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# Ah Hail, Grinch Steals Day Full Of Christmas Fun In Benton County

**In Short Meeting, City Of Warsaw Gives Approval To Budget**

By  
**Dianne Peck**  
County  
Reporter

When the Grinch got word of Warsaw's Hallmark Christmas event he flew into action by bringing in a hail storm that took everyone off guard. Two storm chasers on Highway 7, west of the county seat, were following the storm clouds when they noticed a rotating force and reported it to the weather service. They confirmed it as a tornado and watched it continue in a path about two miles north of Warsaw.

Those same chasers were en route and recorded for Youtube what they were observing; not just the rotating clouds but dime to nickel-size hail covering the roadway. It was of the amount to make them slow the vehicle in fear of slick patches. One, Mike Williams, observed, "It sounds like we're driving on gravel!"

All of this surprising, late afternoon weather caused the Warsaw Chamber to announce, "Unfortunately we will have to reschedule the Mayor's Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade for this evening. With the hail storm that passed through, and the standing water on the streets with temps dropping, it is unsafe for us to proceed. The safety of our residents and participants is our top priority. While we



**"THE SUN DID NOT SHINE. THE HAIL ENDED ALL PLAY. FOLKS WENT HOME, THAT COLD, WET, WET, DAY."** Warsaw's Main Street was eerily quiet following Saturday's hail storm with the exception of Jessi Bilderback who shoveled the ice pellets that blanketed downtown.

were all looking forward to this joyous celebration, we must prioritize everyone's well-being. We appreciate your understanding and support during challenging times."

Some activities earlier in the day were still able to be enjoyed without any hitches, including the breakfast with

Santa, carriage rides, chili/soup supper and even the Harbor Lights Boat Tour later in the evening.

According to the Warsaw Chamber, the tree lighting, parade and a few of the other activities have now been rescheduled for this upcoming Saturday, December 21.

A Downtown Open House will give it another whirl beginning at 11:00 AM and continuing until 6:00 PM. Participants can pickup a postcard from Country Charm or Creative Palette and then visit all shops listed to be entered to win cash prizes.

The Mayor's Christmas

Tree lighting will be held at 5:45 PM on the courthouse lawn.

The Christmas parade will begin at 6:00 PM and will travel up Main Street from the east end. Parade entrants are encouraged to pre-register but may also register on the day of the event, beginning at 5:00

By  
**Anita Campbell**  
County  
Reporter

Mayor Eddie Simons called the Warsaw City Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM on December 16.

Alderwomen Lou Breshears and Reba Slavens and Aldermen Adam Howe, Eric Flores and Rob Coskey were all in attendance. Alderman James White was absent.

City Clerk Jessica Kendall recorded minutes of the meeting.

The 2025 budget was presented to the board for approval.

Total governmental fund revenues are projected at \$8,301,156 and expenditures at \$8,215,428. This provides for a final budget of revenues over expenditures of \$85,728.

Full-time employees will receive a 2% step increase and a 2.5% COLA.

Departments major purchases may include:

Transportation: 16" Cold Planer-\$16,795, 72" pick-up broom; \$11,560; \$300,000 overlay.

Parks: lawn mower, \$12,500; master plan, \$45,000; shelters, \$20,000; restroom, \$143,966.

Capital: projects: CAO, TAP North and CDBG, TAP South, Tap GAP.

General: Administration-website-\$15,000; Code/Development: Scanner/Printer-\$15,000;

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## Community Hosts Fundraiser, Hundreds Show Up To Help

By  
**Anita Campbell**  
County  
Reporter

A huge crowd packed the Warsaw High School gym in support of the Stacey Barnes Morrison family on Sunday, December 15.

Morrison, who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, her husband WHS Principal Danny Morrison and their three daughters were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern from their family, friends and neighbors.

Longtime friend and classmate of Stacey's, Kristen Carleton Marema, was one of the organizers of the event.

"When we heard about Stacey's diagnosis, we immediately began thinking about how to support Stacey and her family,"



**THE WHS GYM** was a jam packed venue on Sunday evening as hundreds came together at a dinner and auction for Stacey (Barnes) Morrison. Attendees included several members of the Barnes family.

said Marema. "Her sister Chelsea came up with the idea of a spaghetti dinner and the event grew from there. I was amazed at the outpouring of love and gifts that the people in Warsaw and the

surrounding area gave. We had donations of money, food and many wonderful items to be auctioned. I couldn't believe we pulled this off with only three weeks to plan. It was epic."

According to Marema, Shannon Noland from Comic Coffee prepared the spaghetti dinner for 275.

"We served until we were out of food," said Marema.

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## Local Entrepreneur Brings Bodacious Plan To Warsaw



**HELP FOR THE HOMEBOUND** and anyone needing meals delivered, Bodacious Bites founder Tiffany Hill has created a menu focused on home-style, individual items.

By  
**Judy Kramer**  
County  
Reporter

Tiffany Hill has been a part-time real estate agent with Keller Williams for the past six years. She also works at Rick's Oar House as bar manager, and started her own business called "Bodacious Bites

food delivery service" last winter. She is a busy lady with the goal of working hard to build her new food delivery service while gradually leaving behind her work at the bar.

"I prepare foods with a 1980s mantra," said Hill. "They are homestyle meals and individual meals that change periodically. Last winter I tried a lot of

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## Community Calendar

**DECEMBER 21, 2024:** Photos with Santa at Advantage Real Estate, 1699 Commercial Street in Warsaw. Celebrate the season with Santa and his elf's from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM on Saturday, December 21! Bicycle giveaway included! Pictures provided by Ragin Boise Photography.

**DECEMBER 28-29, 2024:** The Fristoe Baptist Church will host the fifth Sunday services of the Baptist Old Path Association. On Saturday, December 28, services will be at 7:30 PM. Bro. Collin Crouch and Bro. Kip Baker will be preaching. On Sunday, December 29, Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM, with a pot luck dinner at 12:00 PM. Bro. B.J. Payne, Bro. Jeff DeFreece and Bro. Matt Henderson will preach on Sunday morning and afternoon. Everyone is welcome!

**JANUARY 5, 2025:** Director, Alicia Cole, and the numerous members of the Cole Camp Community Choir invite you to their Christmas Concert on Sunday, January 5, 4:00 PM, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. The concert is free and open to the public. Come join the choir as we praise Jesus!

**JANUARY 22, 2025:** Save the Date: The Benton County Economic Development Committee will meet Wednesday, January 22, 4:15 PM, at Lincoln City Hall. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Amie Breshears at (660) 438-5012 or abreshears@missouri.edu.

## NEWSbriefs

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

**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.

## Lady Cardinals Gillespie Signs To Play Softball For Central Methodist Eagles



Lincoln senior Danika Gillespie, 17, signed Wednesday, December 11, 2024, to attend Central Methodist University in Fayette MO to play softball. Gillespie plans on majoring in nursing and pursuing a nursing career after graduation. She played softball and basketball for Lincoln high school. She played on traveling softball teams since she was six years old. Most recently, she played on her

father Bobby Gillespie's traveling team, Mid-MO Vice and offers her father the most credit for being her biggest influence as a player. CMU Coach Gene Reardon saw her through Hudl and offered her a scholarship. She really liked the school on her first visit and thought that was where she needed to be. She plays first base and the outfield. Gillespie is a fierce competitor and should be a fine addition to their program.

Asked what advice she would give the younger kids, she commented, "You can never give up. Just push through and do what is good for you." We wish her the best life has to offer. Present on Gillespie's signing day were (L to R): Tyler Burke, LHS Athletic Director; Aleshia Gillespie, mother; Danika; Bobby Gillespie, father; and Aleah Johnson, LHS Softball Head Coach.



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**Wednesday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day.**  
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Truman Lake 705.28, 0.72 feet below normal pool. Lake of the Ozarks at Warsaw's Joe Dice Swinging Bridge: 658.34, 1.66 feet below normal pool. Surface water temperature of Truman Lake is approximately 38 degrees.

## HAIL

(Continued from Page 1) PM. The Grinch first sent in a mid-morning rain that caused the Lincoln Chamber to cancel their long-running, annual Christmas parade. The chamber did continue with Santa and Mrs. Claus handing out treats and greeting the kids down at the Lincoln R-2 School.

The Lincoln Chamber moved along with their Craft Fair as planned and the Lincoln High School Drama Club held their freewill donation chili/soup dinner to raise funds to produce their version of Mary Poppins in the spring of 2025.

It has now been reported that an area around Zora, in the eastern edge of the county, on the Big Buffalo arm of the Lake of the Ozarks, did suffer high winds that might have been the tornado appearing in the clouds reported earlier by storm chasers.

It was just not typical holiday season weather in December, but nothing dampens the Christmas spirit in Benton County!

## MORRISON

(Continued from Page 1) "All the food was donated; in fact, everything was donated."

Over 124 items were donated for the silent auction.

"I couldn't believe it when pies were going for \$200 each and sourdough bread \$300," said Marema.

"Words can't describe what happened Sunday night," said Marema. "It was the most amazing thing I'd ever seen and it gave me even another reason to love my hometown, Warsaw."

Vanessa Yoder Shinn, another one of the organizers, was also overwhelmed by the outpouring of love for the Morrison family.

"I am overwhelmed at how many people showed up for the Morrisons last night. You guys were truly so wonderful! It is more than a little inspiring to see people give and come together like that," said Shinn.

"Stacey was so humbled when she peaked out of the stage curtains to see the huge crowd," said Marema. "Her friends from school, football, and church turned out along with people from all around the area."

"The support you have shown me here is overwhelming," said Stacey. "These last few months have been unbelievable. Since I was given this diagnosis, I have received an incredible amount of love. There isn't a day or hour that goes by that someone doesn't reach out to me. My friends are freaking awesome. I have friends who message

me daily. Warsaw is an amazing community. Thank you for showing me what a community is supposed to look like."

## BITES

(Continued from Page 1) different entrees and now am cooking some new stuff. I have been in Warsaw for 15 years and have seen restaurants come and go. I love to cook and want to be beneficial and convenient to people who need or want home deliveries. I live in a retirement community and some residents are homebound or do not have a lot to live on. Some of the favorite foods that are ordered include Philly cheese potatoes which are so big they can be split into two meals. Soups are also popular, especially in cold weather. Some favorite soups of my customers are chicken tortilla, broccoli cheese and loaded potato. Brown butter chicken and meat loaf are also popular meals."

Hill said that she is not a baker, so last year she collaborated with local bakers to get fried pies, cakes and cupcakes. Last year she also provided bread with soups, but not everybody liked bread because it did not taste its best when reheated after delivery.

Hill once sold Texarkana Salsa at farmers markets which got her into the aspect of food preparation and sales. She posted her food on Facebook and people began asking for recipes. She made up a menu to see what caught on and she liked doing it.

"Every house has a heart and mine is the kitchen," said Hill.

She worked in the restaurant business for 23 years while living in California and it is where she met her (now divorced) husband. He was originally from Warsaw and that was the reason the family moved to the local area. She has two daughters, Addie, 15, and Alia, 9. The older daughter is a varsity cheer leader, and is in madrigal, bell choir, 4H, dance and journalism. Hill says her nine-year-old daughter is a firecracker, into baseball, and who is every bit of her mother without the filter.

Hill plans to continue her real estate job on a full-time basis in 2025. She is ready to move on from working in bars and restaurants and being a server. She spends free time with her kids and during the winter she makes it a point to take them to their activities. She also likes to travel and hang out

with friends. Her food menu for Bodacious Bites is on Facebook. To order call (660) 723-1648 or email her at bodaciousbites40@gmail.com.

## WARSAW

(Continued from Page 1) Laptop-\$3,500; total, \$18,500.

Police: Highway Patrol Dodge Charger-\$30,000, Speed Trailer-\$7,180. AED's (5)-\$2,040 per year (4 years) and Radars (3)-\$9,680. Total \$48,900.

Burns and McDonald, \$45,000 contract selected by the Master Plan.

Architectural design contact with Rollings Architects, \$143,966. This firm designed the large restroom for the Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) project that is currently advertising for bids.

Utilities increase of 2.02% that equals \$1.98 increase per 5,000 gallons.

Rates: Water, \$12.24, \$6.43 per 1,000, total \$44.39. Sewer, \$22.96 per 1,000 \$6.60, total \$55.96. Total, \$100.35

Employee benefits, health insurance: 100% paid, dental and vision added. Lagers: Upgrade to Level L-6 with a 3-year final average.

The board approved the 2025 budget after a motion was made by Slavens and seconded by Breshears. All votes were aye.

With no further discussion and no visitor's on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

The City of Warsaw meets regularly on the first and third Monday's of each month.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Benton County Commission Accepts Insurance Premium Increase

By Anita Campbell County Reporter

Benton County Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske call the Benton County Commission meeting to order at 10:30 AM on December 12 in the Board Room. In attendance were District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms and Daleske.

Members of the Benton County Extension Council met with the Commissioners to discuss their 2025 budget requests for the Extension office. Those present

included Leslie Dickerson, Caitlin Dill, Rob Exendine, Allison Gunter and Amie Breshears.

Mike Keith Insurance, Inc. representative Christian DeLozier met with the Commissioners to present the 2025 property and liability insurance proposal, noting an increase in premium of 17% from 2024. A schedule of property and premium breakdown was included for each type of coverage. District 1 Commissioner Berry made the motion to renew the annual property and liability insurance coverage with Mike Keith Insurance, Inc., at an annual cost of \$362,812 which includes the premium for terrorism insurance. The motion passed.

Preparation of the 2025 budget continued.

## BENTON COUNTY Sheriff's Report

ERIC KNOX Benton County Sheriff



### Sheriff's Report 12/09/24 to 12/15/24

Wendy Diane Smith of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-10-24 for Driving While Intoxicated and Fail to Drive on Right Half of Roadway. Subject was booked, printed and released to a sober driver with a court date.

James Edward Chapman of Lincoln, MO was arrested on 12-11-24 on a Benton County warrant for Tampering with Motor Vehicle-1st Degree. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility

on no bond Brian C Fix of Warrensburg, MO was arrested on 12-12-24 on a Benton County warrant for Trafficking Drugs-1st Degree. Bond is set at \$100,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility

Steven Patrick Reith of Lincoln, Mo was arrested on 12-12-24 for Resisting Arrest, No Valid Operators License and Failure to Register a Motor Vehicle. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date.

Jason Alen Seek of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-14-24 on a 24 hour investigative hold. Subject was released without charges per the prosecuting attorney.

Jennifer L Lawson of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-15-24 on a Cole County warrant for Failure to Appear/Fraud/Insufficient Funds. Bond is set at \$200.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Kaleb Batman-Wolfe of Cole Camp, MO was arrested on 12-15-24 for Domestic Assault-4th Degree and Assault-4th Degree. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date.

## GVMH Acquires New CT Scanner, Offers Cardiac Calcium Scoring



Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare (GVMH) has acquired a new, state-of-the-art CT Scanner.

A computed tomography scan (CT scan) is commonly known to patients as a CAT scan. Compared to standard x-rays that only show two dimensional bones, CT scans capture many images of individual slices or

cross-sections of the body to produce 3D images. Medical staff can then use these images to view a tumor from different angles. Often, without even needing to perform any type of invasive surgery, the doctor is able to discern the tumor's size, shape, location and even the blood vessels feeding it.

Providers commonly perform CT-guided biopsies to further their diagnoses. Additionally, comparing CT scans over time is considered advantageous. Multiple scans give doctors the ability to see how a patient's tumor is responding to treatment or find out if the cancer has returned after treatments have concluded.

Starting December 16, 2024, the GVMH Imaging department will begin performing cardiac calcium scoring to aid in assessing heart health and the risk of heart disease and stroke.

The scan is recommended for the following patients:

- Age 60 or older
- Mother or sister diagnosed with heart disease at age 65 or younger
- Father or brother diagnosed with heart disease at age 55 or younger
- Have a history of:
  - Diabetes
  - High blood pressure
  - High cholesterol
  - Stroke
  - Peripheral vascular disease
  - Tobacco use, either current or former

"We are excited to have the new CT Scanner. The improvement in image quality will result in an even more accurate diagnosis," said Race Kastl, Director of Oncology and Imaging Services. "Access to the advanced software technology carried by our new CT Scanner can result in reduced patient radiation dose without a decrease in quality in many cases."

"In addition, we are delighted to offer cardiac calcium scoring to our patients," commented Kastl. "This test helps patients understand their risk of heart attack or disease as well as if they need to take preventive or corrective measures based on the results, such as eating better, exercising more or quitting smoking."

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## Warsaw Girls Get Back In Win Column While Lady Bluebirds Still Reeling



**LOOKING TO REVIVE THE OFFENSE**, the Ladycats turned to Jenna Gerken (3) often on Monday night in a 57-35 win over Cole Camp. Gerken finished with a season high 18 points for Warsaw.



By  
Adam Howe  
Sports  
Editor

with a 57-35 defeat of the host Lady Bluebirds. After a 2 game slide, Warsaw improved to 5-3 on the year while Cole Camp tumbled to just 1-5. The visitor's led 19-5 at the end of the first and still held a double-digit lead at the half, 28-18. The Lady Bluebirds cut their deficit to 5 in the

third but Warsaw came up with big shots when they needed them most to lead 39-29 at the end of three. A lopsided 18-6 advantage for the Ladycats, mostly off of steals and forced turnovers in the fourth, led to the 57-35 final. Tanna Howe paced Warsaw with 20 points while Jenna Gerken finished with 18.

Keira Mostaffa had 10. Kaitlyn Whitworth led the Lady Bluebirds with 12 points. Cole Camp recognized 2025 seniors Emma Thayer and MacKenzie Moellman prior to the start of the varsity game for their contributions to the program over the years.

**WARSAW (57):** K. Mostaffa, 10; I. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 2; B. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 0; T. Howe, 20; S. Miller, 7; J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 0; J. Gerken, 18. **COLE CAMP (35):** P. Shoemaker, 3; M. Ogle, 2; K. Whitworth, 12; M. Flores, 0; A. Haase, 0; E. Thayer, 6; K. Dieckman, 0; K. Carl, 0; M. Moellman, 6; L. Allison, 4; M. Hesse, 0; K. Timoshchuk, 2.

Last week, the Ladycats experienced some woeful offense at Osceola and Stover.

Following a performance on Monday night when the Ladycats managed just 8 points in the first half in a win at Lincoln, Warsaw put up just 6 in the first half at Osceola on Tuesday and 5 in the opening two quarters at Stover on Thursday night. Both of those nights ended in losses, 57-26 to the Lady Indians and 34-19 to the Lady Bulldogs.

**WARSAW (36):** K. Mostaffa, 8; I. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 5; B. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 2; T. Howe, 10; S. Miller, 9; J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 0; J. Gerken, 2. **OSCEOLA (57):** R. Snider, 2; B. Belisle, 4; R. Cameron, 2; L. Uchtman, 10; S. Henderickson, 0; B. Rollins, 6; L. Crowder, 13; B. Hamby, 7; T. Wood, 13.

**WARSAW (19):** K. Mostaffa, 4; M. Slavens, 2; M. Reimund, 0; T. Howe, 6; S. Miller, 2; J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 0; J. Gerken, 5.

**STOVER (34):** G. Sidebottom, 5; A. Pinzke, 20; M. Rowland, 6; B. Black, 3; T. Morris, 0; K. Simons, 0; C. Dills, 0

## Firing On All Cylinders, Cardinals Overwhelm Lakeland



**WATCH ME JUMP!** Lincoln's Myles Harms scores over Lakeland defenders Friday night in Lincoln. The Cardinals won in the first boys varsity game on the new gym floor, 54-27. Lincoln moved to 4-1 on season.



By  
Johnie Logue  
Sports  
Reporter

The Lincoln Cardinals have the best bench strength they have had in recent years and it was on display last Friday in Lincoln. In the boys first varsity game in their new gym, the Cardinals ran over Lakeland, 54-27.

It was 16-6 after one and 39-13 at the half. Coach Tyler Burke went to his bench early and often. With a healthy Riley Sanders, who played for the first time against Butler and now Dawson Parrott, the boys are back in town and for the first time in two years, juniors Anthony Srader, Ben Eckhoff, Sanders and Parrott were on the court in the same game. Parrott's first shot was a ripper three that delighted the home crowd.

Starters Braydn Benham,

Chase Young, Caden Rutherford, Srader and Eckhoff looked sharp before sharing time with Myles Harms, Zander Cole and the rest. It was 46-24 after three.

Lakeland's bright spot was sharpshooter junior Vincent Gonzalez, who sank five 3's on the night for 15 points.

Lincoln moved to 4-1 and Lakeland fell to 2-5.

**LINCOLN (54):** Sanders, 4; Cole, 6; Young, 3; Parrott, 3; Koll, 5; Srader, 12; Benham, 5; Harms, 4; Goosen, 1; Eckhoff, 11.

On Tuesday, Lincoln traveled to Butler and stretched out a close one with a big fourth quarter to win, 58-42. It was 36-30 after three. Eckhoff had 8 of his 12 in the fourth frame. Cole had six of his 11 in the fourth to help out. Sanders, in his first game back also had 11.

**LINCOLN (58):** Sanders, 11; Cole, 11; Young, 4; Koll, 5; Srader, 7; Benham, 8; Eckhoff, 12; Parrott, 3.

## Lady Cards Beat Lakeland In Blowout

By  
Johnie Logue, Sports

The Lincoln Lady Cardinals defeated Lakeland, 49-29 on Friday night in Lincoln. They led 9-5 after one and 29-11 at the half and never looked back. Freshman point guard

Lily Mellen is starting to come into her own at the position and Coach Brett Bryant couldn't be happier.

"This is huge," he said. "We had just nine turnovers. Mellen at the point gives us something we really need."

He went on to say, "We are not rushing as much and we are playing better in transition."

Mellen's old sister, Alyssa had 18 points to lead the

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**THE WAY IT BEGAN**, Lincoln's Rebekah Hellend jumped center against Lakeland on Friday night in Lincoln. The Lady Cardinals won 49-29 and are now 3-3 on the season.

Lady Cardinals. He favorite shot is the five foot straight-in-floater in the lane which is one of the most difficult shots in the game. She hit a couple of threes early and when that happens it usually spells a long night for opposing teams. Lincoln led 41-22 after three. Rebekah Hellend had 9 and played good defense throughout the contest. Cierra Shoemaker had 8

to lead Lakeland who fell to 1-5.

Lincoln, at 3-3, had eight wins last season and look to improve on that this season.

**LINCOLN (49):** L. Mellen, 8; A. Mellen, 18; Hellend, 9; Harvey, 4; Arbuckle, 2; Strozewski, 3; Eckhoff, 5.

## 'Cats Get Nipped At Buzzer By Pintos

By Adam Howe, Sports

Warsaw's Luke Henderson stepped to the line with the game tied at 45-45 late on Monday night. The first free throw missed but the second was good to give Warsaw a 46-45 lead.

However, California's Edwards threw up a

desperation shot with time expiring, and it found the bottom of the net to shock the Wildcats in front of their home crowd with a 47-46 final.

Warsaw trailed just 14-13 at the end of the first but a sluggish second quarter put them in a 28-17 deficit at the half.

The scoreboard read 41-32 at the end of the third, but Warsaw used a 14-6 margin in the fourth to give themselves a chance.

Logan Gemes led Warsaw with 15 points while Noah Siebert added 10.

**WARSAW (46):** S. Poyser, 5; G. Ferguson, 9; R. Fajen, 0; L. Henderson, 7; B. Henderson, 0; L. Gemes, 0; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 0; L. Gemes, 15; T. Downing, 0; N. Siebert, 10.

**CALIFORNIA (47):**

Hallford, 0; Oliver, 0; Volkart, 6; Messerll, 10; Kilmer 14; Cotton, 0; Dent, 0; Edwards, 6; Kusgen, 0; Dunham, 11.

The Wildcats lost another close one last Tuesday when they traveled to Osceola and were handed a slim 44-41 loss to the Indians.

Warsaw trailed just 12-10 at the end of the opening period, but the second quarter woes cost them again in this one as a 12-4 advantage extended the home team's lead to 24-14 at the break.

An 11-10 margin for Osceola made it 35-24 at the end of the third but the Wildcats caught fire from downtown in the fourth, nailing five 3's before coming up just short in the 44-41 final.

Logan Gemes was the only Wildcat in double figures with 11.

**WARSAW (41):** S. Poyser, 4; G. Ferguson, 4; R. Fajen, 9; L. Henderson, 0; B. Henderson, 0; L. Gemes, 0; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 0; L. Gemes, 11; T. Downing, 5; N. Siebert, 8.

**OSCEOLA (44):** Cauthen, 0; Murguia, 0; Short, 0; Barker, 11; Kennedy, 0; Murray, 9; Brewer, 0; Murray, 0; Bloom, 7; Listerud, 6; Cradd, 3; Wohlers, 8.

On Thursday, Warsaw rebounded with a 54-31 win at Stover.

Logan Gemes led the 'Cats with 19 while Luke Henderson and Garrett Ferguson were also in double digits with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

## JBMS Wrestlers Take Third Straight Conference Title



JBMS boys wrestling captured their third consecutive Ozark Highlands Conference title on Saturday and crowned 4 individual champions. The girls also had 2 wrestlers who placed first, respectively.

Below are results for all participating wrestlers:

### Boys Individual Results:

Easton Bagley, 3-0  
Champion  
Joey Deckard, 3-1  
Champion  
Everett England, 1-0  
Champion  
Johnny Webb, 1-0  
Champion  
Richard SeEVERS, 3-1  
2nd Place  
Julian Henriquez, 2-1  
2nd Place  
Joseph Rempfer, 2-1  
2nd Place

Zain Bohanon, 2-1  
2nd Place  
Chase Osburn, 1-1  
2nd Place  
Caden Casteel, 2-2  
3rd Place  
Enrique Guevara, 2-2  
3rd Place  
Ryan Wolfe, 2-2  
3rd Place  
Carson Kirk, 2-3  
3rd Place  
Logan Casteel, 2-3  
Avery McAdams, 1-3  
Brandan Decker, 1-3

### Girls Individual Results:

Hannah Cobb, 3-2  
3rd Place  
Faith Hartley, 5-0  
Champion  
Chloe Yoder, 3-0  
Champion  
Hailey Terry 1-4



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**NAME:** Amanda Adler  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Sedalia  
**YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY:** 38 years  
**FAMILY:** Husband, Stan; 4 children; Henry (10), Clara (5), James (1), Vivian (1 month)  
**THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN BENTON COUNTY IS:** That we all know one another and the community pulls together both in times of celebration and crisis. It is a beautiful place to live, work and raise our family.  
**WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP:** A reporter and writer  
**FIRST JOB:** Lifeguard at Warsaw City Pool  
**OCCUPATION:** High school teacher  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** Most of them involve riding in the Campbell van with my mom singing Patsy Cline at the top of her lungs to keep us from bickering  
**THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN:** Now. My children and family

keep me busy, but I will miss this. They bring me such joy, watching them grow.  
**MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT:** Falling on my behind in front of the entire student body while taking pictures during an assembly  
**WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS:** They are always willing to listen to my most recent crisis.  
**YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS:** na  
**I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO:** na  
**I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO:** Find the time to write a book.  
**IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD:** Save for college for all of my kids.  
**MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE:** A European tour.  
**HOBBIES:** Reading, and visiting Missouri wineries  
**FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN:** Various  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Sleepless In Seattle  
**FAVORITE DRINK:** Diet

**Dr. Pepper FAVORITE SNACK:** Salt & Vinegar chips  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** Tootsie Rolls  
**FUTURE GOAL:** To raise 4 wonderful human beings.  
**WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST:** My mother, Anita Campbell  
**ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF:** Be brave and be bold. Stop worrying about what everyone else thinks.  
**WORDS TO LIVE BY:** Never underestimate what you can do when you trust in God's plan.



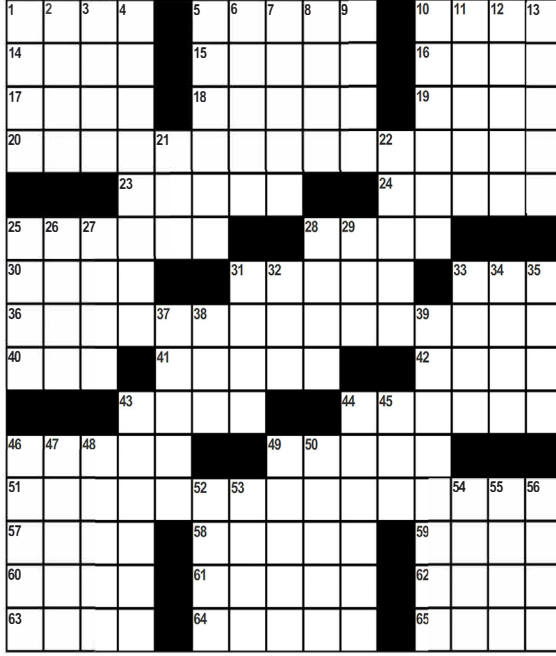
### ACROSS

- 1) Lennon or Penn
- 5) Blacksmith's workplace
- 10) Time machine destination
- 14) "To Sir, With Love" singer-actress
- 15) Turn aside, as one's eyes
- 16) Palo \_\_\_\_, Calif.
- 17) "While" attachment of old
- 18) La Scala's place
- 19) Repair sock holes
- 20) Four front backers
- 23) Ocean land
- 24) Run with a marriage license?
- 25) Medical solution
- 28) Nursing home staff?
- 30) Not invitational, in tournaments
- 31) "Two wrongs don't make a right," e.g.
- 33) Not talking
- 36) Four front backers
- 40) Key grip's workplace
- 41) Express feelings
- 42) Turkish military title
- 43) Man-goat of myth
- 44) Certain string player of old
- 46) Ceremony site
- 49) In progress
- 51) Three front backers
- 57) Foul mood
- 58) Modify, as the Constitution
- 59) Like a moray
- 60) Do some lawn work
- 61) The 100 in a pound
- 62) Chest rattle
- 63) Old Russian despot
- 64) Kicked in the pot, as chips
- 65) Places for pampering

### DOWN

- 1) Malamute's load
- 2) Continental currency
- 3) "On top of which ..."
- 4) Fuel for the human body
- 5) Feuders on a game show
- 6) Like an old shepherd's charges
- 7) Get a new tenant for
- 8) Neutral shade
- 9) Large part of Sicilian scenery
- 10) Table tennis item
- 11) Texas battle site
- 12) Guitar securer
- 13) 1,000 kilograms
- 21) Certain psychedelic
- 22) Keep a subscription
- 25) Becomes inedible, in a way
- 26) Unsharpened sword
- 27) Where shots are put
- 28) Hospice offering
- 29) "Long \_\_\_\_"
- 31) Author's unknown byline, briefly
- 32) EPA concern of the 1970s
- 33) Adoring Biblical trio
- 34) Grunts of disgust
- 35) Part of many entrees
- 37) Considers, as a judge
- 38) Swift Aussie bird
- 39) Law firm elite
- 43) More lucrative, as a contract
- 44) Bullied (with "over")
- 45) Thee, today
- 46) Item in the black
- 47) Generates interest?
- 48) Russian forest
- 49) Word with "press" or "free"
- 50) Stolen goods receiver
- 52) Snack of Spain
- 53) Word of approval
- 54) Tide type
- 55) Legendary Fitzgerald of jazz
- 56) Some breads

### FRONT (F) OR BACK (B)



By Timothy E. Parker

## Fristoe NEWS

By Pat Arnett  
Contributing Reporter

Thanks to The Lord for the lovely rain that he delivered to the Fristoe area these last few days. The rain was needed very much so. We all need to realize God is good!  
 Time is flying by so fast this year. The first semester of school is complete whether it is high school for two of my granddaughters of first year in college for oldest one. Time just goes so fast.  
 Prayer request for this week are Bud Hatch, Kathy First, Lewis Retherford, Gladys Harris, Carolee Apperson, Mary Scarbrough and Dave Cunningham for this

week as he is having a back operation.  
 A special Happy Anniversary to Ralph and Sharon Julian as they celebrate their anniversary on December 24. Beautiful day!  
 The schools are winding down tournaments for when all will be shut down for Christmas break. Warsaw girls played at Osceola and Stover last week and Climax Springs played at Hermitage in basketball tournament. Others have had wrestling matches also. We wish all of them great times.  
 The Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church are enlarging their parking lot on side and behind church building. There will be activity around the church come warmer weather as new fences and other activities will be taking place. The Lighthouse Church had a wonderful Christmas program Sunday morning with wonderful special readings, Bible and other reading and lots and

lots of beautiful Christmas music. To name some; Larry Meeks and Clars Sparks, Dean Arnett and Ken Heir, Sue Bumstead, Dave and Connie Cunningham, Pastor Tony and Brenda Smith and much much more. Beautiful Sunday school lesson covered Jesus' and John The Baptist's births. The church will be having lots of treats of apples, oranges and all kind of candy next Sunday as well as having gifts from the church as whole. There will be trading of Christmas cards also.  
 Merry, Merry Christmas from *Fristoe News* to everyone who reads this column!  
 Thought for the coming week: A friend loves at all times: A true friend never gets in your way unless you are falling!



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

Our lodge is non-smoking. Stop by and enjoy our activities.  
**"Dining at the Lodge":**  
 December 19, Tacos, \$2 each, Noon-2:30 PM  
 December 20, Taco Bar, \$10, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM  
 Members enjoy playing Shuffleboard on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM and Darts at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays in a non-smoking building. Stop by the lodge to play shuffleboard or darts. Newcomers are always welcome! On Thursdays,

The Lodge Boys play and the kitchen will be serving food.  
 Thank you to Kathy Rothwell and her committee for the wonderful job organizing, shopping and wrapping presents for the 10 families with 31 children that the lodge adopted for Christmas. The lodge thanks everyone who contributed non-perishable items to our food drive. Merry Christmas to all!

The lodge (John Way, Mike Gulleuge, Fred Cole and Pattie Harrison) presented challenge coins to some of our local first responders and to the Warsaw Police to let them know that we appreciate them and their service. Thank you to Officer Wyatt Bernard, Seargent Tony Helms and Police Chief Jason Wenberg.  
 Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 Crawl is scheduled for January 25, 2025. The crawl will leave our parking lot at 9:00 AM in a 56-passenger deluxe coach driven by a Village Travel driver. We will first go to the Springfield lodge, then the Bolivar lodge and the final stop will be the Stockton lodge. We will return to our Lodge by 9:00 PM. This crawl is for Elks members, their spouses or significant others. The expected cost will be \$40.00 per person. The crawl will be a great time with fellow Elks and a chance to meet members from other lodges. Mark your calendar for this event! A sign-up sheet is at the lodge. John Way requested to have all monies collected by December 31, 2024.  
**GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE** of May 17, 2025. The Veterans committee is in the process of planning a fundraiser for next year. The Elks will be hosting a 4-person scramble to be

held at Shawnee Bend Golf Course. Volunteers for preparation and activities during the scramble are still welcome and needed. Please contact Pattie at (660) 221-4230 to volunteer or for information.  
 Volunteers are needed for building maintenance, grounds maintenance, kitchen help, assisting with events, helping to keep the bathrooms neat and clean. Please call the lodge at (660) 438-9498 to volunteer.

If you haven't signed up for our new app, you are missing out on all the current information on events, meals, special events, along with resource info: myelks.org.  
 Holidays are approaching. Need a venue for a party? Contact our lodge at (660) 438-9498 for information regarding renting our non-smoking meeting room and large covered patio that works well for private parties.



**BENTON COUNTY ELKS LODGE #2783** presented challenge coins to some of our local first responders and to the Warsaw Police to let them know that we appreciate them and their service. Shown (L to R) are: Elks' John Way, Officer Wyatt Bernard, Seargent Tony Helms, Police Chief Jason Wenberg, and Elks members Mike Gulleuge, Fred Cole and Pattie Harrison.

## GIVING back



**WARAW POLICE DEPARTMENT** successfully kicked off their annual Christmas Shopping With Kids on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Pictured (L to R) Officer Kuhlman, Chief Wenberg, Sgt. Helms, Officer Haake, Officer Bernard, Deputy Ebert, SRO Fajen and Deputy Dempsey (not Pictured) joined together to help 14 children from the Warsaw area with shopping for Christmas presents. To see their smiling faces and enjoy the wonderful interactions with officer's and families in the community was a blessing. We want to give a big THANK YOU to our wonderful community! This event couldn't happen without the public's support and donations.

*The family and friends of Sarah E. Stebbin's would like to thank all who supported us through prayers, messages, flowers, and donations during the sickness and passing of Sarah. We could tell how much the support meant to her as well, through her big smile while reading your cards/messages. Thank you all again!*

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## Down On The Creek

By Dianne Peck  
County Reporter

### Less Is More

Aunt Sella was born in 1902 and spent her girlhood in the southeast region of Benton County. Her father, my paternal grandfather earned the family's living from tie hacking and other endeavors associated with the timber industry. Many times their income was meager to say the very least. As poor as they were in earthly riches she recalled in her journals of being excited and looking forward to Christmas time.

Her mother made sure that she and her siblings had something in their stockings. She recalled corn shuck dolls and candy. Hard peppermint candy could be expected and sometimes tootsie rolls. Some years they had received oranges for the holiday, something

they never tasted or even saw at any other time of the year.

The Christmas that stood ahead of all in her memory was when she was a teenager. On a rare trip to town in the big wagon, earlier in the year, she had spotted something special in the case at the General Merchandise store. The style for young women at the time was to wear a cameo brooch at the throat on their blouses. The lovely oval shell circled by gold depicted the carved head of a young woman. She had never seen anything so lovely but it cost several dollars so she put it out of her mind and didn't fret about it.

Unknown to her, her Mother had noted the wistful longing and determined to find a way to make the

wish come true. Pinching pennies even harder than usual the brooch was in my Aunt's stocking that special Christmas. She never spoke of that special gift that she didn't become a little teary eyed and she wore the pin for years before a faulty clasp caused her to lose it. She never fretted over the loss but always said she had the memories of her Mother's love in securing the gift for her. One of the few store bought gifts she ever received in her youth.

As a child my Christmas wasn't quite as meager as my fathers and his siblings but there weren't mounds of gifts by any stretch of the imagination. Dresses and nightgowns made by mother, nuts and fruit and some candy were standard with perhaps one "special" gift. One year it was a red wagon that I utilized to fill the wood box on the back porch. I usually scanned the newest selection of books at the Ben Franklin store before writing to Santa. Over the years my book shelf filled with "The five little Peppers", Black Beauty, Heidi and Huck Finn. Occasionally someone would shop for me at Scotten's Book Store in Sedalia and then I'd receive a Nancy Drew mystery, the most prized of all.

Consistently each year I asked for a Red Ryder BB gun, which was never under the tree. When I lamented that Santa never brought me the gun, which I truly wanted, I was told: "He doesn't want you to shoot your eye out." Ah, me and Ralphie were in the same boat! I suppose everyone grew tired of me telling the sad tale every Christmas and I found one under the tree a few years ago. I was sixty years old but Santa Claus finally came through.

Undoubtedly the most unique gift I ever received was from my Aunt Leota. On my sixth Christmas she made me a set of playhouse

furniture from orange crates. In 1949 oranges and other fruit was shipped in wooden crates to the local grocery stores. The boxes were usually thrown away so my thrifty and clever Aunt rounded some up from Atwood & Henry in Lincoln, Missouri, went home and got out her hammer, saw and paint brushes. The crates were left in their original form but she did cut away or add in some areas to make the chairs, the table and a cradle for my doll.

The boxes were very strong, and the charm from my playhouse furniture came from the sandpapering, several coats of bright red paint and gingham seat cushions. The table top was made from some type of melon box with scrap boards forming the legs. The chairs were from orange crates and the cradle was a grape box. The furniture was upstairs in a spare room when I left home but some where over the years it disappeared, I know not where.

That same Aunt had not lost her creativity when my five were young and eagerly anticipating Santa's arrival. Both of my sons have stuffed dogs made from a masculine plaid fabric, Mary the youngest received an "old woman" rag doll and a sock monkey. Laura and Katy received rag dolls, complete with ears and ear rings. She made them a wardrobe of clothing and tiny hangers for the clothes and later she presented them with doll furniture stuffed & covered chairs, beds and sofas formed over match boxes. There was the Christmas she made all her own grandchildren, plus mine, the two-headed dolls. They had a head on each end and by flipping the skirt back and forth the doll could change from a blonde to a brunette.

Every one of those gifts of love reside in a trunk and every once in awhile they are retrieved and cuddled

fondly. They seem to bring back a flood of memories of Christmas past that existed prior to cell phones, computers and expensive electronic games. I recently heard that a group had approached the toy industry and requested them to cut back on their seductive advertising. They didn't want children longing for expensive gifts that their

parents might not be able to purchase if they are having economic hard times.

I, my ancestors and my off spring learned early on that Santa's pockets weren't very deep. Most of the gifts were homemade, sometimes second hand but always given with love. And maybe the most valuable gift we received was the knowledge that sometimes less is more.

## Lincoln Police Department Helps Students Go Shopping



Wednesday evening, December 11 was Shop with a Cop night. Each year, local first responders take a group of kids Christmas shopping. This year, twelve students from the Lincoln R-2 School District were selected to participate.

Five officers from the Lincoln Police Department, one Missouri Conservation Agent, some from the Lincoln Fire Department

and members of BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) accompanied the kids on the shopping spree. The destination was Walmart in Warsaw.

This annual holiday event is completely funded by donations. After the gifts are purchased, they are wrapped for the children by the police officers, their families and Lincoln city clerks.

## Santa Manages Weather, Still Arrives In Lincoln Safely



SANTA AND MRS. CLAUSE handed out treats and greeted children at the Lincoln R-2 school on Saturday, December 14. Even though the parade was canceled, Ol' Saint Nick still arrived to hear the children's wish lists.



By  
Dianne Peck  
County Reporter

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:49 PM, a Towanda, Kansas man was driving west on Highway H, a rural Lincoln road. As the 62 year-old male approached a steep incline just east of Cate Lane, he failed to negotiate a left hand corner

and ran off the right side of the roadway. The 2006 Dodge Magnum struck a utility pole and fence before overturning and coming to rest in a field.

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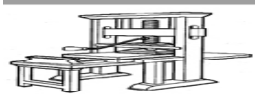
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## Cole Camp Chamber Mulls Changes To Some Events

By Dianne Peck  
County Reporter

The Cole Camp Chamber met on Tuesday, December 10 in WAM. (Wine, Antiques & More) The pizza lunch was provided by Dylana Fox of Mid-Mo Trends.

Additions to the Agenda included an announcement from Judy Smasal that the Handel Haus will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays in January and February.

The meeting then went into updates on past events and discussion on ways to re-vamp them and add new life. It was reported the Christbaumfest had good crowds and did well.

Roxy Viebrock was unable to attend but sent her report which was read. She said it was a wonderful evening but she felt like attendance was down somewhat. Lots of good remarks about Santa and Mrs. Clause. There were 190 photos taken with Santa and everyone loved the violinist performing in the former lumber yard. People were standing in line for the Holiday wagon rides and the chamber members had come through with lots of cookies for the cookie booth and the supply lasted until late in the evening. Roxy concluded her report by saying she was stepping down from overseeing the event.

Judy Smasal gave an update on the Pumpkinfest. She plans several changes for the 2025 celebration and suggested having extra funding for it by holding a Progressive dinner like has been done in the past to fund other projects.

Dylana Fox suggested the former Booze and Bluegrass possibly be

moved to run the same day as the Car Cruise in early June before it becomes quite so humid. Instead of the wineries and craft beers being set up in the gardens, possibly have them along the street next to businesses that will bring foot traffic all over the downtown area. More discussion will follow at the February 2025 meeting.

Bob Gare questioned whether the zucchini races should continue. He pointed out it doesn't bring out of town attendees and now the location is a problem since the streets are no longer closed for it. He stated the shade in Ezekiel Williams Park was wonderful but does nothing to bring people into the downtown shopping area. The suggestion was made to possibly move it to the alley behind The German Table. The new bar has a great deck that overlooks the area and the fire department's building does too. Moving to the alley appealed to nearly everyone.

It was also suggested flyers about the event be sent home with the school kids right before school closes next spring. Also include a small packet of zucchini seeds with the flyer so the kids can grow their own racers and be better prepared to enter in the fun. The chamber would provide the seeds.

Dylana Fox brought to the floor that every event needs and has to have 3 members on the committee instead of just one overloaded person going it alone. It was also decided to contact the school for volunteers to help with the chamber's events and relieve some of the work load.

Benton County Economic Development Director, Jo Ann Lane shared she plans to make the Benton County Bucks a regular every holiday season on Small Business Saturday and advertise it better in 2025. She is asking for

suggestions of how to better organize the giveaway.

Mayor Diana Burdick reported that the city is busy working on the budget plan for 2025. There were no reports from Community Betterment or the Rock Island Trail. It was noted the museum is closed until spring 2025 and The German Club would hold its quarterly meeting on Friday evening, January 17, in the Triple Creek clubhouse, weather permitting.

The Cole Camp Chamber will not meet in January but will resume on the second Tuesday, February 11 with the location to be announced.

### A Message FROM THE MAYOR

By Diana Burdick  
City of Cole Camp Mayor

There's been quite a buzz around town concerning the Planning and Zoning Ordinances and the Comprehensive Plan. My goal here is to give out facts to alleviate some of the rumors I have been hearing and seeing on social media.

First of all, these are two separate issues. They both began in 2023 because the city is required by State Statute to have an up-to-date set of planning and zoning ordinances and comprehensive plan. The only comprehensive plan on file was written in 1972. The planning and zoning ordinances had not been completely reviewed for years, if ever. Each council had simply dealt with any problems raised by the current ordinances or added ordinances as they were needed.

Secondly, they are being

handled individually. The Planning and Zoning committee is now reviewing the proposed ordinances that were written to update our ordinances so they meet the current State Statutes. Once they have reviewed them, made deletions/corrections, and accepted the revised version, they will be presented to the Board of Aldermen to be accepted by the City of Cole Camp. The steering committee has the responsibility of putting together a proposed plan for future development of the City of Cole Camp. This plan has been presented to the Planning and Zoning committee for its approval before it is presented to the Board of Aldermen. I want to stress two things about the comprehensive plan. Number one, it has not been accepted by the Planning and Zoning committee. Number two, it is a proposed guide to future development of the city. It is not a set of rules for future development. The city is not obligated in any way to follow through on these suggestions. The plan was based on input from the community obtained at three open community meetings held in the spring of 2024 held at WAM, the high school gym during a game, and at City Hall. The participants were asked to list their concerns about the City of Cole Camp and to then vote for their top concerns. The plan is based on the concerns voiced by the citizens during those meetings.

I am aware that the Sunshine Law requires that once a document has been presented in an open meeting it is to be made available to the public. These documents have been released as requested and have raised concerns with a few people. I urge everyone who has concerns to remember that these are draft documents. The Planning and Zoning committee is going over

the proposed ordinances one by one and removing or changing the ones that do not apply to Cole Camp because of the size of the city. The draft will be returned to the writers for a final revision. It is highly likely that the ordinances that are most concerning to the citizens may be deleted by the committee. We must also remember that because of changes in state statutes, some new ordinances may be necessary. That was the reason to hire the outside firm of PGAV to write the new ordinances. Unfortunately, they are written in legal-speak and that is difficult to understand. But our attorney

will also be looking at these documents before the Board of Aldermen is given them for consideration.

Finally, I sincerely hope that this explanation has helped put to rest some of the rumors that have been going around town about these two items. If you have questions, please contact me at (660) 668-4444 or schedule a visit at City Hall on Mondays from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM or Wednesdays from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM during my routine office hours. I am also open to appointments at other times if you are not available during those hours.

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It was mistakenly reported the Cole Camp Community Betterment Association had provided the funds for the renovation of what are now the public restrooms in the Jaycee Gardens. The funds used for the public restrooms were from a group known as the Cole Camp Community Center Inc. and were originally raised to establish a community center. That was not a successful effort so the funds were used to support another project that would benefit the town. The cost for the renovation was shared by the city. The Community Center group contributed \$20,000 toward the project.

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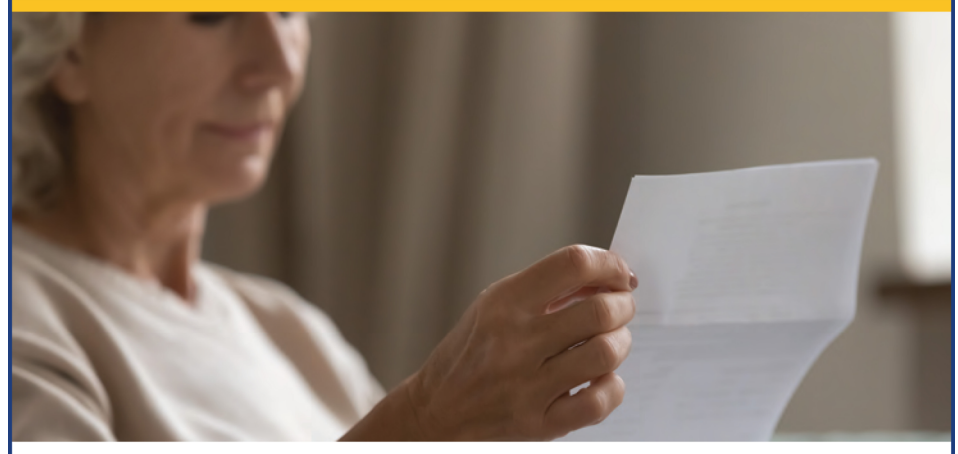
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**Have I Got A Line For You!**  
By James Mahlon White

DRONMANIA! Swarms of “Mystery drones” are causing a big stir on the East Coast. The White House says, “We have no idea what these things are, but they pose no threat.” UNBELIEVABLE! How can they possibly know there’s no threat if they don’t know what they are? This is from the same bunch that told us inflation was transitory and the President would never pardon his son. Who knows what is going on? My guess is something huge and very bad is going to happen, certainly before President Trump takes office. Ah well, maybe they’re US drones and the government is encouraging our consent for increasing activity in the sky. Nobody spies on us more than our own officials.

Quote of the Week: “The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes

and ears. It was their final, most essential command.” George Orwell, 1984.

Let’s switch to something. One of the joys of the internet is looking up things and places that interest you. I have been on a number of sites about Ireland and Austria. I’ve searched for long lost ancestors and looked up recipes for Tiroler Grostl. I like sites that tie in with politics too. For example, there’s one about Davos where elite politicians and business people gather each year and “Make plans for our lives.” Another one about Skull & Bones is fascinating too. This secret society was founded years ago and its members are the elite of both the Democrat and Republican parties. Yep, you bet! And I learned yesterday that our Justice Department asked Google and other search engine companies

to give the names of folks looking up certain things. The Department says it’s just “people looking for child porn?” You believe that?

Time sure scoots along. I looked at the calendar this morning and realized I’ve been at this job for 20 years. Sure doesn’t seem that long. I’m genetically damned as far as this business goes. It comes in from four branches of the family tree. One, the Cromwell’s started the Saturday Evening Post. The White’s started their writing career in Colorado and later had newspapers in Mississippi and Arkansas as well as Missouri. The Callows had Pennsylvania papers and the Purviances were printers of the first Continental money and later had a daily paper in Washington, PA. Don’t know why I’m telling you all this, but these ancestral genes dart at me from all directions. My favorite editor was

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As we enter the holiday season, your life may well become busier. Still, you might want to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

Here are a few suggestions:

- *Review your investment portfolio.* As you look at your portfolio, ask these questions: Has its performance met my expectations this year? Does it still reflect my goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Do I need to rebalance? You might find that working with a financial professional can help you answer these and other questions you may have about your investments.
- *Add to your 401(k) and HSA.* If you can afford it, and your employer allows it, consider putting more money into your 401(k) before the year ends — including “catch-up” contributions if you’re 50 or older. You might also want to add to your health savings account (HSA) by the tax-filing deadline in April.
- *Use your FSA dollars.* Unlike an HSA, a flexible spending account (FSA) works on a “use-it-or-lose-it” basis, meaning you lose any unspent funds at the end of the year. So, if you still have funds left in your account, try to use them up in 2024. (Employers may grant a 2½ month extension, so check with your human resources area to see if this is the case where you work.)
- *Contribute to a 529 plan.* If you haven’t opened a 529 education savings plan for your children, think about doing so this year. With a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred, and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit.
- *Build your emergency fund.* It’s generally a good

idea to keep up to six months’ worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund in place, you might be forced to dip into your retirement funds to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car or home repair.

- *Review your estate plans.* If you’ve experienced any changes in your family situation this year, such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child, you may want to update your estate-planning documents to reflect your new situation. It’s also important to look at the beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, retirement plans, IRAs and insurance policies, as these designations can sometimes even supersede the instructions you’ve left in your will. And if you haven’t started estate planning, there’s no time like the present.
- *Take your RMDs.* If you’re 73 or older, you will likely need to take withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA. If you don’t take these withdrawals each year, you could be subject to penalties.

These aren’t the only moves you can make, but they may prove helpful not only for 2024 but in the years to come.

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## Esther JoAnn Schlesselman



Esther JoAnn Schlesselman, 88, of Cole Camp, Missouri, passed away peacefully on the evening of December 14, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was cherished by many, and her faith was the guiding light throughout her life, touching the lives of all those she met.

Born on January 19, 1936, in Sedalia, Missouri, to Adolph and Gesina Eckhoff Kaiser. She was baptized on January 26, 1936, and confirmed on April 24th, 1949, both at St. John's Lutheran Church at Cheese Creek.

She grew up on a small rural farm just outside of Cole Camp and attended Prairie Flower School in her early years later graduating from Cole Camp High School in 1951, where she was honored to be chosen as May Queen in her senior year. After high school she worked as a nanny and held a job at the Sedalia Democrat.

On September 8, 1957, she married Alvin Pritzel at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, Missouri. Together, they were blessed with three daughters: Roxy, Wanda, and Alicia "Sam". Alvin preceded her in death on March 21, 1983.

Esther was a devoted mother to her three daughters and worked from home during their younger years. She later worked as a seamstress at Smithson Quilting in Stover, creating special order tablecloths and drapes for many years until her retirement in the mid-1990s. In her retirement, she found joy in volunteering at the Cole Camp Senior Center and the Cole Camp Museum. You could also often find her at the German Table helping peel and cut potatoes for her famous German potato salad.

Esther was a dedicated member of Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and served as an officer in her LWML organization. She was also a member of the Cole Camp German Club and The German Choir.

On November 26, 1989, Esther married Huth Schlesselman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp gaining two stepsons, Mike and Cary Schlesselman. Huth preceded her in death on September 24, 2023.

Esther was known by her family for her quiet but strong faith, work ethic, and great love for them, demonstrated by many

hours of cooking (especially homemade bread, dill pickles, and peanut clusters at Christmas), sewing, and crocheting. If anyone asks how she wanted to be remembered, it would be as "a child of God and raising my daughters to know the same."

Esther was preceded in death by her husband Alvin Pritzel, her parents Adolph and Gesina Kaiser, two sisters, Evelyn Kabler and Darlene Kaiser, two brothers who passed in infancy, husband Huth Schlesselman, and great-granddaughter, Claire Ipsen.

She is survived by her daughters, Roxy Viebrock and Don of Cole Camp, Wanda Pritzel of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Alicia "Sam" Cole and Greg of Cole Camp, and her sister, Leona Steffens of Cole Camp. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Amy Ipsen and Brian of Joplin, Kelly Viebrock and Angela of Stover, Brandon Cole and Kristine of Windsor, and Bethany Beesley and Charlie of Meta, and ten great-grandchildren: Grace, Joe, and Toby Ipsen; Khloe and Kelsey Viebrock; Lilli, James, and Cerys Beesley; and Dean and Alecia Cole. Additionally, she is survived by her two stepsons, Mike and Rhonda Schlesselman, and Cary and Carolyn Schlesselman, and their families, as well as many beloved in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services celebrating God's saving work in Esther's life will be held at Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church of rural Cole Camp at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, 2024, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Mt. Hulda Cemetery.

Gifts made in memory and celebration of Esther's life may be made to the Mt. Hulda Perpetual Cemetery Fund, Lutheran Family Service, or Benton County Hospice in care of the Fox Funeral Home of Cole Camp. Online condolences may be left at [www.foxfuneralhomecolecamp.com](http://www.foxfuneralhomecolecamp.com).

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" -Revelation 14:13

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK JOHNNIE J. LOGUE

#### Was Jesus God?

The direct opposite of up is down. The direct opposite of black is white. The direct opposite of the devil is \_\_\_\_\_ . I will give you the answer below.

Was Jesus God? We know He was The Son Of God and the Messiah, but was He God. The question has

been in constant debate throughout the ages. In a few weeks, the beloved song, "Mary Did You Know?" will be sung throughout the entire world. The song says Jesus was the great I AM. Was He really? What does scripture state? While he might not say He was God, per say, we don't need Sherlock Holmes to see the clues of His Identity.

1. Seven times He said I Am. (John 6:35, John 8:12, John 10:7-9, John 10:11, John 11:25, John 14:6, John 15:1)

2. He said none was good but God but called Himself the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11,14)

3. Thomas called Him God (John 20:28) and Jesus never rebuked him.

4. He forgave sin. (Luke 5:20)

5. He received worship. (Matt 28:9)

6. He had the attributes of God. (Colossians 2:9)

7. God calls Him God. (Heb 1:8)

8. Said I and the Father are one. (John 10:30-33)

9. He said Before Abraham was I AM and they wanted to stone Him because He was implying He was God. (John 8:58, 59)

10. He was the Word (John 1:1)

11. He created all things (Colossians 1:16)

12. Jesus is the Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords. (Revelation)

13. He is called Immanuel (Matt 1:28) God with us.

14. He is called the mighty God. (Isaiah 9:6)

I bet you missed the question. The answer is Michael the Archangel. Up and down are directions. Black and white are colors. The devil is a fallen angel. God is not an angel. He is a Spirit but moreso He is God. Jesus was God in the flesh as a man.

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

### WARSAW FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Good morning from Warsaw Church of the Nazarene. Are you as amazed as I am by how fast the third week of Advent has come? When we speak of our faith in Jesus, we receive the gift of hope which springs into joy. It seems as adults, we often struggle to find true joy; however, if you look at a small toddler during the Christmas season, you can see how their hearts are full of wonder, awe, and hope that someone special is coming. There is someone special coming again. That is our Lord and Savior who came as a babe so long ago, as God planned.

Would you consider that this season is designed by the Heavenly Father for children? Oh, yes, again look at their heart as the anticipation is revealed all over their face! Under the

beautiful Christmas lights are the gifts given in love to them as promised. Gifts that fill the day with joy, warmth, peace, and the sense they belong to a family.

It was no different when Jesus Christ was born. The gifts were under the beautiful lights (Genesis 1:14-18) that the Father had put in place so His children could be filled with joy, warmth, peace and the sense they belong to His family. Just consider Elizabeth when she spoke to Mary "...And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And how has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord would come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord." (Luke 2:42-45) As Hebrews, they know the promise, they knew that one day a Messiah would come, and at that point in time, they had to wait with anticipation for His coming.

Can you even imagine how the shepherds hearts raced with anticipation after hearing "And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

You can clearly see that our Heavenly Father wants us to anticipate the good things, waiting in faith, knowing that He will never fail us because He loves us. He wants us to be filled with joy now as we anticipate what He in store for us each day. Look to the sky and see the lights He placed there for you. Now, look around you and see all the gifts He had given for sharing with friends and family.

As we move into the final week of Advent, I would like to personally invite you to our Christmas Eve Candlelight service starting @ 6:00 PM. Please bring a friend and enjoy a time with the family of God.

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### LINCOLN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

It is great to hear the sound of children and youth in the church. Our church has been absent of those sounds for a long time. God has blessed us in this year. Our women's class is growing and hopefully will keep growing. One of our members Asia graduated from college this month. Congratulations to her and may God bless her in the future. We have a little Jesus hunt for the children each week. A little Jesus is placed somewhere by the stage for the children to find. We have a beautiful nativity scene displayed up in the front of the church. One of the ladies of our church made it years ago. She has gone on to be with the Lord.

Our DOM Randy Festervand visited with us today. It was nice to see him today. Our youth will be going bowling on December 20th. Children's church is going well. Hopefully the children learn something from these teachings.

Pastor's message was from Matthew 26:6. In Bethany while Jesus was in the house of a leper, a woman came to Him with an expensive jar of alabaster perfume. She poured in over Jesus head. The disciples were indignant about it. Jesus told them to leave her alone because she had done a beautiful thing to Him.

Jesus did a beautiful thing for us. He went to the cross for us. Jesus suffered for three days being beat, spit upon and being insulted. He was made to carry His own cross. Jesus died on the cross for us. What Jesus went through we could not have done it. We have the blessing of salvation because of Jesus. Look around and see the blessings that Jesus has given you and your family.

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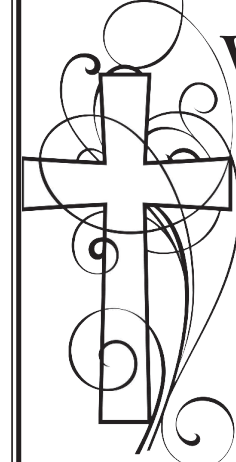
### WARSAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christmas is about hope, an enduring quality that is one of the greatest needs of the human heart. Psychiatrists will tell us that when a person loses hope, life loses all meaning. People who have lost hope are candidates for suicide. The lockdowns associated with the Coronavirus drove many to lose hope. In the Bible, hope is confidence and assurance. It is not wishing for something. It is confidence that the things we hope for will one day be a reality. Christmas brings hope, an enduring quality that reassures us in times of uncertainty.

Hope is the confident expectation that God will fulfill His promises. Look at Luke 1:45: When Mary, the mother of Jesus, meets her cousin Elizabeth, Elizabeth says: "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." That is the language of hope. Hope in the Christian vocabulary is not wishing for something we may or may not receive. It believes what the Lord has promised will be accomplished. We may not possess God's promises today, but hope says, "One day, I will receive everything God has promised." To celebrate Christmas properly, we need the confident expectation that God can be relied on to fulfill the hope He has awakened in our hearts through the promises of His Word.

God had made an unbelievable promise to Mary. Without the benefit of a human father, she was to give birth to the Messiah. Mary might have said, "No way. Not going to happen." Or she might have said, "I may be young, but I am not stupid. I know how babies are conceived." After some initial questions about what she heard, she finally believed the promise of God and declared, "Be it unto me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). That is hope. Everything God has promised in His Word will be realized now or in eternity.

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2025 Explorer ST



A21209

\$2,035 Savings  
**\$52,000 Final Price**

2024 F250 Crew



D74796

\$3,500 Savings  
**\$52,775 Final Price**

2024 Ford F-150 XLT



E70046

\$7,905 Savings  
**\$59,700 Final Price**

2024 F150 XLT



D97969

\$7,655 Savings  
**\$60,500 Final Price**

*(Final price listed above is after rebate or rebates paid to dealer)*



2017 Ford Focus



285591

38 MPG  
**\$8,500**

2021 Ford Explorer



A12384

RAV

Hybrid  
**\$33,900**

2012 Ford Econoline



A35475

Cargo  
**\$11,900**

2019 F150 STX



F29196

RAV

5.0 Liter V8  
**\$28,900**

2013 Lincoln MKZ



802568

Reserve  
**\$11,900**

2004 Ford F250 XL



B97206

Work Ready  
**\$9,995**

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