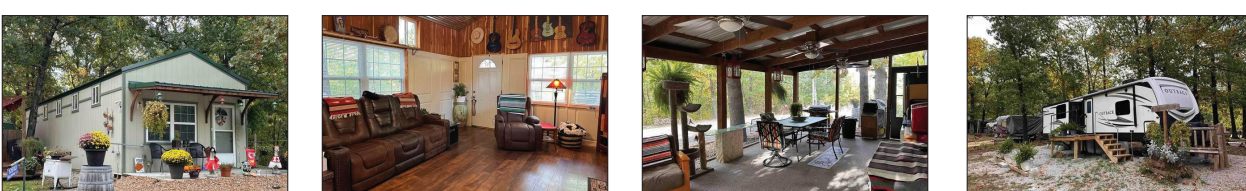
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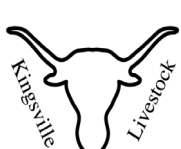


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IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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

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.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

District Recycling Grants Available

"Recycling Initiative Grant Applications" are now available through the Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District (QLSWMD). These grants are to assist with start-up and/or enhancement of recycling activities and/or education. Local governments, businesses, industries, schools, and/or individuals, within the QLSWMD six-county area, are invited to submit an application for these funds. The counties included in the QLSWMD area are Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, and St. Clair. Approximately \$47,500.00 is available for the FY 2024 grant cycle. Applications may be obtained online at www.kaysinger.com, under "Projects and Programs - Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District". For more information, contact Teresa Heckenlively at theckenlively@kaysinger.com or (660) 885-3393. One original and three copies must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2024 by the KBRPC office, 221 N. 2nd Street, Clinton, MO 64735.

Date(s) of Publication: April 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI AT WARSAW

Case No. 24BE-DR00023

In Re the Marriage of: JENNIFER A. BOUGHNER, Petitioner, Vs. BRENT C. BOUGHNER, Respondent.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO RESPONDENT, BRENT C. BOUGHNER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Division of the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, for a Dissolution of Marriage.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is Gable B. Dull, Dull & Heany, LLC, 220 W. Main Street, PO Box 1495, Warsaw, Missouri 65355-1495, Telephone No. (660) 438-7102.

You are further notified

that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after April 4th, 2024, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, this 26th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Shanda Schultz, Circuit Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: April 4, April 11, April 18 and April 25, 2024

NOTICE TO BID

The Warsaw Fire Protection District is accepting bids for mow service of the 6 District fire stations. Bids will be accepted until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, and will be opened that evening at the monthly meeting held at the Warsaw Fire Station, 113 E. Washington, Warsaw, MO. Bids can be mailed to Warsaw Fire Protection District, PO Box 1995, Warsaw, MO 65355.

Warsaw Fire Protection District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid most advantageous to the District.

Date(s) of Publication: April 4, 2024, April 11, 2024

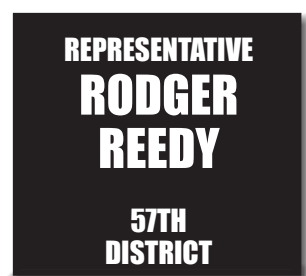
PUBLIC NOTICE

WARSAW R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTING BIDS /PROPOSALS

Notice to Contractors, the Warsaw R-IX School District is accepting sealed bids/proposals for a Roofing Project the Warsaw South Elementary School and John Boise Middle School.

For more details, please visit our website at www.warsawk12.org.

Date(s) of Publication: April 4 and April 11, 2024



After our legislative spring break, we are finishing up a short week here at the Capitol as we approach the Easter Holiday this weekend. It was a productive week at the Capitol, the House continues to perfect our bills and send them over to the Senate for their consideration. As of our adjournment today, the House has Third-Read 63 bills in total, all of which have been, or soon will be sent to the Senate. The next major milestone for the House this session will be beginning the consideration of budget bills. Every year the House Budget Committee works hard to draft and bring budget bills before the House, where we as a body will consider the appropriations for the year.

I am also pleased to share that this week, I presented one of my bills, HB. 1688 in front of the House Special Committee on Technology & Innovation. Simply put, HB. 1688 requires public schools to offer a driver education course that students must complete before graduating. This is a bill that I have worked on for many years

and has gained a lot of support from different groups across the state, I am hoping to see it advance through the legislative process as we work through April and into May.

Here are some other news releases for the week -

Missouri House Passes HB 1413 to Safeguard Election Integrity

The Missouri House has passed HB 1413, a crucial piece of legislation aimed at ensuring the integrity of elections within the state. The bill introduces a requirement for Missouri driver's licenses or nondriver's licenses issued to citizens of the United States, including naturalized citizens, to bear a distinguishing mark indicating their citizenship status on the front of the license.

HB 1413 emphasizes the importance of clarifying citizenship status on identification documents used for voting. This bill specifies that the license holder is a citizen of the U.S. and would denote such through a distinguishing mark. Many Missourians believe that only citizens should be allowed to vote, and that is the intent of our current laws. We believe it should be easy for legal citizens to vote in our state, and not cheat the system.

The proposed legislation addresses existing loopholes in the law that create challenges in preventing non-citizens from voting. Certain practices by contracted Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) services have inadvertently registered individuals who are not citizens or are otherwise ineligible to vote. By implementing a citizenship marker on identification documents required for voting, the bill aims to empower election workers to screen potential voters at polling places effectively.

Some of our current laws have a blind spot in identifying violations related to non-citizen voting. It is very difficult to verify legal citizenship, as our election authorities have no tools to do so. Non-citizens have been verified as having been placed on voter rolls, and unfortunately, most are only discovered through special circumstances.

HB 1413 not only seeks to safeguard the integrity of Missouri's elections but also aims to restore public trust in the voting process. By clarifying citizenship status on identification documents, we reinforce the principle that only eligible citizens should have the privilege of voting. This measure is vital in preserving the integrity of Missouri's elections and restoring faith in our democratic process.

The bill will now proceed to the Senate for further consideration.

Missouri House Passes Legislation to Expand Access to Health Care Benefits for Farmers

The Missouri House of Representatives has approved HB 2082, aimed at improving access to affordable health care for farmers statewide. This legislation, backed with strong support, addresses the urgent need for accessible health care coverage in rural areas.

HB 2082 specifies that contracts offering health care benefits by qualified membership organizations, like agricultural or farm bureaus, will not be classified as insurance under state law. In 2024, Missouri joins five other states—Wisconsin, Nebraska, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida—in considering new Farm Bureau healthcare plans.

HB 2082 represents a significant step towards providing essential health services without imposing excessive financial burdens. Expanding health care benefits through qualified membership organizations will empower the agricultural community and promote economic development in rural Missouri, and the plan for coverage with the Missouri Farm Bureau directly responds to members' needs for more tailored coverage options amid rising costs.

This bill will move the Missouri Farm Bureau and its qualified membership organizations away from the oversight of the Department of Commerce and Insurance to offer health coverage. It will operate similarly to existing models, providing members with access to competitively priced health coverage options. With its approval in the House, HB 2082 now moves to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

Providing Relief from Escalating Property Taxes

The Missouri House of Representatives has taken a significant step towards addressing concerns over rising property taxes with the passage of HJR 78. The bill proposes a constitutional amendment aimed at providing relief to homeowners burdened by escalating property tax rates.

HJR 78 seeks to freeze the assessed value of residential properties maintained as primary residences at their most recent assessment value, starting January 1, 2025. This measure aims to alleviate the financial strain on homeowners, particularly seniors, who face the risk of losing their homes due to soaring property taxes.

The passage of HJR 78 comes in response to the escalating issue of soaring property assessments, which has sparked widespread discontent among citizens grappling with unexpectedly high property valuations. Recent data highlights that property assessments in Jackson County have resulted in increased assessed valuations for approximately 238,000 residential parcels, totaling over \$2.6 billion. Consequently, thousands of residents have lodged appeals seeking adjustments to their property valuations.

This legislation is a crucial step towards ensuring fairness and stability for homeowners across our state. Citizens have been asking for answers regarding their tax assessments, and by freezing property assessments and implementing reasonable limits on increases, we are providing much-needed relief to hardworking Missourians struggling to keep up with rising taxes.

HJR 78 reflects our commitment to supporting homeowners and safeguarding their property rights, while also ensuring that our tax system in the Show-Me State is fair, transparent, and equitable.

Enhancing Employment Security for Workers

The Missouri House of Representatives is looking to bolster employment security for workers across the state with the passage of HB 2098. This legislation would align Missouri with 35 other states that have passed similar measures, aiming to modify the definition of "wages" to include additional forms of compensation and ensure fair evaluation of eligibility for unemployment benefits.

Under HB 2098, wages would now include vital elements like vacation pay, termination pay, severance pay, and holiday pay. This expanded definition acknowledges the various ways workers are compensated, incorporating these crucial forms of payment into their weekly wage calculations. This inclusive approach provides a more comprehensive safety net for workers during periods of transition or financial need.

Moreover, the bill tackles situations where individuals receive lump sum payments, such as severance or termination pay. It mandates that these payments be prorated on a weekly basis, ensuring equitable distribution over relevant weeks. By enhancing the integrity of the unemployment benefits system, HB 2098 safeguards workers' rights and financial stability.

This bill fixes a loophole in the Missouri unemployment law that currently allows people receiving severance pay and other termination payments to also collect unemployment benefits at the same time. The unemployment fund exists to assist those who are unemployed through no fault of their own and to provide a short bridge to their next job. When an employer has already provided that bridge, unemployment benefits should not be received until those payments have been exhausted.

By recognizing a broader range of compensation and implementing fair evaluation practices for lump sum payments, we are advancing policies that prioritize the well-being and economic resilience of our workers.

Missouri House Passes Bill to Boost Rural Business Investments

The Missouri House of Representatives has approved HB 2170, also known as the "Missouri Rural Access to Capital Act," with the aim of boosting investments in rural businesses statewide. This legislation establishes a mechanism for investors to inject capital into rural funds, thereby fostering economic development and job creation in underserved regions. Key features of the bill include

BENTON COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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tax credits for investors over a six-year period, starting at 0% for the initial two years and escalating to 15% for the subsequent four years. The bill imposes an annual cap of \$16 million on authorized tax credits and mandates a rigorous application process for rural funds, requiring past investment experience, a business plan, and a nonrefundable application fee. Qualified investments must meet specific criteria regarding business size, location, and industry. The Department of Economic Development retains the authority to recapture tax credits if investment requirements are not fulfilled, and rural funds must submit annual reports on business investments and economic impact. Additionally, rural funds have the option to exit the program after six years, subject to conditions. These provisions are scheduled to expire on August 28, 2030.

HB 2170 represents a crucial initiative in revitalizing rural economies in Missouri by facilitating access to capital for mid-sized businesses in rural areas, thereby laying the groundwork for sustained prosperity and opportunity statewide. The bill underscores the significance of investing in rural communities for the future of Missouri, empowering local businesses to thrive and driving economic growth and prosperity for all citizens. Its passage signifies a significant milestone in addressing economic disparities between

urban and rural areas, supported by strong bipartisan backing and endorsements from key stakeholders, promising a meaningful impact on Missouri's rural landscape.

Missouri House Passes HB 2142 to Expand Broadband Access

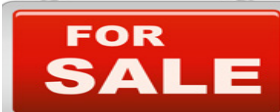
The Missouri House of Representatives has passed HB 2142, an initiative aimed at bolstering broadband infrastructure and expanding internet access to underserved communities across the state. HB 2142 seeks to provide a tax deduction for funds received as grants to facilitate the provision or expansion of broadband internet in areas lacking connectivity. Currently, taxpayers can deduct federal grant money designated for this purpose from their state income tax. The bill extends this deduction to encompass state or local grant money, contingent upon the funds' earmarking for broadband development.

HB 2142 represents a crucial stride toward ensuring equitable access to essential broadband services for all Missourians. By incentivizing investment in broadband infrastructure through tax deductions, we are empowering communities to unlock their full potential and thrive in the digital age. Access to reliable broadband internet is not just a convenience but a necessity in today's interconnected world. The passage of HB 2142 underscores our commitment to ensuring that every Missourian has the tools they need to

compete and succeed in the 21st century economy.

In observance of the Easter holiday this weekend, Capitol offices will be closed on Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st. You can contact my office by calling 573-751-3971 or emailing Rodger.Reedy@house.mo.gov. If you would like a courtesy resolution from the House of Representatives please contact my office. As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of District 57. I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter weekend. Take time to spend with family and friends and take care of one another!

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4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE, April 5, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, April 6, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 19245 Dwyer Road in Warsaw, TV, Office desk, Bed rails, Queen mattress, Baby stuff P-PU-4/5



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