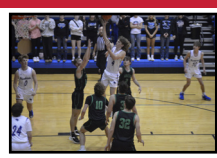
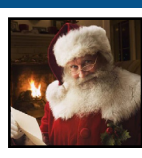


By **Johnie Logue**  
Sports Reporter

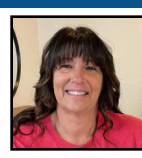
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**BENTON COUNTY ENTERPRISE**

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# Spiritual Side: Christmas Services And Celebrations Abound In Benton County

By **Anita Campbell**  
County Reporter

The Christmas season is in full swing across Benton County. While there have already been several Christmas programs, cantatas, parades, visits with Santa, and other events, there are still plenty more to come, including many church services offered.

The First United Methodist Church of Warsaw will hold Christmas Eve services starting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday evening. There will be lots of music as well as communion and a sermon by Rev. Loren Whetsell. First United Methodist Church is located just off the square at 154 West Washington Street.

Cedar Grove Baptist Church, located on Highway 7 just outside of Warsaw will host a candlelight service on December 24 at 9:00 PM.

Faith Lutheran Church of Warsaw will be holding a Christmas Eve service at 6:30 PM on Tuesday evening. They are located on the east side of town at 1201 Dogwood Street.

St. Ann Catholic Church will celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. "Midnight" Mass will begin at 9:30 PM on December 24 while Mass on Christmas Day will be at 8:30 AM. St. Ann is located at 30455 West Dam Access Road in



**COMFORT AND HOPE**, Larry Drunert and Maryellen Utech decorated the sanctuary at Faith Lutheran Church in Warsaw in preparation for Christmas services.

Warsaw. At Edmonson Baptist Church, there will be a candlelit silent service on Christmas Eve beginning at 6:00 PM. Edmonson Baptist Church can be found at 27109 Hwy H in Lincoln. St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp will host a Christmas Eve service at

7:00 PM that will include the children's program, Holy Communion and a candlelight service. On Christmas day, services will begin at 10:00 AM. St. Paul's is located at 205 West Jefferson Street in Cole Camp.

Grace Fellowship of Cole Camp will have two

candlelight services on December 24. The first will begin at 5:00 PM while the latter will start at 7:00 PM. Grace Fellowship is in Cole Camp at 107 North Boonville Road.

Back in Warsaw, the Warsaw Christian Church will host a Christmas Eve service beginning at 7:00

PM. Warsaw Christian Church is at 320 State Street in Warsaw.

The Knights of Columbus Jay Harris Council #8620, located on Wildcat Drive in Warsaw, will be serving Christmas Dinner again this year from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This dinner is free of charge and all

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## Frustrations With Police Chief, Council Expressed In Cole Camp

By **Dianne Peck**  
County Reporter

The Cole Camp City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM in city hall. Following routine business, the council then made a decision concerning the Religious Freedom resolution. Councilman Jeremiah Crider made a motion against the resolution, stating, "I think we need to keep church and state separate."

Other council members agreed and the matter was turned down.

Concerning the 2024 amended budget; it was tabled until the December 26 meeting as City Clerk Dawn Paul stated there were more bills yet to be paid and they should have them by Monday, December 23. Council will meet at 6:00 PM on December 26 to continue work on the 2025 budget.

Under the property insurance renewal, it was decided to go on a monthly payment plan while the agent seeks a cheaper plan if one is available. The city's property insurance had a 28% increase but it was pointed out the city has newer vehicles and have added a couple of vehicles. There is no extra charge for being on a payment plan and the new policy has to be in place by January 1, 2025.

**COLE CAMP Page 3**

# Cole Camp Veteran Soars With Flight Of A Lifetime

By **Dianne Peck**  
County Reporter

Cole Camp's David Locke, like so many of his generation, served in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1971. He was in the Air Force and served with the 449th Bomber Squadron. The Vietnam War was so unpopular in the United States that it was widely protested on college campuses and other public areas. The military men returned home, though unfortunately not as heroes, but were often spit upon and totally disrespected. So much so that the men simply didn't wear their uniforms while on leave like the servicemen from WWII and the Korean Conflict had.

Following his discharge,



**A POIGNANT EXPERIENCE**, Air Force Veteran David Locke took part in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. where he visited Arlington National Cemetery.

Dave returned to Oklahoma where he had grown up. He had been adopted when he was three days old and his adopted parents owned and operated a small neighborhood "mom and

pop" grocery store in Boise, Oklahoma. When the bigger grocery chains put an end to the small corner market, his dad went to work in the oil fields on a drilling rig. Later in life,

he served as the jailer for the sheriff's department.

Like other Vietnam vets, Locke put it behind him and moved on with his life, never really talking about the war except with other Vietnam veterans, which is an unwritten code most adhere to. Unlike veterans from other wars, they do not tell war stories and speak of those days, except with each other.

One of those he had talked to lives out in Kansas and early on he took an honor flight to Washington out of Topeka. From that time forward, his friend kept encouraging Locke to sign up for one here in Missouri. Locke heard him out and agreed, "Okay, I will sometime."

In every conversation with his Kansas friend, he would be encouraged to sign up and

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## Estes, Rose Reign In Awards At Color Breed Congress Show



**DREAMS WERE REALIZED** for Lincoln's Kelli Estes as she and her filly, Rose, brought home several awards from the Color Breed Congress Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

By **Anita Campbell**  
County Reporter

The dreams of a young girl and her horses came true last month when Kelli Stevenson Estes of Lincoln competed at the Color Breed Congress Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In years past Kelli has

shown her horses on the local level competing in halter classes and western pleasure. In more recent years Kelli has focused on establishing a breeding program to raise, show and sell performance horses.

Kelli's love of horses started when she was around twelve years old living on a farm in Buffalo, Missouri, where her parents

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## Community Calendar

**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 14, 2025:** Benton County Retired Teachers and Support Staff will meet for a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 8:30 AM at Missouri Made Shop & Comfort Cafe in Cole Camp. All Retired Teachers and Support Staff are encouraged to attend. For further information, please call (660) 438-5978.

**JANUARY 14, 2025:** Warsaw Friends of the Library will meet Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at noon, in the small meeting room at the library. Anyone interested in the library is encouraged to attend. For further information, please call (660) 438-5211.

**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.

### A Message FROM THE MAYOR

By  
Diana Burdick  
City of Cole Camp  
Mayor

I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas holiday. And if you celebrate a different holiday, I hope it was a good celebration for you, too. Now it's back to business though.

**BUDGET:** The Board of Aldermen will be meeting 12-26-24 to complete the proposed budget for 2025. An additional meeting will be held 12-30-24 if more time is needed. Both meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

N. Olive Street will be temporarily closed for sewer repairs. It is not expected to take more than a few days and may be completed by the time you read this. But if not, please be patient with the workers as they complete this vital project. Tree roots cause many problems with sewers

not functioning properly so when planting trees, find out where the sewer lines are located and plant them somewhere else.

The pickleball court will be closed from January 1 through March 31, 2024. The nets will be stored for the winter to prevent damage from the weather. The basketball goals will still be available for use by harder people.

Please have a safe and sane New Year's Eve celebration. Reflect on the past year and think about how you can improve your life in 2025.

I hope 2025 treats you well.

Sometimes it's really convenient to have a recipe for a quick something sweet to eat. This is a JD special, two ingredients; but you can add toppings such as nuts, powdered sugar, etc.

This is a great way to use up bits and bobs of leftover jam; whatever you have works.

To make one 8x8-inch pan, or 12 to 16 bars, you'll need:

1 (1-pound) log refrigerated sugar cookie dough

2/3 cup jam or preserves

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Lightly spray an 8x8 pan with cooking spray or line with parchment paper.

Crumble about 2/3 of the cookie dough into the pan and press into an even layer, like a crust. Use a tablespoon to dollop the jam on top, then spread it out evenly, leaving about 1/4 inch bare around the edges. Crumble the remaining dough on top, creating a crumble-like topping and distributing it as evenly as you can.

Bake until the top is light golden brown and the jam doesn't jiggle when you move the pan, 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool completely in the pan, then cut into bars. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days.



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## CHURCH

(Continued from Page 1) are welcome. The Knights will be serving their usual delicious Christmas meal consisting of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy and all the Christmas favorites.

Christmas church services were not reported for all area churches. Many more church options are available in the Church Director which can be found on page 16. Please refer to that page and contact your selection for more information on service times.

Merry Christmas from all of us at the *Benton County Enterprise*.

## LOCKE

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finally did, if for no other reason than to shut him up.

Locke was accepted for a flight to depart on October 30, 2024, from Columbia, Missouri. The Central Missouri Honor Flight gathered Locke and 95 other Vietnam Vets at the Marriott and fed them what they called breakfast at 11:00 PM. Attendees were then bussed to St Louis to board a Southwest airlines flight to Washington, landing at Reagan National. They were given their lunch at 8:15 AM while en route to their first destination.

What a whirlwind day! The tour viewed the WWII Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean and Air Force Memorials, plus the Marine's Iwo Jima Memorial. They were privileged to see the Lincoln and Washington Memorials, and saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. While in Arlington, the bus driver asked if anyone had a special grave they wanted to visit. Dave immediately said "I want to see Audie Murphy's grave." The driver said it was no problem because it was along his route. Dave was allowed to leave the bus and have his photo taken by the grave marker. Murphy was the most decorated American combat soldier in WWII. His death defying exploits made him a legend and he returned home to a career in the Hollywood movies, many of them westerns. Murphy was only five foot five and half inches tall, but he rode high in the saddle to Dave Locke for what he did in a time of war.

When questioned about which Memorial he liked the most, Locke quickly responded, "The Air Force Memorial." He then related how the monument sits close to the Pentagon and consists of three spheres soaring into the air, the center sphere being the highest. He said they were told the monument hadn't been built yet on 9-11 but if it had been there, the plane that struck the Pentagon would have hit the center sphere instead as it stands where the plane passed.

Before departing Washington, participants were fed dinner at 3:00 PM in the Women's Memorial, then it was back to St Louis and a bus back to Columbia. The Honor Flight Locke was on was the only flight in 2024 that was comprised of 100% Vietnam veterans.

When the tour reached Kingdom City, they were given a royal escort back to Columbia by the Patriot Guard Riders and the Highway Patrol. All on-ramps were blocked of traffic until they passed and for the first time, they were finally given the respect and welcome back they should have had all those many years ago.

The Central Missouri Honor Flight is an all volunteer organization and has existed for fifteen years, flying 5,500 veterans to visit the nation's Capitol and to be able to reflect at their own memorials. There is no doubt it's a wonderful program because Locke stated with firm emotion, "It was the best day of my life, ever!"

## ESTES

(Continued from Page 1) worked in education. When Kelli and her mom would drive to Springfield to go shopping, the only place she wanted to go was Barnes & Noble. There she would buy the next two books in the "Thoroughbred" series (and usually had them read before she got home).

She purchased her first horse "Misty" from Raymond Lake in Cross Timbers. Misty would join two other horses on the farm - an appaloosa named Joe and a fox trotter named Lady. Joe was purchased from a family member who had ridden Joe for many years on the "Chief Joseph Trail Ride". Lady was purchased from a friend who showed Fox Trotters. Kelli enjoyed taking both Western and English riding lessons from trainers in the area.

There have been ten horses purchased, sold or born on the farm since the purchase of Misty twenty-five years ago.

There has also been a move to Warsaw, a marriage to Kelly Estes and three boys born to this union. These years have not been without "set-backs". One of them came when one of the foals (Lilah) was born with a hole in her bladder and had to be taken to MU Vet Hospital for surgery. The next year a mare (Dreamer) she had purchased for her breeding program was injured and also had to go to MU Vet Hospital for treatment. Kelli was not given much hope for this mare's recovery but Kelli's determination and dedication to the treatment needed, gave Dreamer hope for a complete recovery. However, because of these back-to-back hospital stays, the breeding program had to be put on hold.

It was about this time that a very successful horse trainer Robin Gollehon, who also judges horse shows all over the country, moved in "two doors down". Kelli attended one of her clinics and immediately established a working relationship when Kelli offered to take care of the other horses while Robin was gone. This offer would be in exchange for lessons and guidance in the pursuit of her dreams.

After Lyla, her next foal to train and show was Josie. Josie showed promise from the day she was born. She was not only beautiful but she was very sweet and gentle - something Kelli works hard to establish in her program. When Kelli started Josie's training program Robin encouraged Kelli to get Josie ready for the Color Breed Congress show in Tulsa, Oklahoma that November, 2023. This would be the first time Kelli competed at this level.

Kelli and Josie won the following awards in her first ever world show: 2 Top Ten placings, 2 Top Five placings in the yearling lounge line and In Hand Trail. This past spring Kelli was able to sell Josie completing a very successful show season.

Since Kelli did not have any foals born in the spring of 2023 that meant she would not have a yearling to show in 2024. For that reason, her trainer suggested she "consign" a yearling to train and show that year. After a great deal of searching Kelli found "Rose" - a beautiful filly in the "Cash for Color" program out of Tennessee. After many hours of training and care Kelli and Rose hit it off and prepared for the World Show in November. One month before the competition Kelli came down with pneumonia and was hospitalized. After some complications (an allergic reaction to the antibiotics) Kelli was finally released two weeks before the show. Kelli "pulled up her bootstraps", got back in the training arena and made the trip to Tulsa.

Kelli and "Rose" took the following places/awards: Champion - Open

PtHA Solid In-Hand Trail; Champion - Amateur PtHA Solid In-Hand Trail; Third Place - Amateur PtHA Solid Longe Line; Cash for Color Classes; Champion - Non-Pro In-Hand Trail; Reserve Champion Non-Pro Longe Line; and Ninth in the Open Western Longe Line.

Kelli is now preparing to go pick up her consignment for this year's training to show in the 2025 World show. Kelli has two mares in foal for spring of 2025 (Dreamer and her first brood mare Bella) so she will finally have her own yearlings for the show in 2026.

This young lady has "come a long way" from that twelve-year-old who collected and read the Thoroughbred Series in Buffalo. Lilah recovered from her bladder surgery and is going to be Kelli's next "riding for pleasure" horse. Dreamer is in foal for next spring and Misty is enjoying "the best life" out in the pasture.

## COLE CAMP

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Tammy Eckhoff of Planning and Zoning shared they had a work session and a large number of business people are concerned about changes to the city's ordinances. She said, "I'm asking council for guidance on this because we need to know what is out of line with the state."

Paul reported that she didn't have anything new except to remind council that Melissa had given her notice and her last day in the city hall office would be December 31 at 5:00 PM.

The Public Works report revealed that department is now operating with only one full-time and one part-time employee and are struggling to keep up, but they had permanently installed the stop signs at Junge Street and North Maple Street, now making that a 4-way stop. One worker had fallen from a ladder and with an injured hip it would be 6-12 weeks before he could be back on the job.

Councilman Crider reported the city is dealing with a collapsed sewer line on the Steve Noel property on North Olive. The area has had problems off and on for some time and the sewage is now backing up into a neighboring basement. Crider advised North Olive would be closed the next week as new lines are being installed.

Mayor Burdick reported the city has had numerous calls complaining of speeding vehicles at the edge of town. MoDot has been contacted and they plan to do a speed study to resolve the issue. Mayor Burdick also announced the pickleball courts will be closed for the winter months of January thru March. Nets will be taken down to prevent damage in the winter weather. They will leave the nets on basketball hoops as those are used all winter long by the town's youth.

Under citizen comments, Marty Doogs, president of the Cole Camp School Board, aired his frustration with the council and the police chief. Doogs stated the school board had requested a SRO for Cole Camp R-1 and when that didn't happen, they hired their own, but for him to be legal, he needs a sit down with the police chief and that isn't happening either.

Brad Garret came to the podium and questioned Police Chief Canfield why he and his men don't enforce the speed limits and write tickets. Chief Canfield responded by saying, "We do; we issued about five or six last month."

Council went into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. In the session they interviewed an individual to fill the position vacated by Heath Roark. Council offered the position to the person and he said he wanted to discuss the offer with his family before

accepting the job.

Reminder: Cole Camp City Council will meet in special session on Thursday, December 26 to conclude and close the 2024 budget and to set the 2025 budget for the upcoming year.

## Commission Continues To Work On Budget For 2025



By Anita Campbell  
County Reporter

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order on December 16 at 9:00 AM. Commissioners Larry Berry and Scott Harms were present. David Malecki was also present.

The Commissioners continued preparation of the 2025 budget, reviewing information that has been submitted by officials and department heads. Presiding Commissioner Daleske also noted that the meeting that was scheduled today with Sheriff Knox has been rescheduled to Wednesday due to a family emergency.

District 1 Commissioner Berry made the motion to approve the bid for unleaded gasoline for Road District #1 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.32 per gallon. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. Motion passed. Other bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$2.35 per gallon and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.56 per gallon. The Commissioners accepted the low bid price.

District 1 Commissioner Berry made the motion to approve the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #1 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.68 per gallon.

District 2 Commissioner Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed. Other bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$1.71 per gallon and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.67 per gallon. The Commissioners accepted the bid most advantageous to the County.

The Commissioners discussed the adoption of a resolution that would allow for allegiance compensation for County employees.

Commissioner Harms made the motion to approve the Resolution as presented and to adopt a criterion under the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to allocate payment to employees. Commissioner Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

County Clerk Susan Porterfield submitted bills for approval and payment. She also noted that a budget amendment has been scheduled for December 30 at 10:00 AM.

## Lincoln Basketball Takes Trophies At Otterville Holiday Classic



**ANOTHER TOURNEY TITLE**, the Lincoln Cardinals beat Iberia, 53-50; Smithton, 51-42 and then defeated the Hermitage Hornets, 59-41 to take the championship at the Otterville Holiday Classic last week.



**TAKING HOME HARDWARE**, the Lincoln Lady Cards took home the consolation trophy from the Otterville Holiday Classic played last week. After suffering a 53-19 defeat by Skyline in the opening round, Lincoln rebounded to take down Tuscomb, 49-36 and Hermitage, 46-39.



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## Bluebirds Bounce Monkey Off Backs, Pickup First Win Over Sweet Springs



**THE GANG'S ALL HERE.** Cole Camp's Colton Dieckman went up for a shot over a slew of Warsaw defenders at Cole Camp on Tuesday night. The Wildcats won, 45-22.



By  
**Johnie Logue**  
Sports  
Reporter

While most thought the visiting Warsaw Wildcats would have little trouble disposing of the winless Cole Camp Bluebirds, the game itself was a little strange.

Consider there were only two free throws made in the entire game, those coming courtesy of Cole Camp's Blake Abey. The Bluebirds ended up 2-9 from the line. Consider, the perhaps best player in Benton County, senior Logan Gemes, held to 11 points, missed the only two attempts granted to the Wildcats on the night.

In the end, the Wildcats

prevailed with a 45-22 final on the Bluebirds' Senior Night. Warsaw led 8-6 after one, 19-8 at the half and 35-14 after three.

While Gemes was stalled offensively, junior Luke Henderson scored 20 points for the Wildcats, mostly on the old give-and-go play of a time gone by.

Cole Camp head coach Kevin Shearer had much to

say about his inexperienced team.

"We knew this was coming," he said. "We have players who have little to no basketball experience. We are struggling shooting the ball. Warsaw played man-to-man all night which is a killer for us."

He added, "We play hard. (That's) not our problem. These are good kids and they will have to learn to keep on grinding it out."

Warsaw is now 5-3 while Cole Camp slipped to 0-5.

**WARSAW (45):** L. Henderson, 20; L. Gemes, 11; S. Poyser, 2; G. Ferguson, 2; T. Downing, 4; N. Siebert, 6.

**COLE CAMP (22):** Kaiser, 4; Dieckman, 4; Phillips, 2; Burdick, 2; Abey, 2; Bohon, 4; Peterson, 4.

Warsaw's JV won in overtime, 30-26 as Cole Camp didn't score in the extra period.

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After losing their first five games of the season, the Cole Camp Bluebirds defeated Sweet Springs at home on Thursday night, 54-37.

The first half was competitive as Cole Camp led 19-11 after one and 29-25 at halftime.

In the third, Sweet Springs came out firing long three point attempts and came up empty. In the meantime, Cole Camp kept to their game and scored inside to extend their lead to 47-34 after three.

Cole Camp head coach Kevin Shearer commented, "I don't believe they (Sweet Springs) were used to our in-your-face defense."

He added, "They are a young team (no seniors) and will improve."

Coach Shearer went on to say, "We turned the ball over a lot in the fourth quarter and without the big lead we would have been in trouble."

6'4" senior Connor Peterson took advantage of his height inside for 13 points to lead the Bluebirds.

Joey Rapp had 14 for Sweet Springs who fell to 2-7 on the season.

**COLE CAMP (54):** Peterson, 13; Bohon, 11; Blake, 8; Burdick, 3; Phillips, 6; Bovey, 2; Dieckman, 8; Kaiser, 3.

**SWEET SPRINGS (37):** Jo. Rapp, 14; Ja. Rapp, 2; Hampton, 8; Pinion, 10; Murphy, 3.

## Warsaw Beats Lady Tigers, Lose To Lady Chiefs At W-K

By  
*Adam Howe, Sports*

Warsaw got 15 points from Tanna Howe and 14 from Keira Mostaffa on Thursday night, helping to lead the Ladycats to a 58-36 home win over Weaubleau.

Another slow start, as is becoming customary with this squad, led to an 8-8 tie at the end of the first quarter, but a 24 point second quarter outburst for the Green and Black steered them to a 32-16 lead at halftime, doubling

## Cole Camp Girls Get Second Win Of Season, Beat Sweet Springs



**THE LADY BLUEBIRDS'** senior MacKenzie Moellman looks to pass against two defenders Thursday night in Cole Camp. The Lady Bluebirds beat Sweet Springs, 44-20. Katherine Timoschuk came off the bench to lead the home team with 12 points. Sweet Springs, missing three starters, fell to 1-7. Cole Camp moved to 2-5.

up the Lady Tigers.

An impressive 22-6 margin in the third quarter, in favor of the home team, made it 54-22 as Warsaw began to pull away before eventually taking the 58-36 win.

Sara Miller was also in double figures for the Ladycats with 11.

With the win, Warsaw improved to 6-3 on the 2024-25 campaign.

**WARSAW (58):** K. Mostaffa, 14; B. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 1; B. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 0; T. Howe, 15; S. Miller, 11; J. Bilderback, 3; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 6; J. Gerken, 8.

**WEAUBLEAU (36):** S. Weaver, 13; S. Tucker, 0; J. Hensley, 3; K. Richards, 0; M. Ashlock, 10; A. Reaves, 0; M. Hilliard, 0; N. Gannaway, 2; M. Munro, 0; M. Carter, 8.

\* \* \*

Warsaw may have been riding just a bit high after picking up victories over Cole Camp and Weaubleau last week, but their most recent trip on the floor at the W-K Holiday Shootout in Sedalia when they took on Santa Fe may have dampened the ol' spirits just a bit as they fell 52-41 to the Chiefs.

Throughout the first half, things stayed close as the Ladycats trailed just 27-23 at the half, but a 25-18 second half margin made the final 52-41 and sent Warsaw to 6-4 on the year.

Keira Mostaffa led Warsaw with 15 points while Tanna Howe was also in double figures with 13.

**WARSAW (52):** K. Mostaffa, 15; M. Reimund, 8; T. Howe, 13; S. Miller, 3; J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 0; J. Gerken, 2.

**SANTA FE (41):** H. Wilsie, 0; A. Boland, 0; E. Michael, 21; A. Mueller, 0; B. Summer, 0; A. Mullins, 0; L. Ballenger, 13; A. Finkeldei, 0; S. Mueller, 0; L. Plattner, 0; B. Dierking, 6; R. Wilson-Sanderson, 0; M. Lark, 12; O. Long, 0.

## 'Cats Squeeze Past 'Stangs, Throttle Chiefs

By  
*Adam Howe, Sports*

If Warsaw learned anything from their 1-point

loss last week against California, it was how to close out a game but come away with a win as they defeated Eldon, 63-62 on Friday night.

The 'Cats led 31-26 at halftime and 45-39 after three but a 17-11 margin for the visitors knotted things up at 56-56 at the end of regulation.

In the extra period, things were tied at 59-59 but Warsaw got a three-pointer from Logan Gemes to stretch the Wildcats lead to 62-59. Shane Poyser tacked on a crucial free throw later to make it 63-59. A desperate buzzer shot for Eldon went, netting 3 more but the 'Cats eked out the win, 63-62.

Gemes paced Warsaw with 29 points, 6 of those coming in extra time, while Garrett Ferguson had 17.

The win improved the 'Cats record to 6-3.

**WARSAW (63):** S. Poyser, 8; G. Ferguson, 17; R. Fajen, 0; L. Henderson, 4; B. Henderson, 0; L. Gemes, 0; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 0; L. Gemes, 29; T. Downing, 2; N. Siebert, 1.

**ELDON (62):** J. Hall, 1; D. Hardy, 13; B. Ahart, 18; C. Atkinson, 0; R. Bashore, 1; M. Dierking, 2; L. Saisman, 0; D. Hinds, 0; Z. Hull, 3; C. Tomm, 12; K. Hinds, 9; A. Frazier, 0.

The Wildcats executed to near perfection and got on an early roll to run away with a lopsided 55-18 win over Santa Fe at the W-K Holiday Shootout on Saturday to improve their record to 7-3.

Warsaw led 19-4 at the end of the first and extended their lead to 36-10 at the break. A 19-8 second half margin was good for the 55-18 final.

Luke Henderson paced the Wildcats offense with 16 points while Logan Gemes followed with 10.

**WARSAW (55):** S. Poyser, 6; G. Ferguson, 4; R. Fajen, 3; L. Henderson, 16; B. Henderson, 0; L. Gemes, 2; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 3; L. Gemes, 10; T. Downing, 5; N. Siebert, 6.

**SANTA FE (18):** D. Doak, 0; L. Wilsie, 0; W. Doak, 0; W. Aversman, 0; E. Finkeldei, 3; H. Toliver, 8; W. Leabo, 2; H. Meyer, 0; N. Repp, 5.

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## 'Cats Cap Stellar Season With Awards Banquet

By Adam Howe, Sports

Warsaw officially put a wrap on the program's most successful season under head coach Ryan Boyer with an awards banquet on Thursday night.

The Wildcats ran the table on a perfect regular season, finishing 9-0. After a first round district bye, the 'Cats defeated Sarcoxie before having their season ended by eventual Class 2 state champion Lamar in the district championship, finishing 10-1.

The Warsaw offense averaged a whopping 37 points per game. They finished with an average of 363.1 yards per game with 285.1 of those coming on the ground and the other 78.0 through the air.

Defensively, the Wildcats surrendered just 7.3 points per outing. Opponents were held to an average of just 133.5 yards per game with 60.5 of those coming on the ground and 73.1 yards coming through the air.

With that successful of a season, many awards were garnered from outlets across the state. Those include:

### All-Conference (Ozark Highlands Conference)

Offense, 1st team: Garrett Ferguson, QB, Sr; Josh Harvath, RB, Jr; Jayce Depriest, RB, Sr; Shane Poyser, WR, Sr; Drake Murrell, TE, Sr; Urijah Phillips, OL, Jr; Kendall Bagley, OL, Sr; Trent Downing, OL, Sr.

Offense, 2nd team: Isaac Henderson, OL, Jr.

Defense, 1st team: Trent Downing, DL, Sr; Drake Murrell, LB, Sr; Jayce Depriest, LB, Sr; Shane Poyser, DB, Sr.

Defense, 2nd team: Dakota Todd, DL, Sr; Josh Harvath, LB, Jr; Sean Reinertsen, DB, Jr; Jase Hubert, DB, Jr.

Defense, Honorable Mention: Kendall Bagley, DL, Sr; Luke Henderson, DB, Jr.

Special Teams, 2nd team: Logan Gemes, K, Sr.

Offensive Player of the

Year: Garrett Ferguson, QB, Sr.

Coach of the Year: Ryan Boyer.

### Central MO Media All-District

Offense, 1st team: Jayce Depriest, RB, Sr; Josh Harvath, RB, Jr; Drake Murrell, WR/TE, Sr; Kendall Bagley, OL, Sr; Logan Gemes, K, Sr.

Offense, 2nd team: Garrett Ferguson, QB, Sr; Trent Downing, OL, Sr; Urijah Phillips, OL, Jr.

Defense, 1st team: Kendall Bagley, DL, Sr; Drake Murrell, LB, Sr; Shane Poyser, DB, Sr.

Defense, 2nd team: Trent Downing, DL, Sr; Jayce Depriest, LB, Sr; Josh Harvath, LB, Jr; Sean Reinertsen, DB, Jr; Jase Hubert, DB, Jr.

Coach of the Year: Ryan Boyer.

### MFCA All-District (Class 2 District 5)

Offense, 1st team: Garrett Ferguson, QB, Sr; Jayce Depriest, RB, Sr; Josh Harvath, RB, Jr; Logan Gemes, K, Sr.

Offense, 2nd team: Kendall Bagley, OL, Sr.

Defense, 1st team: Drake Murrell, LB, Sr.

Defense, 2nd team: Brecken Brewster, LB, Fr; Shane Poyser, DB, Sr; Jase Hubert, DB, Jr.

### Academic All-State

Drake Murrell, Sr; Logan Gemes, Sr; Shane Poyser, Sr; Garrett Ferguson, Sr; Jayce Depriest, Sr; Ayden Burdick, Jr.

### KMZU Dream Team

Offense: Garrett Ferguson, Sr.

Defense: Drake Murrell, Sr.

### All-State (Class 2)

Offense, 2nd team: Jayce Depriest, RB, Sr.

Offense, 3rd team: Logan Gemes, K, Sr.

Defense, 1st team: Drake Murrell, LB, Sr.

### Team Awards

Scout Team Player of the Year: D'Angelo Ramirez, Jr; Noah Siebert, Jr.

Skill Player of the Year: Jayce Depriest, Sr.

Lineman of the Year: Kendall Bagley, Sr.

Defensive Player of the Year: Josh Harvath, Jr.

Offensive Player of the Year: Garrett Ferguson, Sr.

Most Valuable Player: Drake Murrell, Sr.



**TEAM AWARDS** were presented to individuals who exemplified qualities and leadership in certain categories for the 2024 Warsaw football team. They included (L to R): Garrett Ferguson, Offensive Player of the Year; Jayce Depriest, Skill Player of the Year; Kendall Bagley, Lineman of the Year; Drake Murrell, Most Valuable Player; Josh Harvath, Defensive Player of the Year. Not pictured: Scout Team Player of the Year, D'Angelo Ramirez and Noah Siebert (tie).



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**BIRTHPLACE:** Well, the North Pole, of course!  
**YEARS AT THE NORTH POLE:** It seems like forever!  
**FAMILY:** Wife, Mrs. Claus; my elves or my family too; and we have a lot of reindeer!  
**THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING AT THE NORTH POLE IS:** The snow! And Mrs. Claus' cooking!  
**WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP:** A toy maker  
**FIRST JOB:** I still have my first job.  
**OCCUPATION:** Delivery driver  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** Snowball fights with the elves.  
**THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN:** Every December 25 is the best time of my life!  
**MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT:** Slipping off of a roof and landing right on my, uh, keaster!  
**WHAT DO YOU**

**VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS:** Their belief in me!  
**YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS:** A broken down sleigh!  
**I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO:** Retire.  
**I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO:** Eat ALL the cookies! Or do a somersault. But that's because I TRY to eat too many cookies!  
**IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD:** Oh, I don't play the lottery, but if I did and won, I would build an even bigger workshop! And maybe buy Mrs. Claus her own sleigh.  
**MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE:** Around the world! And I make it every year!  
**HOBBIES:** Golf. And spending time with Mrs. Clause. Maybe a little woodwork.  
**FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN:** Elvis Presley  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Die Hard. Or if I want a good laugh, I love the Griswold's in Christmas

Vacation. That Buddy the Elf sure is funny too!  
**FAVORITE DRINK:** It's usually hot cocoa, but on Christmas Eve, I usually have to have some coffee too!  
**FAVORITE SNACK:** Cheese balls  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** You might think it's candy canes, but I love chocolate!  
**FUTURE GOAL:** To make another successful trip when I set out this year.  
**WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST:** Mrs. Claus, for sure. She takes such good care of all of us!  
**ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF:** Believe!  
**WORDS TO LIVE BY:** "You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why . . ."



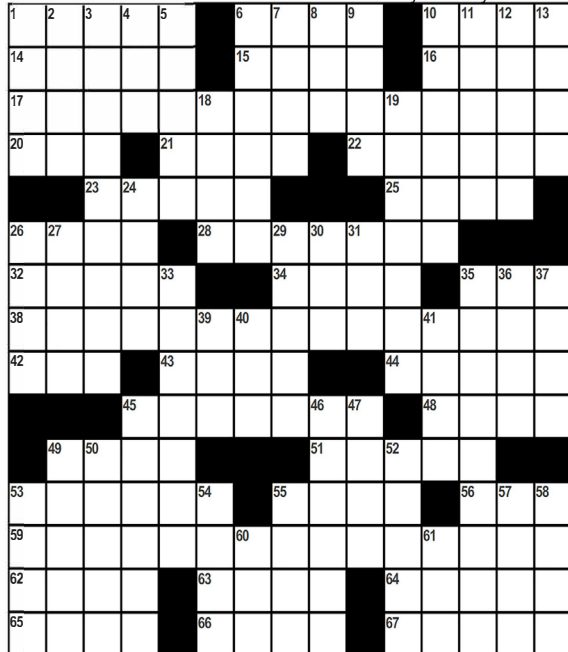
### ACROSS

- 1) Argentine grassland
- 2) No longer new
- 10) 100-meter event
- 14) Out in front
- 15) Far from wealthy
- 16) "Giant" author Ferber
- 17) Greedy thing to wish for (with "the")
- 20) Big Apple, briefly
- 21) Cut and splice
- 22) Con games
- 23) Distiller Walker
- 25) Not once, poetically
- 26) Yemen neighbor
- 28) Procedures
- 32) African language
- 34) Continental cash
- 35) "Tarzan" extra
- 38) Extremely happy
- 42) Feminizing suffix
- 43) Big game
- 44) Bedouin
- 45) Place to find many teahouses
- 48) Feel sorry for
- 49) Dele reversal
- 51) Angry
- 53) Carry with great effort
- 55) Meathead
- 56) A bad dancer might step on it
- 59) Momentous and then some
- 62) Length x width, for a rectangle
- 63) Pseudonym of H.H. Munro
- 64) Desert plant
- 65) Caddie's bagful
- 66) "Take \_\_\_ Train" (Duke Ellington classic)
- 67) Stately horse

- 1) Certain chess piece
- 2) Shout to a sailor
- 3) Mall occupants
- 4) Amigo
- 5) Calculating one, at times
- 6) Computer-running period
- 7) Coat inside a chimney
- 8) One billion years
- 9) Bit of residue
- 10) Goes up against
- 11) "Skyfall" singer
- 12) Contemptuous look
- 13) Fedoras and pork pies
- 18) Sandler of films
- 19) When the Jewish Sabbath begins
- 24) "What's gotten \_\_\_ you?"
- 26) Reed instrument
- 27) Staffs
- 29) Prefix meaning "four"
- 30) "Come again?"
- 31) Rock that needs refinement
- 33) Modernized
- 35) Military truce
- 36) Builder's map
- 37) Mini-whirlpool
- 39) "\_\_\_ the ramparts . . ."
- 40) Physician's charge
- 41) "My mistake!"
- 45) Guys
- 46) Nova \_\_\_
- 47) Horse gait
- 49) Make a basket
- 50) "\_\_\_ called for his fiddlers . . ."
- 52) Does what one's told
- 53) Whack, as a baseball
- 54) Whispered "yoo-hoo"
- 55) Be a cake maker
- 57) "\_\_\_ bitten, twice shy"
- 58) "Good grief!"
- 60) "A likely story!"
- 61) Same old, same old

### DOWN TO EARTH

By Timothy E. Parker



**Fristoe NEWS**  
By Pat Arnett  
Contributing Reporter

Writing a little early this week as this is Christmas week and nothing is running on schedule. The weather is treating us in a nice way. We are all appreciative of temperatures that are above freezing most days.

We put out the prayer list here for Bud Hatch, Kathy First, Lewis Retherford Gladys Harris, Carolee Apperson and the family of Mary Scarbrough.

Monday, December 16, Mary was flown to a hospital in the city and just a few hours later she passed away. Mary celebrated her 97th birthday in September this year. Her grandchildren held a birthday party for her in the community building of Cross Timbers. Mary lived most of her life in Fristoe. She was a part of every club that was held. Mary's daughter, Sharon survives as well as her two youngest sons, Terrence and Richard. Mary's funeral will be held on Monday, December 23, at Reser Funeral Home at 11:00 AM with visitation from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. She will be buried in their family plot in Fristoe Cemetery where her husband James is buried with the children who have passed. I have

mentioned Mary Evelyn in many columns that I wrote for *Fristoe News* and I will miss having her to enjoy with! Rest in Peace Sister Mary!

The classes are closing down for Christmas vacations but I will mention my granddaughters. Laney, my oldest, finished her first semester in college this week with really good grades. Ryleigh, my middle granddaughter finished her senior year in high school this week and had really good reports. Madalyn is the junior student in Climax Springs and always has really good grades. My three . . . this Nana is so proud of them!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope each and every one has a wonderful, blessed New Year!

Always remember: Kindness is a talk that the deaf can hear, and the blind can see! God Bless!

P.S. Got a nice note from Nancy Tackis this evening sending Merry Christmas wishes to all of her friends here in Fristoe and sending her love, hope and condolences to Mary Scarbrough's family.



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

Our lodge is non-smoking. Stop by and enjoy our activities.

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 Thursday's, The Lodge Boys play and the kitchen will be serving food.

Mark your Calendar for February 14. The lodge is planning a Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner. Reservations will be required by February 7. More info to follow.

Payment is needed for the Lodge Crawl by the end of December 31. 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 of other lodges. Mark your calendar for this event. A sign-up sheet is at the lodge. Contact John Way for information.

**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 Sheriff's Report**  
ERIC KNOX  
Benton County Sheriff



**Sheriff's Report**  
12/16/24 to 12/19/24

Ashton Michael Pullis of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-16-24 on 3 Benton County warrants, a Kansas City Municipal warrant and a Lake Ozark Municipal warrant for Failure to Appear-Own/Operate Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility, Failure to Appear/Operate Motor Vehicle on Highway Without Valid or No License, Failure to Appear/No Insurance, Larceny and Failure to Appear/Fail to Register. Bond is set at \$1,950.00 cash or surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility

Jack Lee Parrish of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-16-24 on a Benton County warrant for Tampering with Motor Vehicle-1st Degree. Bond is set at \$15,000.00 cash or surety. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date

Robert D Schamhorst of Marshall, MO was arrested on 12-16-24 on 2 Benton County warrants for Failure to Appear/Operate Personal Watercraft Without All Persons Aboard Wearing Personal Flotation Device, Failure to Appear/Excess of Slow/No Wake Speed Within 100 ft of Dock/Pier Occupied Anchored Boat and Buoyed Restricted Area. Citations for Operate Motor Vehicle Owned by Another Knowing Owner Has Not Maintained Financial Responsibility, Driver/Front Passenger Fail to Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt and Fail to Display Valid Plates on Motor Vehicle/Trailer. Bond is set at \$400.00 cash or surety. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Jamie L Oliver of Edwards, MO was arrested on 12-17-24 on a Cass County warrant for Dangerous Drugs. Subject was released on a personal recognizance bond with a court date.

David Ralph Ewersman

of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-17-24 on Benton County warrant for Statutory Sodomy-2nd Degree. Bond is set at \$50,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility

Philip R Julo of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-17-24 on a Benton County warrant for Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 surety only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date

Heather Marie Chapman of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-18-24 on a Benton County warrant for Tampering with Motor Vehicle-1st Degree. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility on a no bond status

Coty Dalton Hollaman, Homeless, was arrested on 12-18-24 on a Probation and Parole warrant. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility on a no bond status

Randy Louis Abbott of Cole Camp, MO was arrested on 12-19-24 on a Benton County warrant for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Bond is set at \$25,000.00 surety only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Kyle Matthews Cooper, Homeless, was arrested on 12-19-24 on a Benton County warrant for Assault. Bond is set at \$1,000.00 cash or surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

Douglas Gene Henke of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-19-24 on a Pettis County warrant for Trafficking Drugs-2nd, Possession of Controlled Substance and Delivery or Possession of a Controlled Substance at County/Jail/Correction Center. Bond is set at \$150,000.00 cash or surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility

Aaron Dale Pryor of Odessa, MO was arrested on 12-19-24 for Tampering with a Motor Vehicle. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date.

Cheyenne McClanahan Robb of Lincoln, MO was arrested on 12-19-24 for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License. Bond is set at \$100.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date



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We have passed through the celebration of Thanksgiving and are well on our way to Christmas. Perhaps this is a time for a little reflection on all our parts. We watch the news and at times we no longer feel safe in our own land.

But with all the problems that we face we still have it so very good here in this marvelous place we call the USA. This was brought home to me by a little known fact concerning one of my favorite Christmas carols, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." A Priest shared with the parish the reason that the strange song is very, very religious even though it speaks of Leaping Lords, French Hens and a Partridge in a Pear Tree.

When my children were still all at home they would sing this yuletide musical number at the top of their lungs. You could hear their various voices all around the house sing their individual parts and all coming together in a great crescent of volume for the "and a Partridge in a Pear Tree."

I was utterly amazed to learn that from 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It had two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church.

Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The Partridge in a Pear Tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves was the old and new testament.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

Four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or the law in the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a swimming represented the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit, prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.

The eight maids a milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The ten Lords a leaping were the Ten Commandments.

Eleven Pipers piping stood for eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostle's Creed.

I found this explanation of the strange Christmas carol very enlightening and most of all, thought provoking. At this time when we are rushing madly from one engagement to the next we need to reflect not only upon the wondrous treasure of our freedoms in this country

but what is truly important to us in our day to day lives.

I always greatly admired Barbara Bush, a former first lady and also mother of a former President. She said, and I quote, "When you come to the end of your life, you will not regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or closing one more business deal. But you will regret time not spent with a husband, a child or a parent."

I personally want to add to this list, time with friends, especially those in need of our time and our love. It's the most precious gift we can give to those we truly care about. And it doesn't even require gift wrap.

**BCED Takes Guests For Tour Of Lost Valley Fish Hatchery**

By Dianne Peck  
County Reporter

Thirteen people met and toured the Lost Valley Fish Hatchery Wednesday, December 11. The tour was guided by Drew Burdick, Fish Hatchery Manager. Following the tour JoAnn Lane, Economic Development Director brought the monthly meeting to order.

Ms. Lane gave an update on Broadband progress. In Edwards 1-6 areas are all open now. Good news is everyone who wants internet can get it. First round applications are open now through February 20 and the funds will be awarded later. JoAnn is working with different providers.

Under Business updates Ms. Lane said the work continues on The Vault with an estimated opening in March/April 2025. She revealed she is still working with a possible new business.

JoAnn shared The Charming Market opened



quickly, from renting to opening took just one month. The market is a collaboration between Chapters Bookstore, The Fix Coffee, clothing for all ages and more!

The November Boutique Crawl was a huge success with over 500 shoppers. Benton County Bucks on small business Saturday was a program that utilized some proceeds she had from the Credit Workshops sponsored by Equity Bank and Community National Bank. Shoppers received one \$10-certificate to spend at participating Benton County businesses. JoAnn said she gave out 40 certificates total and there was over \$2,000 spent by shoppers at participating businesses. She said she had great feedback from shop owners and shoppers. She is planning to do the program again next year and will ask the Chambers to sponsor.

Update on RFSI Grant, it will be awarded after January 1, 2025.

Amie Breshears from MU Extension held her first "On my Own" class online on Tuesday, December 10. She said the evaluations were very good and next online class is January 20 and in-person options are available. The class covers farmland

values, rental rates. Lease agreements and custom work cost

The Benton County Cattlemen held their Trade-show on November 2 in Foster Hall in Lincoln. It was the biggest Trade show in recent memory with a large number of sponsors and attendees. A live auction and a silent auction raised funds for Extension scholarships.

Drought assistance is available for producers. Livestock producers should contact the USDA-FSA office in Lincoln. Lynette Stokes, Benton County Tourism reported on the Marketing Study/ Perception Survey/Focus group which is a partnership between BCED and Tourism. It was done by a group in Springfield. It is now finished and they are using the results for Focus Group Meetings. There has been two already. The next is January 14 at 5p.m. in Foster Hall in Lincoln. The public is invited and they would like your feedback and ideas to help Benton County's businesses and tourism thrive.

The Tourism Marketing Plan for 2025. Tourism increased the amount of digital marketing they did in 2024. Tourism has some new ideas for 2025

which includes additional digital marketing and a new calendar for events.

The Benton County Arts Council has welcomed interested people and new members. Their next meeting is currently being scheduled, contact Lynette for more information.

JoAnn shared with the group information about the Paul Bruhn Grant through Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission for business properties listed on the National Historic Register. She has already been reaching out to businesses in Cole Camp as much of their downtown is listed on the National Historic Register. Applications should be opened in January-February. If interested contact Ms. Lane.

A representative from the Kaysinger Bluff Pioneer Heritage Association reported the Kaysinger Christmas event went well. They had 725 people attending. They are seeking volunteers and crafters for Heritage Days. Their first 2025 event will be the Living History Days on April 19-20.

Next BCED meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 4:15 PM in Lincoln City Hall.

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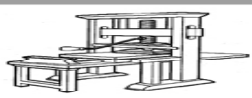
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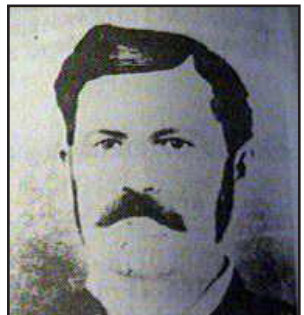




# Former Marshall Jeans Killed In Gunfight On Warsaw's Main Street

By *Dianne Peck*  
County Reporter

According to an old account in The Enterprise, Marshall Clay Jeans died in a gunfight on Warsaw's Main Street May 24, 1885. Like something straight out of Dodge City and Gunsmoke, Jeans had gone into Krensky's restaurant to serve a warrant for arrest on Joseph Eaton.



Before leaving home that morning, Mrs. Jeans had begged her husband to not confront Eaton with the Warrant as there was bad blood between the two from earlier incidents. Eaton, several years earlier had killed a man named Hatler for which he was tried three times.

In the first trial the jury couldn't agree on a verdict. In the second he was convicted to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary but that was overturned by the State Supreme Court and sent back for a third trial, which resulted in acquittal.

During this time, when Eaton was free on bond, Clay Jeans had arrested him on some misdemeanor charge. This brought about bad feeling between the two men that never ended. This was supposedly why Eaton resisted Jeans in the arrest.

Marshall Jeans was accompanied by Sheriff Newell to Krensky's Restaurant. Deputy Sheriff

R.H. Bibb was with them too and later told the Enterprise, "I walked up to Eaton and told him I had a warrant for him and Eaton jumped up and ran for the door. I motioned for the Sheriff to go to the other door and I followed Jeans into the dining room. I heard two shots fired about the same time."

"I rushed to the door and Eaton had just fired. There was smoke coming from his pistol and I looked and saw Clay Jeans in the act of falling on the platform in front of Krensky's Restaurant. Eaton started to run across the street and the Sheriff and I started to follow, ordering him to halt and stop. Eaton fired two shots at us and we fired about five at him. He ran around the corner out of our sight and we started after him. We arrested him in front of the old bank building and found his revolver with all the shots fired. It was a Smith & Wesson, five shooter, 38 calibre."

Eaton was placed on a stretcher and carried into a Squire Morgan's office where he was tended by Dr. Crawford. Eaton, on his death bed asked about Jeans' condition and seemed pleased to hear he was dead. Eaton said that during his first trials Jeans had boasted how he had arrested him and he said, "I swore he would never arrest me again." He said he would have surrendered to any of the other Officers.

Eaton's three brothers, John, Dick and William arrived in the afternoon to take his body. He was buried seven miles south of Warsaw in the family cemetery on a Sunday evening. He was only 29 years old.

Clay Jeans was killed approximately 100 yards

from his home. His wife had pleaded with him earlier that morning not to serve Eaton with the warrant but to let someone else do it. When the shots rang out she came quickly to the scene and discovered the gruesome sight of her husband's lifeless body.

Marshall Jeans had often voiced to friends he would probably die a violent death, yet he seemed to enjoy the dangerous duties of his job.



His funeral was held on Sunday in the Baptist church and he was buried in the city cemetery on Main Street. The Enterprise printed an extra edition on the Monday following the funeral to correct all the incorrect rumors and reports circulating in the county.

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**Better Numbers, Better Farm**  
by Amie Breshears, Specialist in Ag Business

Better Numbers, Better Farm  
What is Financial Efficiency?

Financial efficiency measures how well your farm uses its resources to generate income and where the farm's income is spent. Understanding key financial numbers is essential for maintaining a healthy farm business.

As financial expert Dave Ramsey says, "If you don't stay on top of numbers associated with your business, you will fail. You can't outearn disorganization or the need to handle your finances wisely."

Key Measure: Operating Expense Ratio

The Operating Expense Ratio is a key measure of financial efficiency. It shows how much of your farm's income is used to cover operating expenses, excluding depreciation/amortization and interest expenses. These expenses include things like labor, fuel, utilities, and veterinary costs.

If your operating expenses exceed 80%, it might be difficult to cover other necessary costs such as depreciation, interest, and family living expenses.

Formula:  
Operating Expense Ratio = (Total Operating Expenses - Depreciation & Amortization Expenses) / Gross Revenues

Definitions:  
• Total Operating Expenses: Includes expenses such as labor, fertilizer, fuel, utilities, and veterinary costs.

• Depreciation / Amortization Expenses: The value of assets spread over their useful life.

• Gross Revenues: Total income from agricultural sales, crop insurance, agricultural program payments (such as ARC/PLC), custom work, and cash rent.

What's a Good Operating Expense Ratio?

• A ratio of 59% or less is considered strong, meaning your farm generates enough income to cover operating expenses, depreciation, interest, and family living expenses.

• 60-79% suggests caution, as the farm is nearing a point where it may struggle to cover all expenses.

• A ratio of 80% or higher indicates a weak position, where the farm may not be generating enough income to cover necessary expenses.

Why Does This Matter?  
For a farm to be financially healthy, it must generate enough income to cover operating expenses, depreciation, interest on debt, and family living expenses. If it doesn't, the farm is at risk of financial instability.

How to Improve the Operating Expense Ratio?

1. Increase profitability: Boost revenues or reduce expenses (or both).

2. Reduce family living expenses: Cut back on non-essential costs.

3. Restructure debt: Consider ways to lower debt-related expenses.

Improving Financial Efficiency

Making small, gradual changes and building better financial habits can lead to measurable improvements in your farm's financial health.

Check out MU Extension's Farm Accounting resources, including Missouri Farm Record Books, budgets, and spreadsheets online at MU Extension or visit your local MU Extension office for help.

## LAKEVIEW HEIGHTS AREA NEWS



The Lakeview Heights Fire Department responded to a large structure fire on Monday, December 16 on AB highway. When the department arrived a large structure was engulfed in flames. The building was a workshop/garage for Jeff Haag. Equipment inside lost in the blaze included a hot rod tractor, an old crawler, a boat and tools. Equipment parked close to the building with only minor damage except two 8N Ford Tractors that had both back tires burned away. The origin of the blaze is unknown at this

time Mr. Haag was hauling a load of gravel at the time and his wife called it in after she heard an explosion outside the house. When she looked she saw the fire and called the department.

The Lakeview Heights Fire Department would like to thank the Cole Camp Rural Fire Department, Lincoln Community Fire Department, Stover Rural Fire Department, Benton County 911, Cole Camp EMS, and the Benton County Sheriff's Department for all the assistance.

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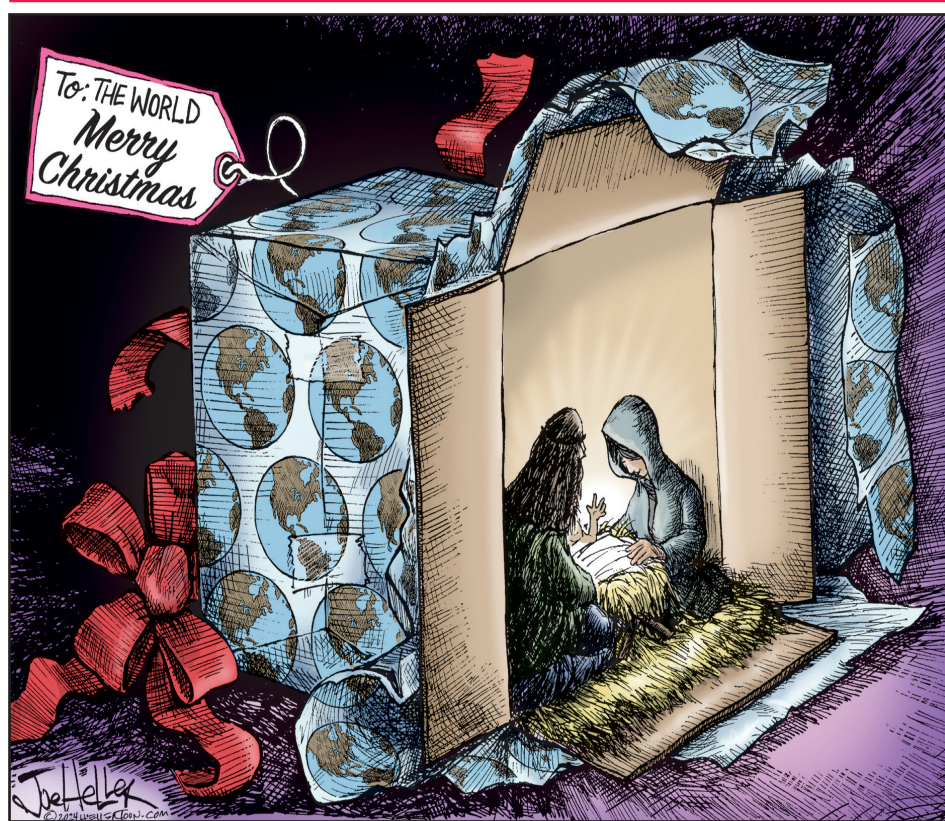
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**Have I Got A Line For You!**  
By James Mahlon White



Well, well, well. The cat finally came out of the bag and White House aids admitted what most of us have long known. President Biden has been in a mental decline for years. None of what happened is surprising. Remember when they rolled poor old Diane Feinstein onto the Senate floor so she could vote? "President Biden is fine" is the biggest collective lie from the press and government I've ever seen. History books will be written about how this happened and will be fascinating to read someday. Meanwhile, we're left with an entrenched political elite that remains in power no matter the votes of "We the people." I wonder how many times a Biden staffer went home after a day's work and said, "I was President for a day?"

One part of Missouri I've only been to once is the

boothel, except for a long drive down by Sikeston to cross over into Paducah, Kentucky. That is until Friday when sister Julie Lorenz asked for some company while driving to Kennett on business. She recalled traveling down there as a Congressional intern years ago and being surprised during one election. She saw trucks filled with people in the back being hauled to the polls. This area dips down to Kentucky and Tennessee. Quite southern and I remember boothel students when I was at UCM.... CMSU as we knew it in the stone ages. They talked like they were from Mississippi. Look at the map and you'll see that Missouri is removed from Virginia by only one state, Kentucky, but it's a long stretch over there. Missouri borders a number of states though, some extremely different than

others, Kansas and Arkansas for instance.

Let's move on to more profound things. Esperanto is a language which has hung around but never took hold on a wide scale, Kim Hanson and I were looking through old bound volumes of the Democrat. We found in September 1927, that Elmer Hamilton of Clinton studied Esperanto. Elmer corresponded with people in many countries, including Russia. He sent his Russian friend a picture of the interior of the Booth Hatchery, where he worked. Later, Elmer received a Russian newspaper with an article about the hatchery in it. The picture was also used and it showed the eggs ready to go into the incubators, with Joe Lupton and Tim Booth nearby.

This time of year always brings to mind a quote by Cullen Cain who penned artifices for the Enterprise before life took him to New York where he became head publicist for the National Baseball League. "Sweet memory is my treasured guest and she sits by my side with brimming eyes and sings to me the songs of other days." I've never forgotten those words. Listen Old Buddy, may you have a Merry Christmas and be surrounded by family, friends and good memories too.

'Til Next Week:  
J.M.W.

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If you're a business owner, you're always thinking about the days ahead. *What can I do to boost sales in the next year? What trends should I be watching? What's the forecast for my industry?* But there's one element of the future you might be overlooking: your retirement plan.

Consider these advantages of establishing a retirement plan for your business:

- *You'll build resources for your retirement.* You might sell your business one day, but can you count on that to fund your retirement? By investing in a retirement plan for many years, you can help accumulate the resources you will need to enjoy life as a retiree.

- *You can help your business attract and retain employees.* In a tight labor market, you'll want to employ all the advantages you can to attract and keep good employees — and a retirement plan can help.

- *You can gain tax benefits.* Your contributions to a retirement plan — on behalf of yourself and your employees — can be tax deductible. Plus, you can get tax credits for starting a new plan.

Here are some retirement plans to consider:

- *Owner-only 401(k)* — This plan is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax free. In 2024, the combined employee and employer contribution limit was \$69,000, or \$76,500 for those 50 or older. These limits are likely to rise in 2025.

- *Personal defined benefit plan* — You can establish a pension plan, also known as a defined benefit plan, for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. For 2024, the annual defined pension benefit for a business owner

cannot exceed the lesser of \$275,000 or 100% of their average compensation for the previous three highest consecutive calendar years.

- *SEP IRA* — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider an SEP IRA. In 2024, your contribution limit was 25% of your salary or \$69,000, whichever was less. The percentage of your salary you contribute to your SEP IRA is the same percentage of your eligible employees' salaries you must contribute to their SEP IRAs.

- *SIMPLE IRA* — A SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and maintain, but while it may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, in terms of allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k) or a SEP-IRA. In 2024, you could contribute up to \$16,000 to a SIMPLE IRA, or \$19,500 if you are 50 or older. You must put in 2% of your employees' salaries, regardless of whether they contribute, or match their contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3% of their salaries.

And keep this in mind: The SECURE 2.0 legislation has made it possible for you to offer a Roth version of a SEP or SIMPLE IRA. Although contributions to either Roth account are not deductible, earnings and withdrawals are tax free, provided you (and your employees) are at least 59½ and have had your account at least five years.

To learn more about these and other business retirement plans, you might want to contact a financial professional. But don't wait too long — the sooner you start preparing for your retirement — and helping your employees plan for theirs — the better.

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

## WORD ON THE STREET

What will you be having for Christmas dinner?



*We're having prime rib, cheesy potatoes and a cherry dessert that only my mom can make.*

-Lisa Gladson



*Deviled eggs, ham, ribs, cheesy potatoes and sweet potato pie.*

-Edna & Larry Hockett



*Ham, turkey, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes; it'll all be part of the menu! We go all out for Christmas!*

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## Larry John Stelling



Larry John Stelling, 74, of Cole Camp, went to meet his Lord on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. He had been a resident at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Cole Camp since September of 2022. Larry was born on June 1, 1950, in Sedalia, Missouri, a son of Hillard J. and Josephine A. (Reinert) Stelling.

On June 25, 1950, he was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church by Pastor Henry J. Gerike and attended Trinity Lutheran Grade School. Larry was confirmed on March 22, 1964, at Trinity Lutheran Church by Pastor Loren Krout and upon eighth grade graduation attended Cole Camp High School. While in school, he played basketball and during high school, helped Coach Farrington get his career off to a fantastic start. He graduated with the Class of 1968 and attended CMSU in Warrensburg, Missouri, where he was an active member of Delta Chi fraternity and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972. Upon graduating from college, Larry returned to Cole Camp where he began working for the Citizens Farmers Bank.

On August 20, 1972, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, he was united in marriage to his college sweetheart Donna Smarr. This union was blessed with three sons: Kelly, Cameron, and Neil.

Larry worked his entire career at the Citizens Farmers Bank where he became president in 1993 and retired in 2016. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Larry was always actively involved in his community, where he was an active member of the Cole Camp Jaycee's, Cole Camp Fair board, Cole Camp Chamber of Commerce, Community Betterment Association, Missouri Bankers Association, Cole Camp Pool board, car show chairman, Lutheran School board and chaired many other community events. His dedication to his faith was evident in his long-standing role as a church usher at Trinity Lutheran Church from 1967 to 2021.

He grew up hunting and especially liked to hunt quail. Larry found a love for travel and adventure. He enjoyed driving his classic cars and taking his Jeep on trips, especially through the rough terrain at Black Bear Pass in Telluride, Colorado. He liked to ride his dirt bike and spent many days

riding his motorcycles with his brothers and friends. Larry and Donna traveled to Mexico, Germany, Ireland, Spain, and Alaska making unforgettable memories together.

Larry is survived by his wife, Donna Smarr Stelling, his brother Leon Pete Stelling and wife Dianne, his mother-in-law Martha Smarr, his three sons Kelly Stelling and fiancé Angela, son Cameron Stelling and wife Ashly and son Neil Stelling. Three grandsons: Hudson, Kaiser, and Blake Stelling and many more family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hillard and Josephine Stelling, his father-in-law, Donald Smarr, his brothers, Bob Reinert and wife Helen and Vernon Stelling and wife Sharon, and his niece, Joann Riggins.

Larry's kindness, wisdom, and sense of humor touched the lives of many. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

The family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp where funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Gregory Truwe officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Cole Camp. Pallbearers will be Kelly Stelling, Cameron Stelling, Neil Stelling, Hudson Stelling, Kaiser Stelling, and Blake Stelling.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to Lutheran School Association or Cole Camp Swimming Pool in care of the Fox Funeral Home, PO Box 37, Cole Camp, MO 65325.

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

#### The Prophecy

With Christmas approaching, I have naturally been studying the birth of Christ afresh and anew. In Matthew 1:23, we have the writer going back to Isaiah 7:14; which in itself is an amazing accreditation to the credibility and writing of this account and of the Bible itself. The Jews of Matthew's day knew the prophecy well.

Here is the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would say. Ahaz, the King of Judah was being threatened by the first superpower in the Assyrians. Two neighbouring kings also felt threatened and wanted to form an alliance with Judah. King Ahaz refused the offer to the displeasure of the two kings and now had both the Assyrians and the two kings wanting to take over Judah. He is between a rock and a hard place, to say the very least.

Well, a man came knocking. The man was the prophet Isaiah. He tried to

reassure Ahaz that things would be okay when all was said and done. Then God Himself got in on the act and told Ahaz to ask for a sign to confirm what Isaiah had spoken.

Surprisingly, Ahaz refused to ask for a sign. Hang on to your hats because God said He would give him a sign and the sign was Isaiah 7:14 forecasting the birth of Christ. So there it was in a nutshell; the greatest prophecy of the old testament. The significance of the sign no doubt was too great for King Ahaz or really anyone at that time to totally comprehend. The three threatening nations would one day disappear from the scene and through many hardships, the Jews would remain.

Some folks will not have a Merry Christmas as death, loss of job, financial worries, physical problems, emotional troubles and so on will rob them of the joy of Christmas. I have been there myself. The comforting thought is the prophecy of centuries ago and the reminder of that is my Christmas offering to you and yours. Merry Christmas!

### WARSAW FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Good morning from Warsaw Church of the Nazarene. This week for Advent we are focusing and reflecting on love. At the announcement of Jesus' birth, angels appear in the sky and fill the night with songs of worship. With contagious joy, they sang, "Glory to God in the highest!" (Luke 2:13-14) What does this song of praise mean? They are saying that the glory of heaven is wrapped up in this little baby in a manger. They celebrated and praised His name because He is more than worthy of any worship we could ever give! An amazing gift for you and I because God loves us. God has loved His creation since the beginning and has never stopped. Let me mix the words of Dr. Dennis Kinlaw and I believe Rev. Max Lucado in a brief summary, as I was given many years ago.

In the beginning, O Lord, God created us for Himself. But even though we have fallen through our disobedience to sin and death, you, Heavenly Father, in your infinite mercy, grace, and love sent your only begotten Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ—**Pure Love!** He lived among us as a son of man and son of God, born of a virgin. He suffered every hardship and adversity, every trial, trouble, tribulation, and temptation that we face—except without sin—**Pure Love!** Finally, He stretched out His arms upon the cross in perfect obedience to his

Father's will and offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world—**Pure Love!**

Among the religions of the world, Christianity alone says that love is not just something God does—it is what He is! **God is love** (1 John 4:8), and to turn from Him is to turn away from the One who holds together all things. As society becomes more secular, it inevitably becomes more violent and more alienated, tearing itself apart from within the shadows of self-rightness. This may not be easy for many to see, but there is massive data to support it. The gel that binds things has been given to us to apply to the world—for all mankind. The gel is found in 1 John 4:7-8. "Beloved, let's love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

We are not the first generation of Christians to struggle with understanding how to hold on to Christ. However, as we lean into our faith, hope springs forth in our hearts, filling us with joy because we discover the true source of what holds all things together—love—Jesus, who came as a babe for the whole world. I pray you have a Merry Christmas knowing that Jesus is the gift that makes the difference.

Andy Lavender, Pastor  
Warsaw First Church of the Nazarene  
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### UNITY OF THE LAKES

This Sunday, December 29, at 11:00 AM, Reverend Sandra Campbell will have a burning bowl ceremony! This is a spiritual practice of letting go of the old and welcoming the new. This special Sunday service will be dedicated to releasing what no longer serves our highest good and making room for that which we desire to manifest in the new year.

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After the birth, there were shepherds watching their fields who were visited by an angel telling them of the Savior's birth. There was shouting and praising God. This is Jesus the Messiah. They leave the sheep behind to go looking for the baby. They find Him wrapped in cloths, in a manger. The shepherds are the only ones who will know where to find the baby. This is their way of life. Jesus is not first revealed to Kings or royalty but to shepherds in the night. The men in the field were the right people to come see what He has done. They tell everyone in Bethlehem, a perfect ram, wrapped in cloth, as only the shepherds would understand. There was probably nothing silent about Jesus' birth. Angels were shouting in the sky and shepherds were looking for a baby. This is absolute chaos. We want the pretty, perfect picture, but that's not how it plays out. We need to embrace the chaos because He embraces us.

Christmas probably won't be a perfect day, but the Savior is perfect. He loved us enough to lower Himself to be born where the animals eat, so surely, we can show His love to someone else! The Savior has been born to us and He is Jesus Christ. This week is more than a celebration of His birth – it's also a celebration of His life. Jesus has died for us and taken our sins away.

Behold the Lamb of God has taken all our sins away. Let's reflect on what Jesus has done for us.

### Affordable Health Screenings Coming To Warsaw, Missouri



Residents living in and around the Warsaw, Missouri can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Warsaw Community Building will host this community event on 1/6/2025. The site is located at 181 W Harrison St in Warsaw.

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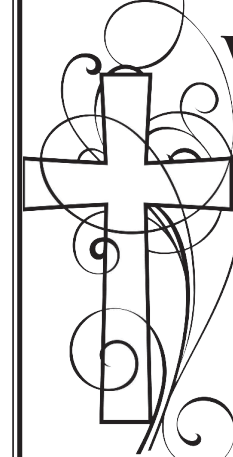
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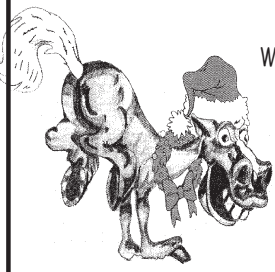
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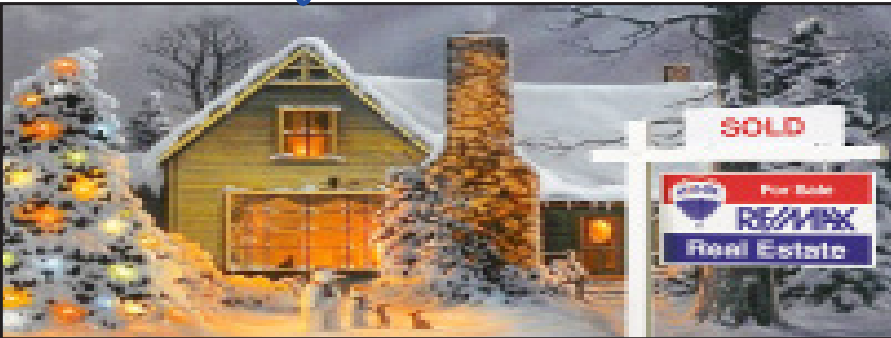
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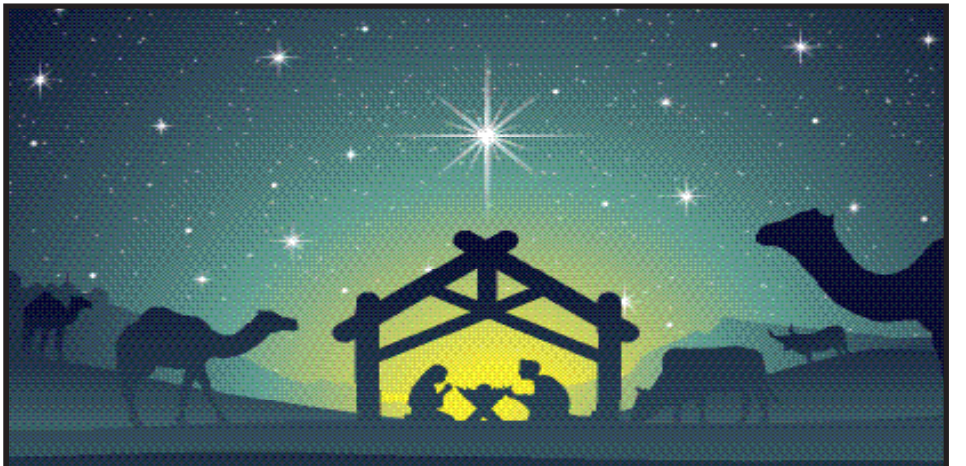
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