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Here's Looking At You! The County's Top Stories Of 2024

By
Anita Campbell
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As the year 2024 comes to an end, we at the *Benton County Enterprise* flipped back through the pages of the paper this year to look at the top stories of the year.

As the year 2024 began, Randy Pogue, Warsaw City Administrator, was named Person of the Year by the *Benton County Enterprise*. He was the third person to be honored with this fairly new annual award for accomplishments in the community that promote the health and well-being of its citizens.

In January 2024, Warsaw resident Rick Bibb approached the city about donating a dollar for every dollar donated by the community for Phase II of the Drake Harbor playground project, with a limit of \$300,000 in matching funds.

Organizations, businesses, and individuals were also jumping in to raise funds for Phase II of the playground project. With continued support from the community, it is possible to raise a total of \$600,000 or more.

"The design will continue the riverboat theme from Phase I," said Randy Pogue, City of Warsaw Administrator, who



HAPPY NEW YEAR from the staff of the Benton County Enterprise. We are, back row (L to R): Steve Yach, Dylan James Bartlett, Adam Dean Howe and James Mahlon White; and front row: John Marshall Caswell, Cindy Grotz, Stephanie Adair, Dianne Peck and Johnie Logue. Not pictured: Anita Campbell, Judy Kramer, Joyce Coates and Kim Fugate. As we enter our 146th year of service, we extend a heartfelt thanks for making us a part of your lives each week.

submitted a grant request to Missouri State Parks which resulted in building Phase I of the \$226,169 playground.

From 1988 to 1995, Warsaw Wildcats football was arguably the top Class 2 program in the state, winning state championships in 1990 and 1993, and reaching the MSHSAA Final Four five

other times throughout those eight seasons.

For those reasons, that era for the program was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame as members of its 2024 enshrinement class at a ceremony and banquet held at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E-Plex in

Springfield in February.

The Warsaw contingent was led by Randy Morrow, former 'Cats boss and already a Hall of Famer himself after being inducted with the Class of 2011.

Other coaches making their own appearance included: Bill Ramsey, Loren Burke, Randy Bloess, Tony Berry,

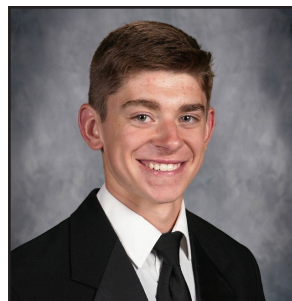
Brent Depee, Matt Bohanon and Steve Miller.

Also in February, Warsaw's Jayce Estes won the 2024 MSHSAA Wrestling Championships where he went undefeated through his bracket to finish his season with an overall record of 38-4 and a Class 1 state championship in the

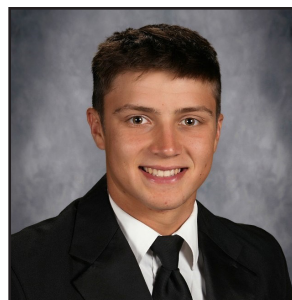
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Warsaw Seniors Deckard, Murrell One Step Closer To Military Dream

Jaxson Deckard and Drake Murrell, seniors at Warsaw High School, have achieved a significant milestone in their pursuit of acceptance into a United States Military Service Academy. Both Deckard and Murrell recently received the prestigious Principal Nomination from U.S. Congressman Mark Alford, the representative for Missouri's 4th congressional district.



JAXSON DECKARD



DRAKE MURRELL

Earlier this year, Congressman Alford visited Warsaw High School during his Congressional town hall tour, where he engaged with the community and emphasized his commitment to supporting local students and their aspirations.

The Principal Nomination is a highly selective and

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Best Of Benton County Shines Spotlight On Local Businesses

By
Kim Fugate
County
Reporter

The *Benton County Enterprise* First Annual Best Of Benton County Awards is well underway. This event is crafted to cast a spotlight on the standout businesses and service professionals that render our county a haven for both residents and visitors.

The Best of Benton County Awards will highlight the relentless commitment, and unwavering dedication that local businesses weave into the fabric of our economy.

Here's how it works!

1. Nomination Phase (December 11-31, 2024):

We embark on our journey of celebrating local excellence by inviting you to nominate your favorite



VOTING IS UNDERWAY for the Best of Benton County. Visit bentoncountyenterprise.com or the Benton County Enterprise on facebook and follow the link.

Benton County businesses across a diverse array of categories. Make your way to our Facebook page or website bentoncountyenterprise.com to submit your nominations.

2. Voting Round (January

1-31, 2025):

After the nomination period, we transition to the voting phase. This pivotal moment offers you the opportunity to back your favorites and play a

crucial role in determining the champions of Benton County.

3. Awards Ceremony (Winners Revealed February 06, 2025):

At the top moment of our event, we'll celebrate the winners by giving them special signs to display at their places. We'll have an exclusive award ceremony to recognize their achievements and bring everyone together to celebrate what they've done.

Details on that event will be announced at a later date.

"We're excited to bring the First Annual "Best of Benton County" and highlight the incredible people and businesses we have here," commented Enterprise Publisher James White.

Meagan Petersen of the Warsaw Area Chamber of Commerce commented, "As

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Cole Camp & Warsaw Libraries More Than Books, Rich In History



"FRIGATES TO FARAWAY LANDS," the libraries in Cole Camp and Warsaw Continue their long mission to serve the citizens of Benton County. Karen Kitelinger visited the Warsaw facility on Monday.



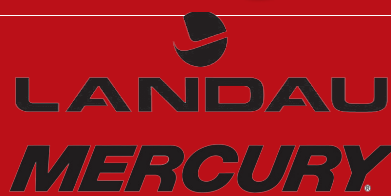
By
Dianne Peck
County
Reporter

Preface: I grew up attending the one-room school in Edmonson, located in the Ozark Hills of Benton County. The school had one meager

book case of reading material that had to serve all eight grades. I loved to read, so I read what was available over and over again. When the Boonslick Library came to Benton County in 1958, they established a branch located on Main Street in Warsaw on the south side

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Community Calendar

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 6, 2025: The Benton County Republican Women's Club will meet at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, 121 Locust St. Doors open at 6:30 PM; the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. All Republican women are welcome!

JANUARY 7, 2025: The Benton County Youth Coalition will meet on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Warsaw Methodist Church.

JANUARY 9, 2025: The Benton County Republican Central Committee will meet at 6:00 PM on January 9 at the Warsaw Library. Benton County Recorder, Carla Brown, will be our guest speaker. Mrs. Brown will talk about property fraud and the various deeds used to transfer property ownership. This meeting is open to the public and is invited to attend.

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.

FEBRUARY 8, 2025: The Cole Camp Branch invites YOU to show off your souping chops at our Second Annual Soup Off! Free to Eat and Vote, Free to Enter! Boonslick Regional Library Cole Camp Branch, Saturday, February 8 at 5:30 PM. Rules: 1) Open to all public ages 16+, 2) Cooks/chefs must register by January 5 by 2:00 PM, 3) Must submit cook's name, name of soup, and recipe card, 4) Cooks must bring at least 1 large pot of their soup to be "tasted" by the public, crock pot preferred, bowls and spoons provided, Prizes for two categories 1. crowd favorite 2. Chefs Favorite, For more information, call (660) 827-7027 ext 2.

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.



By Lonnie Candara Taylor



Potato Waffles

waffle iron) and spread evenly. Cook on medium until nicely browned and cooked through, about 5 minutes. Repeat with remaining potato mixture. Serve waffles topped with sour cream, chopped green onions, and crisp-cooked bacon, crumbled

A Message FROM THE MAYOR

A big thank-you goes out to the aldermen of Cole Camp who spent hours working on the lift station on Spring Street on December 23. Late in the afternoon a citizen called City Hall to report that water was gushing from the pump and out into the ditch. Without hesitation Dave Locke checked on the problem and contacted Roy Wagner to help him assess the situation. Jeremiah Crider, the sewer commissioner, arrived as soon as he was off work and Steve Knox joined them as soon as he was back in town from his job. They contacted Bob Beesom from the Ionia Water District to advise them of what needed to be done. With everyone pitching in to help they were able to pump the liquid out of the pump station and let it begin to dry out so it could be repaired. They were there from before dark until about 10:30 p.m. The next day they located a used part and used it to fix the pump. Because

of their loyalty to the City and their sense of responsibility, none of the citizens of Cole Camp had sewage backing up from their sewer lines or raw sewage running across their property. Obviously, we are in the process of replacing those pumps so this does not happen again. So, if you had any doubts about how these men earn their pay, this is a prime example. All the Aldermen/women are looking out for the welfare of the citizens of Cole Camp every day. If you see one of them, they deserve a thank-you.

The Board of Aldermen and the City Clerk, Dawn Paul, have worked many hours to amend the FY2024 Budget and prepare the FY2025 budget. We ensured that the budget for FY2024 balanced as required by law despite unexpected expenses that occurred during the year. There are some large expenses to be incurred during FY2025 to bring the sewer plant up to standards as well. A clarifier has been ordered because one of the two we now have is not working properly and cannot be repaired again. As stated above, the lift station on Spring St. must be replaced in 2025. Most of this equipment has been functioning since the 1970's with the help of the Public Works Department repairing it as needed, but it will need to be replaced in future years. We will space out the replacements as much as possible so that we can avoid emergency situations in the future and not bring excessive expense to the city.

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(Continued from Page 1) someone who loves this community, I am pleased to be able to showcase the outstanding businesses and the individuals that make these businesses a local treasure. This is the time for the community show these businesses and their employees how much they mean to us."

And Jo Ann Lane, Benton County's Economic Development Director stated, "There are so many great businesses in Benton County. It's always exciting when local businesses get recognized. The "Best of Benton County" is a fantastic way to highlight all the hard work and dedication that goes into making the community thrive. Hopefully, the recognition brings even more attention and support to the amazing businesses in the area. It's definitely a great opportunity for everyone to show their appreciation. Voting can really make a difference! Nominate your favorites today!"

Following the closure of nominations, the top three nominees will be unveiled in a new survey for public voting, culminating in an award ceremony to honor the winners. The *Benton County Enterprise* will then extend invitations to each nominated business, offering them a chance to be spotlighted in a special first annual Best of Benton County feature promotion.

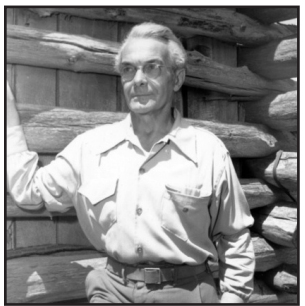
Make your voice heard and vote at bentoncountyenterprise.com and click on the link or visit The Enterprise Facebook page. Best of luck to all nominees!

LIBRARY

(Continued from Page 1) of the courthouse. When my family made our trip to town twice a month, I requested to be left at the library and while my parents tended to business, I selected the large sack of books I would take home to enjoy for the next two weeks.

I was a little akin to a starving man that had just found his way into a gourmet kitchen where all the food was free. I gorged myself on Hemingway, Steinbeck and all the histories I could find time to read and it was glorious. As deprived of good reading materials as I thought I had been, I was brought up short when I learned about the good people on Mount Sherman in Newton County, Missouri and how one man singlehandedly made books available to them.

Ted Richmond had been born in Nebraska in 1890, the son of a pioneer doctor. As a young man, he served in WWI, but when he returned home, he attended Iowa Business College and then went on to the University of Chicago. He eventually found his way to the Ozarks and worked for the folklorist, Otto Ernest Rayburn, helping publish the magazine *Ozark Life*.



JAMES TED RICHMOND

When the publication sold in 1931, he moved to Mount Sherman in Newton County. He homesteaded 150 acres in the hills and named his newly constructed home, "Wildcat cabin" in honor of the boat that followed him when he selected his building site.

Richmond soon began lending his Bible to his neighbors who wanted to read it and had none of their own. This made him realize the need for reading material and he began a letter writing campaign requesting book and magazine donations. Soon, books and magazines

came pouring into the small post office in Plumlee, Missouri and Richmond found himself carrying them home in a backpack to his Wildcat cabin. In the ensuing years, he had donations from all over, and from some very notable people, including Eleanor Roosevelt.

Richmond was concerned about the libraries future if he wasn't around to keep it functioning so he had it incorporated and put an Advisory Council in place to protect it. By 1952, word of the "hillbilly library" reached a freelance writer who put together a story for the "Saturday Evening Post." It was not a flattering article to the local residents and depicted Richmond as a man "trudging through the wilderness with a backpack of books". Although the story had not been flattering to Richmond himself, or the area, it was free press that made the world aware of the scarcity of books in the Ozarks.

The first known library in Benton County was organized by the Women's Improvement Society in about 1910. With Mrs. E.M. White as its president, the women established a free book circulating system in an upstairs office room of the old bank of Warsaw at the southeast corner of Main and Van Buren Streets. Members took turns keeping the library open on specified afternoons. It closed when the Improvement Society disbanded.

For about three years, beginning in 1930, the E. T. Robbins Drug Store maintained a paid circulation library. Then in 1933, a public library was set up by the McCormick Book Club. It was located in one of the small juror's rooms in the Circuit Court in the Benton County Courthouse. Books were donated by citizens to a committee spearheaded by Miss Florence Hudson, an English teacher at the school. She often served as a librarian alongside Miss Genevieve Drake and Mrs. George Huse.

The library remained in its cramped quarters in the court room until the construction of the Warsaw Community Building in 1936. It was then moved into a front room at the entrance of that building. Miss Drake remained as the librarian, assisted by Mrs. Joe White and a Board of Directors.

In 1934, Mrs. Mahlon N. White and Mrs. E.T Robbins had circulated petitions for a small tax to be used to pay a librarian and other expenses of a Warsaw Public library.

In 1958, arrangements were made for the Boonslick Library to place a demonstration project in Benton County. This continued for one year and then the county voted to become part of the Boonslick Regional network for regular service. The library was located in the Neff Building, across from the courthouse and other services included a bookmobile to several areas in the county.

The Warsaw Public Library donated their books to Boonslick and a one mill sales tax was passed to become a permanent part of Boonslick Regional that was located in Cooper, Pettis and now Benton Counties.

By 1960, they had moved to a new building behind the Roxy Theater on Washington Street. It had other locations over time until it moved into the present location on Commercial and Jackson Streets, and the services have continued to grow.

In the early 1970's, several citizens in Cole Camp inquired about the possibility of establishing a branch library in Cole Camp. The community had been served by the bookmobile since the 1950's and it had always been one of the most popular and heavily used

stops the bookmobile had.

By March of 1973, talks and planning had begun in earnest, the effort being spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce. They had received advice and projected start up costs from Richard Parker. They had decided to rent a building on Main Street that had been a dry cleaning establishment (now Farmers Mutual Insurance) and made a deal. The owner remodeled the location, and the chamber donated \$500 toward the projected start up money. They petitioned the county court for \$1,500 from federal funding and were given \$1,000, then the City of Cole Camp gave \$500.

The Jaycees contributed money for chairs and tables and the Jaycee wives contributed the drapes. Mayor Henry Vogler donated a chair and a desk and many other residents contributed physical labor and moral support.

Mrs. Patricia Beckman was hired as the librarian out of 25 applications for the job. The Cole Camp location of Boonslick Regional Library opened on November 9, 1973, at 1:00 PM. The hours were Tuesday-Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Later, the library moved closer into the downtown until Mrs. Mildred Junge and her daughter, Carol June Loomis constructed and donated the present day structure on West Main. It was gifted to the town by Mrs. Junge and Mrs. Loomis and is designated as the Junge Memorial Library to honor the Junge family, one of the early settlers of the area and to ensure the town of Cole Camp will always have its very own source of books and learning.

Thank goodness they have made that an actuality and made Emily Dickinson's thought always possible, as Ms. Dickinson once wrote, "There is no Frigate like a book to take us to lands far away."

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(Continued from Page 1) uncommon method used by only a small number of Congressional offices—approximately 10 out of 535 Representatives and Senators. Unlike the competitive nomination process, a Principal Nomination guarantees acceptance into a service academy for nominees who meet the minimum qualifications.

Deckard and Murrell exemplify the qualities sought by service academies, with proven track records of academic excellence, leadership, athletic achievements, and community service. Both students are multi-sport athletes, rank at the top of their class, and are active in their churches and local communities. This remarkable honor reflects their hard work, dedication, and potential as future leaders of our country.

Jaxson and Drake are now awaiting final confirmation of acceptance into their respective service academies. Both of these young men give credit to their large support system for helping them accomplish this honor that brings them one step closer to their ultimate goal of being accepted into a United States Military Service Academy and serving our country.

Lincoln Wins At W-K Shootout With Romp Of Concordia

By Johnie Logue, Sports

What difference a year can make as the Lincoln boys basketball team is healthy this season, and with a deep bench, to boot.

On Saturday, December 28, the boys in red traveled to State Fair Community College in Sedalia for a 56-24 romp over Concordia as part of the W-K Holiday Shootout.

Riley Sanders, coming off an injury that plagued him all summer, led the Cardinals with 15 points in the game as Lincoln jumped out to a 15-8 first period lead and led 29-15 at the half.

Cardinals head coach Tyler Burke prides his team on defense and saw his team put the game out of reach in the third quarter with a 21-7 burst to lead 49-21.

Burke unloaded his bench throughout the contest and overwhelmed Concordia in the second half.

Lincoln had ten players in the scoring column for the contest compared to just four for Concordia.

The fourth period was low scoring with a 6-2 advantage for the Lincoln faithful.

Lincoln is now 8-1 and Concordia fell to 4-4 on the season.

LINCOLN (56): Sanders, 15; Cole, 8; Rutherford, 2; Parrott, 6; Koll, 4; Srader, 3; Harms, 4; Goosen, 2; Eckhoff, 7; Benham, 5.

CONCORDIA (24): Fiene, 13; Hon, 2; Proege, 6; Langerkohr, 3.

Lady Cards Lose To Concordia At W-K Shootout

By Johnie Logue, Sports

On Saturday, the Lincoln Lady Cardinals lost 40-30 to Concordia at the W-K

Holiday Shootout held at State Fair Community College in Sedalia.

Lincoln fell behind, 13-6 after one and never could recover. It was 19-12 at the half and 37-23 after three.

The bright spot for Lincoln was freshman Lily Mellen, who had 16 to lead the Lady Cardinals. However, her sister, senior Alyssa Mellen, was held in check with just four points. The other huge factor was that Lincoln only had four girls in the scoring column.

Olivia Hemme had 17 for Concordia to lead all scorers.

Lincoln fell to 5-5 and Concordia moved to 4-2.

LINCOLN (30): Helland, 5; A. Mellen, 4; L. Mellen, 16; Eckhoff, 5.

CONCORDIA (40): Hemme, 17; Oetting, 5; Roepe, 2; Inman, 2; Gard, 7; Maggart, 2; Muellen, 11.

Lincoln Junior High Wins Host Tournament

By Johnie Logue, Sports

The undefeated Lincoln Junior High basketball team is loaded with talent. They defeated Stover in early December in the finals, 34-26 to claim the Lincoln Tournament Championship

in fine fashion.

Lincoln head coach Will Lynde benched his starters at the outset in order to motivate his team. They trailed 5-3 after one as both teams struggled on the offensive end of things. With the front line boys on the court in the second quarter, the Cardinals charged back to lead 18-12 at the break.

Lincoln maintained their 6 point lead after three at 24-18 but the fourth quarter was a different story. Stover cut the lead to 26-24 to the delight of a vocal Stover crowd.

However, on this night, the boys from Lincoln were up to the challenge and extended their lead as the game wore on. The key blow was a nice pass at half court against a full court press from Brooks Heimsoth to an open Benton Paxton for a quick lay up to make it 33-26 with 19 seconds on the clock. Paxton led all scorers with 16 points.

Lincoln beat Cole Camp 43-20 and Windsor 31-21 in pool play and Green Ridge 48-27 to get to the finals.

LINCOLN (34): Heimsoth, 4; Paxton, 16; Komm, 3; Duncan, 7; Cole, 4.

STOVER (26): Sidebottom, 7; Martin, 2; Welpon, 2; Knight, 8; Clay, 3; Baker, 4.



LINCOLN'S Zack Cole, the smallest play on the court, seals the victory and the championship for Lincoln with a free throw with 6.6 seconds on the clock. Lincoln beat Stover, 34-26 to win the Lincoln Junior High Tournament.

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With Healthy Roster, Lincoln Wins Otterville Holiday Classic Tournament



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.



By
Johnnie Logue
Sports
Reporter

The second seeded Lincoln Cardinals defeated fifth seeded Hermitage 59-41 to win the 30th Annual Otterville Holiday Classic Tournament. A sizable Lincoln crowd braved the chilly elements last Saturday night to watch their team take home the coveted trophy.

Lincoln's superior size and bench strength proved too much for the sharp shooters from Hermitage.

Hermitage had knocked off the number one seed Praire Home on Friday to earn their chance in the title game.

With the return of injured players, juniors Riley Sanders and Dawson Parrott, the Cardinals are

one player short of being at full strength for the first time in two years. Senior Cam Everhart hopes to play in the near future, giving Cardinals head coach Tyler Burke the deepest roster the Cardinals have had in recent years. Everhart will give the team some extra floor leadership and coolness under pressure that they need.

Hermitage bombed from the outside to lead 15-11 after one. Lincoln led at the half, 28-24 on the strength of their height advantage and deeper bench.

In the third, the Cardinals took command and led 46-32. In the fourth, Lincoln worked the clock with ball control looking for an open layup to the frustration of their opponents.

Sanders' three 3-pointer's in the third helped to bust the game open. He led all scorers with 19 points. Cash

Turner from Hermitage, who was held to just five points in the championship game, received the tournament MVP on the boy's side.

The Cardinals received a big scare in the first round as they just nipped Iberia, 53-50 in a tougher game than expected. They defeated Smithton, 51-42 in the semifinal matchup. They are now 7-1 and the 44-42 loss to Skyline in the finals of the tournament at Warsaw looms even larger. They have challenges coming up, but if they can remain healthy, they can be as good as they want to be.

LINCOLN (59): Sanders, 19; Cole, 3; Young, 2; Parrott, 4; Koll, 2; Srader, 10; Benham, 13; Harms, 3; Eckhoff, 3.

HERMITAGE (41): Earwood, 11; Turner, 5; Weathas, 6; Whittle, 9; Wheeler, 6; Sawyer, 4.

Husong went on to play for Evangel College from 1962-1966 and became their all-time leading scorer with 1,265 points. His record stood for 12 years.

This reporter talked to Mr. Husong a couple of times on the phone and we texted back-and-forth. He was a joy to visit with and is a member of the WHS basketball Hall of Fame.

Our prayers go out to his family.

For a complete obituary, please see page 15 of this edition of the *Benton County Enterprise*.

Ladycats Take Third Place At Weaubleau's Doug Loehr Holiday Classic

By
Adam Howe, Sports

The Ladycats quickness was just too much for Lacquey as Warsaw used their most convincing win of the season to take the third place prize on Saturday at the 2024 Doug Loehr Holiday Classic basketball tournament in Weaubleau, 69-19.

The Ladycats held Lacquey to just one field goal in the first half, taking a 44-6 lead into the locker room at halftime, behind Keira Mostaffa's 20 first half points.

A 25-13 margin in the second half was good enough for Warsaw to cruise to the 69-19 final and secure their second trophy of the 2024-25 season in as many events.

Mostaffa led the scoring for the Ladycats with 20. Tanna Howe had 17 for the Ladycats while Jenna Gerken also jumped in with 10.

WARSAW (69): K. Mostaffa, 20; M. Slavens, 9; R. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 2; T. Howe, 17; S. Miller, 5; J. Bilderback, 6; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 0; J. Gerken, 10.

LACQUEY (19): A. West, 13; M. Matthies, 1; S. Denny, 2; L. Thier, 1; A. Shubert, 0; T. Barnett, 2; R. Gayer, 0; M. Sapp, 0; M. Shubert, 0; J. Atkins, 0; C. Martin, 0.

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Warsaw dropped to the third place game after a 56-36 loss to Osceola in the semifinal round on Friday.

Another slow start doomed the Ladycats from the get-go as they fell behind 20-7 at the end of the first. A strong second period got Warsaw back in it at 27-20, but the Lady Indians pulled away in the second half with the 56-36 final.

Tanna Howe led Warsaw with 11 points.

WARSAW (36): K. Mostaffa, 7; I. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 3; R. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 1; T. Howe, 11; S. Miller, 5; J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 0; J. Gerken, 9.

OSCEOLA (56): R. Snider, 0; B. Belisle, 4; L. Shoemaker, 4; R. Cameron, 0; L. Uchtman, 18; G. Colby, 15; S. Hendrickson, 0; B. Rollins, 5; L. Crowder, 2; T. Wood, 8.

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In the opening round of the tournament on Thursday, Warsaw got their most balanced scoring output of the season as four players

notched double figures in a 61-24 drubbing of Conway.

Warsaw led 17-6 after one and 32-13 at the half.

A 21 point output in the third quarter, much thanks to a 12-0 run to start the half, extended the Ladycats lead to 53-19 before the clock started running in the final period of the 61-24 final.

Tanna Howe paced the Warsaw offense with 15. Keira Mostaffa tossed in 12 and 10 apiece were added by Maylee Slavens and Jenna Gerken.

WARSAW (61): K. Mostaffa, 12; I. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 10; R. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 7; T. Howe, 15; S. Miller, 5; J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 2; J. Gerken, 10.

CONWAY (24): G. Emmons, 2; A. Richardson, 1; A. Hughes, 10; K. Wilson, 2; A. Petersen, 1; Z. Buttram, 0; M. Thompson, 5; L. Judy, 0; H. Doehring, 3; M. Weeks, 0; C. Elam, 0; O. Rumpfelt, 0; E. Davis, 0.



Bluebirds Clipped By St. Paul Lutheran At W-K Shootout

By
Johnnie Logue, Sports

Back on Saturday, December 21, the Cole Camp boys traveled to State Fair Community College in Sedalia to play St. Paul as part of this year's W-K Holiday Shootout.

The Bluebirds, coming off their first win of season, fell to St. Paul Lutheran by a final score of 48-33. The loss sent their overall record to just 1-6 for the season.

Tate Kriesel ran wild with 25 points for the Saints. Only four players scored for the victors who led 17-9 after one and 28-14 at halftime. Lutheran held a 38-22 after three.

Cole Camp's Kolby Bohon was held scoreless as he was hampered with four fouls. Kolton Phillips stepped up with 11, but the Bluebirds offense just never could get on track.

St. Lutheran improved their record to 6-2.

COLE CAMP (33): Phillips, 11; Dieckman, 6; Clark, 6; Abey, 5; Peterson, 5.

ST. PAUL (48): Kriesel, 25; Sheets, 11; Heins, 1; Galley, 11.

Turnovers Plague Lady Bluebirds In Loss At W-K Holiday Shootout

By
Johnnie Logue, Sports

State Fair Community College in Sedalia was the home to the W-K Holiday Shootout on Saturday, December 21, between the Cole Camp Lady Bluebirds and St. Paul Lutheran.

The girls from northern Benton County fell 41-25 after a slow first quarter of just putting three points on the board, trailing 9-3.

Cole Camp made a comeback to cut the lead to 19-16 at the half but a huge third quarter from St. Lutheran buried the Lady Bluebirds at 32-20.

The turnover margin was 25-14 and points off turnovers were 23-6, in favor of St. Paul.

Katherine Timoshchuk was 2 for 3 from the field

and 3 for 4 from the line to lead the Lady Bluebirds with 7 points.

With the loss, Cole Camp dropped to 2-6 while St. Paul improved to 5-4 on the season.

COLE CAMP (29): Thayer, 5; Whitworth, 2; Timoshchuk, 7; Moellman, 5; Ogle, 5; Hesse, 3; Moore-Allison, 2.

ST. PAUL (41): Bobzin, 9; Fahracur, 13; Anderson, 6; Woods, 11; Hartwig, 2.

'Cats' Estes Takes First At Battle At Katy Trail

By
Adam Howe, Sports

Warsaw Wildcats wrestling recorded their highest finish as teams for both the girl's and boy's squads at last weekend's Battle at the Katy Trail held at the Matthewson Center on the fairgrounds in Sedalia.

Wildcats junior Jayce Estes went a perfect 6-0, taking first place in his weight class. Estes is a reigning state champion.

Izabella Schierholz and Emmersyn Miskell placed for the girls while Sean Reinertsen (5th), Drake Murrell (3rd) and Josh Harvath (3rd) also made the podium for the boy's.

Girls
Team: 20th
Lilliana Perez, 0-2
Izabella Schierholz, 2-2, 4th Place (Medalist)
Emmersyn Miskell, 3-2, 6th Place (Medalist)
Alysia Yoder, 0-2
Elizabeth Phillips, 1-2
Naomi Yoder, 2-3
Leigha Coons, 0-2
Brooklyn Jackman, 3-2

Boys
Team: 9th
Jayce Estes, 6-0, 1st (Medalist)
Kaiman Reser, 2-4
Sean Reinertsen, 5-2, 5th (Medalist)
Isaac Daughenbaugh, 0-4
Johrdan Decker, 4-4
Brecken Brewster, 1-4
D'Angelo Ramirez, 2-2
Bostyn Wilson, 5-3
Drake Murrell, 7-1, 3rd (Medalist)
Josh Harvath, 6-1, 3rd (Medalist)
Jayce Depriest, 4-4
Isaac Henderson, 3-3

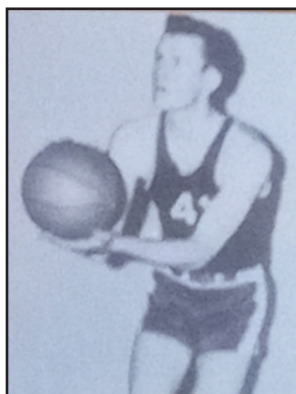
Lady Cardinals Bring Home Consolation From Otterville Tourney



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 Tuscumbia, 49-36 and Hermitage, 46-39.

Warsaw Basketball Legend Jim Husong Passes Away At 80

By
Johnnie Logue, Sports



Former Warsaw basketball star Jim Husong of Sedalia, died Tuesday at the age of 80 at the University of Missouri-Columbia hospital.

The local coffee drinkers argue that he was the very best to ever play for WHS. Some interesting facts and stories include that he broke wrists his junior year in a car accident which changed him from being an outside bomber to playing inside where, on many nights, he was unstoppable. He loved to drive the lane and some believe that if Warsaw would have had a football team, he would have also been one if the greatest Wildcats fullbacks ever.

Husong still holds the WHS all-time single game scoring record of 56 points at California. A few days later, he scored 50 against Cole Camp in Warsaw. He averaged 27.0 points per game in 1962, and is second only to fellow legend Bobby Barnes who leads that category at 28.5.

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113-pound weight class. The 2024 paddlefish snagging season was off to a great start after an angler reeled in a world record fish at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Over 250 people attended the 51st annual Benton County Historical Society Banquet held at St. Ann Catholic Church near Warsaw on Thursday evening, April 4.

During the evening, attendees placed bids on items offered for the silent auction. A live auction was held after dinner with Larry Drenon Auction providing their services.

Deputies were notified at 4:30 PM on Saturday, April 13, 2024, that an assault occurred in the parking lot of Dollar General located at 14633 Highway 7, in rural Warsaw.

According to the victim, Troy Mays 59, the suspect, David Meddings, 58, allegedly attacked him while he was sitting in the passenger seat of a friend's vehicle. Both suspect and victim left the scene and returned to their respective residences on Fairview Drive in Bent Tree Harbor.

It was standing room only in the WHS gym in April as folks young and old from all over the county and surrounding areas came to watch the popular KY3 First Alert Weather Tour presentation. The many in attendance stood in line to meet meteorologist's Ron Hearst and Brandon Beck, as well as popular news anchors Lisa Rose and Paul Adler and other KY3 personalities.

The weather tour was brought to WHS through the efforts of KY3 early news producer Makayla Mais, a 2017 graduate of WHS.

A Benton County resident was killed in an accident at Missouri 7 Highway near the West Dam Access Road intersection on April 27 at 7:52 PM.

The crash occurred as a 2005 Ford F250 driven by Craig A. Ralston, 52, of Matteson, IL travelled off the right side of the roadway. Ralston overcorrected which caused the vehicle to overturn. The vehicle then travelled off the left side of the roadway and overturned.

A passenger in the truck, Walter R. Spooner, 64, of Warsaw, was pronounced dead at the scene by Benton County Coroner Weston Miller. Miller was assisted by J.W. Miller.

Also in April, the Benton County Food Pantry was currently experiencing food shortages according to Susan Sullivan, president of the BCFP Board.

The Food Bank works with more than 145 partner agencies across a 32-county service area to provide food assistance to any person who needs it. The Warsaw Police Department and 9-1-1 presented six-year-old Myracle Fitzpatrick a small Hero Medallion and a certificate for a job well done at a ceremony held on April 19, at North Elementary School. She called 9-1-1 when she and her dog were alone with her mother who passed out while helping Myracle with her homework. She provided details and her address to the 911 Dispatcher and remained calm while EMTs hurried to her house.

A Benton County deputy risked his life to save a woman whose car was swept into the high water of Deer Creek near Hastain in southern Benton County during the storm on April 29.

Although he was not sure where the woman was, Deputy Markus Burns went into the water following the sound of her screams.

He spotted her clinging to a tree. He had to convince her just to let go.

The Thirty-third Annual Warsaw R-9/Warsaw Chamber of Commerce Academic Banquet was held on May 2 with honor

students and parents filling the gymnasium.

After the meal, Warsaw High School Principal Danny Morrison introduced the speaker for the evening, David Lemon. Lemon, a 1998 graduate of WHS, has been the chief revenue officer at Archer Technologies in Kansas City for many years. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri with an engineering degree.

Next Superintendent Genes presented retired Warsaw R-9 instructors Bob and Linda Lemon the Warsaw School District Service Award for 2024.

Barry Pabst replaced Linda Viebrock as the new director of the Benton County Health Department as of May 1, 2024. Viebrock, who has worked for the BCHD since 1975, has retired.

Lincoln High School held their graduation on Donnelly Field on Friday, May 10. Thirty-nine seniors received their diplomas.

One of the speakers at the event was Lexie Dulaban, valedictorian of the Class of '24.

The salutatorian of the LHS Class of 2024 was Kindle Bartley.

Also in May, speakers at the 2024 Warsaw High School graduation included the top two graduates of the class, Alyson Alcantara and Erin Goodpaster.

Up before the sun rose, Warsaw R-9 School District bus driver J.D. Findley took his last drive as a school bus driver on May 16 with his usual load of children from ages 5 to 18. A bus driver for Warsaw R-9 for 46 years, Findley delivered school children safely to and from school from the southern part of the district to South Elementary and on to Warsaw High School.

In June, all the Jubilee Days events went off without a hitch as the 57th annual celebration drew big crowds.

Karly Keele was crowned as the 57th Warsaw Jubilee Days Queen.

Riley Nevius was crowned as the 2024 Jubilee Days Princess.

Jubilee Days chairman Chuck Allcorn presented Mary Shinn with the John Wiest Award for her many years of service to the Jubilee Days celebration during the Queen and Princess contest.

Enterprise Reporter Homer May passed away on June 14, just shy of his 91st birthday as the result of a car accident.

Homer began writing for the Enterprise in 1999 and was a fixture at city board meetings in Warsaw, Lincoln and Cole Camp.

Goetze Bros. Carpet and Furniture in Stover has served the area since 1969, and recently expanded into Warsaw with the grand opening of Goetze Bros. Carpet on June 15.

The City of Warsaw announced that Jason Wenberg accepted the role filling the vacancy for the position of Police Chief.

The Cole Camp Jaycees held their Third annual MSTPA pulling event at the Antique Tractor Farm grounds on Saturday, July 6.

Warsaw resident Rich Chiles was named as the new Operations Project Manager of Harry S. Truman Dam & Reservoir. Chiles began his career at HTDR in 1990 while attending college at Missouri State University.

After graduation, Chiles worked at Bull Shoals Lake in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Later he transferred to Carlyle Lake in Illinois.

Warsaw native Amelia Roberts represented Missouri in the Miss United States Agriculture pageant in Enterprise, Alabama, July 11 through July 13.

On July 18 at 10:41 PM, Benton County Central Dispatch was notified of a stabbing that had just

occurred at 33035 KK Highway, a rural Warsaw address. Deputies arrived to find Douglas E. Roberts, 55, a resident of the address, sitting on his wife, Pamela E. Roberts, 55, also of the residence.

Douglas stated his wife Pamela stabbed him in the back two times with a large camping knife after he returned from walking by the lake with his dog. Douglas stated his wife was enraged about him being gone for so long.

A Benton County man drowned at Lake of the Ozarks on Friday, August 9, 2024. The incident occurred around 12:00 PM near the 90-mile marker of the lake.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported that Steven F. Bucklinger, a 69-year-old man from Warsaw was fishing from his 2002 Triton boat when he fell overboard for an unknown reason. Bucklinger was not wearing a flotation device at the time of the incident.

Casey and Stephanie Ledbetter and family of Warsaw, Missouri, were among the families honored during the 67th annual Missouri Farm Family Day, Aug. 12 at the Missouri State Fair.

The Ledbetter family was selected as the Benton County Missouri Farm Family by University of Missouri Extension in Benton County and the local Farm Bureau. The family includes sons, Zane and Pace.

On September 16, the Benton County Sheriff's Office was notified of an implied threat of a shooting that would happen during the homecoming parade scheduled for 1:00 PM that day. Apparently, some juvenile friends were engaged in a group chat that began during the night of September 15. The parent of a member of the group found out about the statements and contacted the Sheriff's Office the morning of the 16th. This led to deputies going into the field to interview parents and kids before the

juvenile responsible for the statements was taken into custody at 8:50 A.M.

Also in September, a 13-6 win over Butler propelled the Warsaw Wildcats to a 7-0 overall record, which solidified their first championship in the Ozark Highlands Conference and their first outright conference title since 2009 when the Wildcats were still members of the Tri-County.

On Wednesday, October 23, after months of investigation, the Lincoln Police Department, along with the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force, and with the assistance of the Pettis County Sheriff's Office, executed a narcotics-related search warrant at 107 North Ohio Street, Lincoln, Missouri, which resulted in four people being arrested. Upon execution, officers arrested Brandon Hough 39, of Lincoln, along with Monica Morris 19, currently of Lincoln, Tiffany Morris 34, of Kansas City, and Timothy Morris, 40, of Kansas City.

The Benton County PHIL held their annual meeting Tuesday, October 22 in the Cole Camp Senior Center. The evening was a time of fellowship and refreshments topped off with the awarding of \$50,000 in grant money that benefits the youth of the county.

Pumpkinfest in Cole Camp, celebrated its fifth year and over 300 attendees toured the haunted house at RiOak. In addition to the haunted house, there were food trucks and vendors on Maple Street, along with outdoor games and Spooky stories being told down at AJ's Dairy-Bar.

In one of the more anticipated election days in recent history, voters rallied to polls on Tuesday in November and many even exploited the opportunity to exercise their right to vote early. Races at the national, state and local levels were of esteemed interest, causing a massive turnout.

Members of 4-H from across Benton County

gathered at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall on November 3 for the annual Recognition Banquet and Awards.

Missouri gives the Gold Seal as the highest rank for a 4-H Club followed by the Silver and then the Bronze Seal. This past year all three Benton County Clubs met the standards for the Gold Seal for 2023-2024: The All Rounders, Lake Creek Lamplighters and Turkey Creek Homesteaders successfully met the requirements for a Gold Seal.

All three clubs also met the Youth Service to Communities Recognition Award: All Rounders, Lake Creek Lamplighters and Turkey Creek Homesteaders all received the highest award, the Purple Seal.

In November, the father of a Benton County four-year-old girl (Jessica Mast) who died in 2020 has accepted a plea deal offered by prosecutors.

According to court officials, James Mast of Lincoln accepted a guilty plea deal to second-degree murder and first-degree assault. If Mast fully cooperates and doesn't renege on the terms of his plea agreement, his six other counts will be dismissed.

Mast will not be sentenced until co-defendant Kourtney Aumen's case is resolved. The four people charged in the case are Mary Mast and James Mast (the parents of Jessica Mast), Kourtney Aumen and Ethan Mast (no relation).

Visitors flocked to Benton County in November as the annual Missouri deer season started. Hunters in Benton County harvested 2,102 whitetails the first weekend of the season. Of those, 868 were does, 162 button bucks and 1,072 were antlered deer.

The Warsaw Playground Expansion project received the FY25 Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District Grant worth \$25,000 toward the purchase of

scrap tire safety surface material which will match the playground's current surface. The rubber safety surface material will triple the size of the play area and provide superior protection for accidental falls.

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.

Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare (GVMH) is excited to announce Melissa Howe has been promoted to Director, Warsaw Clinic.

A GVMH employee for more than 10 years, Howe began her career in retail pharmacy before becoming a Medical Assistant. For the last three years, she has been serving in a dual-capacity role — part-time Assistant Director and part-time Medical Assistant.

Also in December, WHS seniors Jaxson Deckard and Drake Murrell received Principal Nominations from U.S. Congressman Mark Alford. This remarkable achievement brings them one step closer to earning acceptance into a United States Military Service Academy.

The Lady Wildcat basketball team ended the year by taking third place in the Doug Loehr Holiday Classic Tournament. Kiera Mostaffa and Tanna Howe were selected to the All-Tournament team.

As we head into 2025, all of us here at the *Benton County Enterprise* wish you a Happy New Year and encourage you to keep up

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YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY: 9 in Warsaw, 13 in Benton County
FAMILY: Husband, Matthew; daughter, Lennox
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN BENTON COUNTY IS: The lake, and having my daughter grow up where her dad did.
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: A marine biologist
FIRST JOB: Youth center in hometown of Twenty Nine Palms, California
OCCUPATION: Paraprofessional at Warsaw R-IX Schools
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Driving across the country with my grandfather in his semi truck

THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I became a mother.
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: At Whiskey Tango, I ripped my pants while riding a mechanical bull
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Loyalty
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Not being around to watch my child grow up.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Survive in the wild. I would never make it.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Tell people "no" when they need something.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Pay off debt and build a dream home.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE: To Australia.
HOBBIES: Spending time at home and being involved in my child's extracurricular activities
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Lynyrd Skynyrd

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Labyrinth*
FAVORITE DRINK: A&W Root Beer
FAVORITE SNACK: Dry salami and crackers
FAVORITE CANDY: Peanut butter M&M's
FUTURE GOAL: Retire and move to Lake Havasu, Arizona
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: My daughter. She inspires me every day and is not afraid to try new things.
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: In 1994, buy Amazon stock!
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Never stop learning, strive to be better.



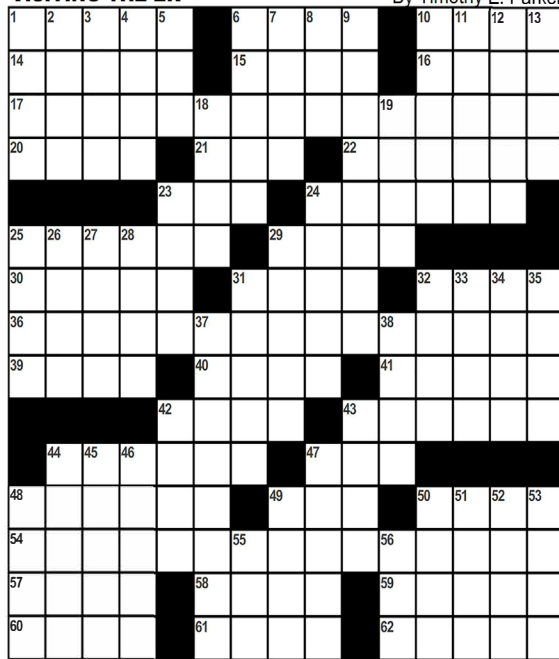
ACROSS

- 1) On one's toes
- 6) Developer's map
- 10) Hard knocks upside the head
- 14) Unusual collectible?
- 15) Grain holder on a farm
- 16) Assortment of stuff
- 17) Reward for an outstanding investor
- 20) Con
- 21) Color subtlety
- 22) Societal no-nos
- 23) Disobeyed a zoo sign?
- 24) Most like King Solomon
- 25) Flowering ornamental shrub
- 29) Exclusive
- 30) Break one of the Ten Commandments
- 31) Lass
- 32) Chickens and ducks, e.g.
- 36) Transportation choice in Chicago
- 39) Dress in India
- 40) Have confidence in (with "on")
- 41) Tractor handle?
- 42) Bulk beer purchase
- 43) Mixes smoothly
- 44) Certain iron, in golf
- 47) Sauce variety
- 48) Caterpillar case
- 49) "Eureka!" relative
- 50) On the briny
- 54) Privilege for some producers
- 57) Italian money of old
- 58) ___ out a living (barely scraped by)
- 59) Certain meat cut
- 60) "All in the Family" producer Norman
- 61) Addition column
- 62) Moms' relatives?

DOWN

- 1) Tablet brand
- 2) Hilo feast
- 3) Blows it
- 4) Irritate
- 5) Part of a Happy Meal
- 6) Prefix meaning "false"
- 7) Dietary, in ads
- 8) Late rhyming boxing champ
- 9) Mexican snack
- 10) Frigid, molded dessert
- 11) Unnatural bread spreads
- 12) Burgundy grape
- 13) Drunkards
- 18) Perlman of "Cheers"
- 19) "___ on Down the Road"
- 23) Greek cheese
- 24) Fret
- 25) Air force heroes
- 26) "J'accuse" author
- 27) Affirm
- 28) Jeans name
- 29) Emulate a crab
- 31) "Silly" birds
- 32) Hightail it
- 33) "A Prayer for ___ Meany"
- 34) Mr. Cleaver of classic TV
- 35) Caustic cleaning supplies
- 37) Thing on an HO scale
- 38) One way to stand by
- 42) Chinese dynasty during Confucius' time (var.)
- 43) Crude dude
- 44) Daring
- 45) Ghana capital
- 46) Kind of battery
- 47) Place for rakes and shovels
- 48) Kind of phone
- 49) Baker's necessity
- 50) Eastern pooh-bah
- 51) Con artist's operation
- 52) Volcano in Sicily
- 53) Tries to get an answer
- 55) Eisenhower's nickname
- 56) "Catholic" ending

VISITING THE ER



By Timothy E. Parker



Lodge #2783
 By Betty Mewszel
 Contributing Reporter

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

Dining at The Lodge:

January 3, Breakfast for Dinner Buffet, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, \$10

January 9, Burgers w/Fries \$8, or Hot Dogs w/Fries \$6, Served Noon-2:30 PM

January 10, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Burgers w/Fries \$7, Hot Dogs w/Fries \$6, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

January 16, Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches w/ Fries or Chili w/Corbread, \$7, Noon-2:30 PM

January 17, Pork Tenderloin Dinner \$12, Pork Tenderloin Sandwich w/Fries \$10, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

January 23, Ham & Beans or Chicken and Dumplings Noon-2:30 PM, \$7

January 24, Chili or Soup and Sandwich, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, \$10

January 30, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Noon-2:30 PM, \$8

January 31, Cheese Manicotti w/Seafood Sauce or Chicken Marsala over Angel Hair Pasta, both served w/Salad and Breadstick, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, \$12

The lodge has several regular activities during the week.

Tuesday is Shuffleboard at 1:00 PM, Wednesday is Darts at 6:00 PM, and The Lodge Boys play Thursday at 1:00 PM. Stop by and join in the fun and meet some new friends!

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

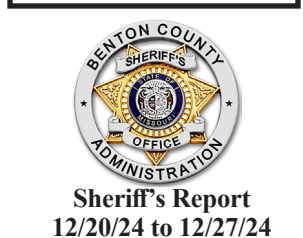
It's not too late to sign up for the Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 Crawl. It is scheduled for January 25, 2025. The crawl will leave our parking lot at 9:00 AM in a 56-passenger deluxe coach driven by a Village Travel driver. We will first go to the Springfield lodge, then the Bolivar lodge and the 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 per person. The crawl will be a great time with fellow Elks and a chance to meet members of other lodges. Contact John Way at (913) 687-0430 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.



Sheriff's Report
 12/20/24 to 12/27/24

Lawrence C Saenz Jr of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-23-24 on a Benton County warrant for Failure to Appear/Assault-4th Degree. Bond is set at \$750.00 cash or surety. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Makayla Nicole Elisabet Conness of Independence, MO was arrested on 12-23-24 on a Benton County warrant for Passing a Bad Check. Bond is set at \$350.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Donnie Dean Wiser of Edwards, MO was arrested on 12-23-24 on a Benton County warrant for Operate Motor Vehicle Without

Valid License-1st Offense, Exceed Posted Speed Limit, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle, Resisting Arrest. Bond is set at \$25,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility

Seth Coon of Lincoln, Mo was arrested on 12-24-24 on a Benton County warrant for Domestic Assault. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility



MSHP Reports Three Traffic Fatalities Over Christmas; No Drownings Or Boating Fatalities



Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the Christmas holiday counting period:

Three people died in traffic crashes during the 30-hour counting period, which began at 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 24, 2024, and ended at 11:59 PM Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

2024 Christmas Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers investigated the following:

Traffic Crashes — 65
 Traffic Crash Injuries — 38
 Traffic Crash Fatalities — 3
 DWI — 17

[Note: Last year during the 78-hour Christmas counting period, there were 1,034 traffic crashes statewide. In those crashes, three people were killed and another 346 were injured. During the 2023 Christmas holiday, troopers investigated 124 traffic crashes which included 2 fatalities and 71 injuries. Troopers arrested 81 people for driving while impaired during the 2023 counting period.]

There were no boating crashes or drownings over the 2024 Christmas holiday counting period.

The three fatalities occurred on Tuesday, December 24, 2024. A 28-year-old female of Valley Mines, MO, died when the vehicle she driving traveled off the left side of the road and struck a tree. She was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Two male occupants, age four and six, also died in the crash. Both were restrained by a safety device. The crash occurred on Route OO, south of Route F, in St. Francois County. The driver was pronounced at the scene by the St. Francois County Coroner. The six-year-old male was pronounced at Parkland Health Center in Farmington. The four-year-old male was pronounced at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

There were no traffic fatalities on Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

NOTE: The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, if other departments report fatalities after this news release was sent out, or if a fatality is determined to be caused by a medical condition rather than a traffic/boating/drowning incident.

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Bring In The New Year Safely

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, encourages everyone to make good decisions regarding their New Year's celebration. No one wants to start 2025 with a traffic crash or DWI arrest. During the 2023 - 2024 New Year's period, nine people were killed and 293 injured in 821 traffic crashes in Missouri.

The 2024 - 2025 New Year's holiday counting period begins at 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 31, 2024, and ends at 11:59 PM on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

If your plans to welcome the new year include alcohol, please designate a sober driver or utilize a ride share service or taxi to ensure you arrive home safely. The roadway is no place for a driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If you kill or injure someone, you'll pay the price for the rest of your life.

If you plan to travel this New Year's, remember to buckle up and make sure all your passengers do the same. Remember: Missouri is now a hands-free state. Pay attention, obey all traffic laws, and when in doubt, yield the right-of-way. Be sure to use your turn signal to communicate your intentions. The posted speed limit reflects the roadway's classification and is not a suggestion! Download the MoDOT Traveler Information app to your smart phone, and check road conditions before you travel. Missouri law states if you're using your windshield wipers, your headlights must be turned on.

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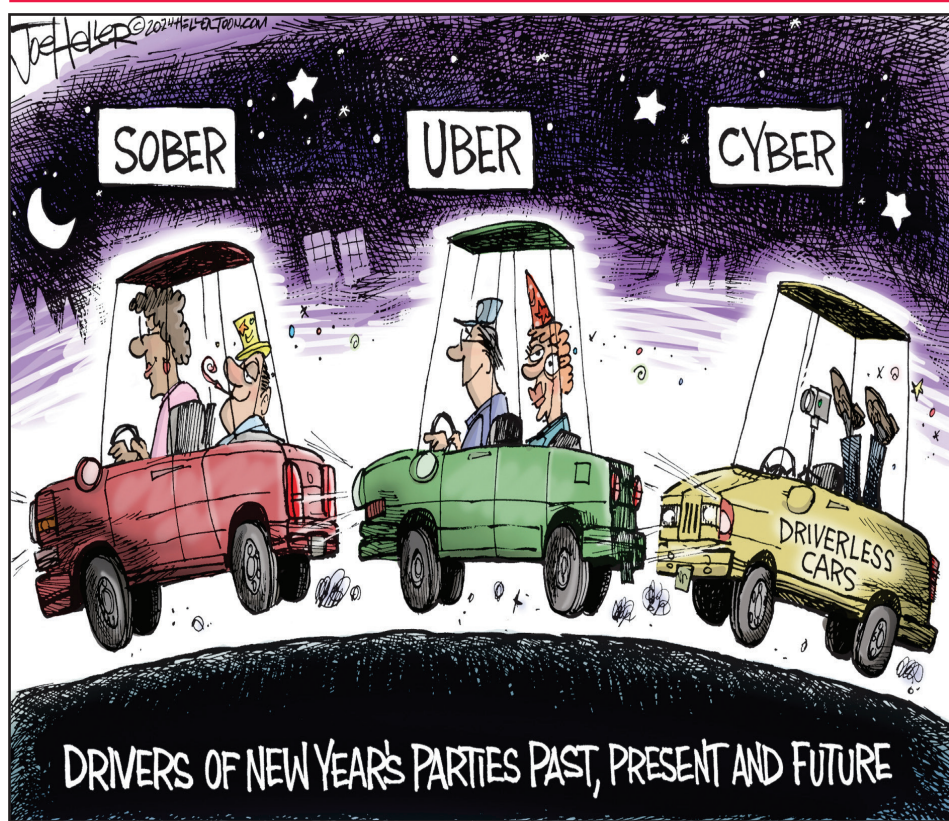
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Have I Got A Line For You!
By James Mahlon White



More things are spinning out of the wash in our nation's capital. The latest is the CIA silenced the Defense Department from briefing President Biden on the origins of Covid. It leaked out of a lab in Wuhan, China. Not a surprise to many of us. A Chinese military researcher applied for a Covid patent weeks before the virus was sequenced in 2020. He later died after "falling" from the roof of the Wuhan Institute. U.S. investigators say it was an accidental lab leak. Where's the evidence that it wasn't an intentional release of a bio-engineered weapon? Here we are with another supposed conspiracy theory that turns out to be true. No one in our government will be held accountable for not briefing the President. They never are; that's the problem. Look for a pre-emptive pardon for the good Doctor Fauci before Uncle

Joe leaves office.
* * *
Brace yourselves! The CDC announced the first Bird Flu mutation has migrated to a human. The director said she's keeping a close on this and plans are in the works to produce a vaccine if needed. Ah, just in time for a new administration. I wonder what scientist in what country played with this virus? Inquiring minds want to know! At this point, I trust the CDC about as much as I trust politicians. Bet members of Congress have started to ramp up their investments in big pharma. I have a hunch they're getting ready to throw all kinds of nefarious things at The Donald.
* * *
Wasn't much on last night and I stumbled across Cujo. Remember the novel by Stephen King? And the movie starring Dee Wallace

who's family is terrorized by a rabid Saint Bernard in Castle Rock, Maine. Cujo was never vaccinated for rabies and after being bitten by a bat, he bit just about everyone. The book was banned by most schools (Yes, this did happen in the 1980's) and made most of us want to read it even more. It was an exceptionally scary book and my mother told Freda Scott, our librarian in Warsaw, that I wasn't to check it out. I was ten or eleven at the time, so I read it in the library behind some bookshelves.
* * *

As I write this, another holiday looms . . . New Year's Day. That will be the last big one for most of us until Memorial Day weekend. February has 28 days in 2025 and Easter is on April 20.
Enough of this! I've wandered around from Covid to Bird Flu to Cujo. I hope the New Year will be the best you've ever had and you spot the blue bird of happiness. But don't let it fly up your nose Old Buddy.
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'Til Next Week:
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You may spend many decades contributing to your IRA and 401(k), but eventually you will likely need to take the money out — in fact, you must take the money out or face penalties. What should you know about these mandatory withdrawals?

Here are some of the basics:

- *What are they called?* Mandatory withdrawals are technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs.
- *When must I take RMDs?*

If you were born before 1951, you've probably already begun taking RMDs. If you were born between 1951 and 1959, your RMD age is 73. And if you were born in 1960 or later, your RMD age is 75. You can postpone accepting your first RMD until April 1 of the year after you reach your RMD age, but this will result in two RMDs for the year. After you take your first RMD, you must take subsequent ones by December 31 of each year.

- *What penalties will be assessed if I don't take all my RMDs?* For every dollar not withdrawn, the IRS will charge a 25% penalty, but this can drop to 10% if you subsequently withdraw the correct amount within two years.
- *Which accounts have RMDs?* RMDs apply to traditional IRAs, as well as other types of IRAs, including SIMPLE and SEP IRAs. RMDs don't apply to Roth IRAs. RMDs also apply to traditional 401(k)s, but not Roth 401(k)s.
- *Can I withdraw more than the RMD for any given year?* Yes, you are free to take out as much as you want. However, if you take out more than the RMD for one year, you can't apply the excess to the RMD for the next year.
- *How are RMDs calculated?* Typically, your RMDs are determined by dividing your account balance from the prior December 31 by a life expectancy factor published

by the IRS. Your financial professional should be able to perform this calculation for you.

- *If I have multiple accounts, do I have to take an RMD from each one?* If you are taking RMDs from a traditional IRA, you must calculate each RMD individually, but you can take the total amount from one or more IRAs. If you're taking RMDs from a 401(k) or similar plan, you must take the RMD from each of your accounts.

- *How are RMDs taxed?* You are typically taxed at your income tax rate on the amount of the withdrawn RMD. You may be able to avoid taxes in a particular year if you transfer your RMDs to a qualified charity in what's known as a qualified charitable distribution.

- *If I inherit an IRA or 401(k), am I subject to RMDs?* Yes. When you take RMDs from an inherited account, you generally must withdraw all the funds within 10 years, as opposed to over your lifetime, which is the RMD window that applies to your own accounts. The rules are somewhat different if you inherit an IRA or 401(k) from your spouse. In any case, though, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor about how to take RMDs from an inherited account.

If you're already subject to RMDs, be sure you've taken them before the year ends. And if you haven't yet started taking RMDs, learn as much as you can about them — because the more you know, the more likely you'll make the right moves at the right time.

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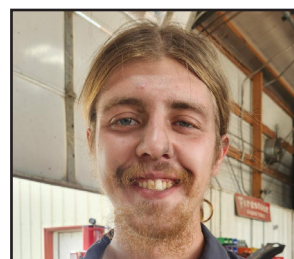


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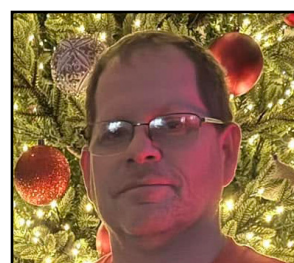
How late do you stay up on New Year's Eve?



It depends on how early we start the celebration.
-Mike Ferguson



I usually make midnight, but it depends on what I feel like after that.
-Kyler Piers



Maybe 12:01. I'm too old.
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All In The Family

Here in America our founding fathers decided against being ruled by a hereditary monarchy or "a family on the throne." Despite that we have seen the emergence of political dynasties from the Adamases to the Bushes and we should not overlook the Roosevelts. True, Teddy and FDR were not a father/son relationship but they were related. PBS had a documentary about the Roosevelt dynasty that was aired a few years ago.

Not surprising as our Presidents can make for some very interesting reading. For example, few would ever guess that John Adams loved to go skinny dipping in the Potomac. Of course he wasn't alone in that because so did Teddy Roosevelt, only he did it both summer and winter.

Teddy Roosevelt was a rugged individual, leading the "Rough Riders" during the Spanish-American war and once served as a Deputy Sheriff in the West. Few know that he survived an assassin's bullet in October of 1912. He was preparing to make a speech in Milwaukee, Wisconsin when a saloon keeper shot at him with the bullet lodging in his chest. It had passed through his steel eyeglass case and his folded fifty-page speech. He decided, since he was not spitting up blood, that the bullet had not penetrated his lung so he proceeded to give an hour and a half speech with blood seeping through his shirt. At the conclusion of his speech he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know if you fully understand that I have just been shot, but it takes more than that to kill a Bull Moose."

Two years earlier, in October of 1910, he had taken a four minute flight in a plane built by the Wright brothers, making him the first President to fly in a plane. He did lots of firsts during his Presidency. He is the youngest President to ever hold the office. He is the first American to ever receive the Nobel peace prize. He is the first president to travel outside the United States while in office. He is the first president to be known by his initials T.R.

As fearless as he always appeared he was terrified of one thing. He lived in dread of losing his eyeglasses as he was blind in one eye and had very poor vision out of the other. He was known to carry as many as five pairs of eyeglasses with him, two of them actually sewn into his clothing so he couldn't lose them.

His brother's daughter, his niece, Eleanor Roosevelt, would become famous in her own right even with out marrying his fifth cousin,

Franklin Delano Roosevelt. When Eleanor and FDR were married in 1905 she was given in marriage by her Uncle Teddy, the President. The couple had known each other since she was two years old and were best friends before they married.

Teddy Roosevelt and Franklin Delano shared the same great-great-grandfather, Nicholas Roosevelt. Nearly all the Roosevelts were Republicans but FDR decided to enter politics as a Democrat and served two terms as Governor of New York and ran as Vice-President in 1920. He was successful in his bid for President in 1932 and was the only person to run for and win four terms in the office. He would become one of eight Presidents that died in office.

In college he only carried a "C" average in his grades but managed to pass the bar exam without completing his law degree at Columbia University.

He had several "firsts" during his time as president. He was the first to speak on television and the first to have a presidential plane. He was the first to have a Mother who was allowed to vote for him. During World War II his wheel chair was equipped with a gas mask in case of sudden enemy attack.

To address the issue of our founding fathers not wanting "a family on the throne," None could have for seen the development of FDR in office and who he was related to. Few have ever realized that he was directly related either by marriage or by blood to John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams. Also included on his family tree was George Washington, James Madison, Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant, William Howard Taft and of course Teddy Roosevelt. So despite those early day efforts in forming our Democracy, often the highest office in the land has been kept "all in the family."

Good Samaritan Residents Enjoy Busy December

By Dianne Peck County Reporter

The activity department packed shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse. GSCC partners with Maplewood Baptist Church for this project. Operation Shoebox is a project that collects shoebox gifts filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and fun gifts for children in need around the world.

GSCC had set a goal of

75 boxes but the residents ended up filling 152. It was a great way to reignite the resident's sense of purpose and share their love of Jesus with others. Brenda Allcorn, Jean Gare and several others volunteered to help.

One very fun event was a few of the staff cooked soup ad chili and had a soup/chili contest that the residents judged. It wasn't only delicious but lots of fun.



The residents Christmas Party was on December 20 and Santa Claus did not let them down but made a grand appearance. The residents dressed up themselves, along with their wheelchairs, walkers, etc. On December 25 Larry Johnson spearheaded his Broken Vessels group to deliver gifts to every resident in the facility. This is a annual ongoing event designed to make sure no resident in a retirement facility is overlooked and forgotten. Now we are planning on welcoming in the New Year of 2025.

Leathernecks Replace Flags At Local Schools

By Dianne Peck County Reporter

What caught Drew Casey's attention to the very worn and tattered United States flag at R-2 school, I don't know. Perhaps it's because he was once a Marine with the 9th Engineer Support Battalion in Communications.

Whatever the reason, in the summer of 2024, Casey noted the deplorable condition and vowed to rectify it. He brought it to the attention of the Warsaw Leathernecks where he serves as Sergeant at Arms. They quickly agreed it should be handled and put him in charge of the project.

The project took place during the months of August and September, and during that time, the group presented new flags to the Lincoln R-2, Cole Camp R-1 and Warsaw North, Warsaw South and the Warsaw High School and John Boise Middle School campus.

When questioned if the Leathernecks have a ceremony for burning the old flags, Derek stated, "No, we gather them and give them

"For The Sake Of Auld Lang Syne"

By Dianne Peck County Reporter

Almost anyone playing "Name that Tune" would instantly recognize *Auld Lang Syne*. The Canadian born bandleader, Guy Lombardo helped make *Auld Lang Syne* a New Year's Eve tradition in North America. His band, the Royal Canadians, played the song at the turn of the new year in a series of popular radio, and later television broadcasts that began on December 31, 1929, and continued for over thirty years.

So, every New Year's Eve, after the champagne has been popped, the ball has dropped, and everyone is feeling very merry indeed, the revelers line up for the same old song they're been singing for decades. And we all know the one, it makes you cry, even though you don't understand it and



know almost none of the words.

There's a handful of definitions that pop up when you search for the meaning of *Auld Lang Syne* that includes, days gone by, old time's sake, long, long times ago and even "Once upon a Time." The most common consensus is something like "for old time's sake," which is about as direct an interpretation as you can get as it is commonly agreed it is something like "old long since" in the original Scottish language it was

recorded in.

The song originated as a poem, but it probably wasn't written by Robert Burns as is commonly believed. He was simply the first person to write down an old Scottish folk song.

In fact, Burns himself said, "I took it down from an old man."

So it's safe to say that, *Auld Lang Syne*, as we know it today, is some combination of an old poem and Burns' creative input.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

to the Legion and they hold a burning and ceremony every 4th of July."

Wondering if the Leathernecks had ever done anything like this before Casey responded, "No, this is a first time."

Somehow I doubt if it's the last.

Casey is married to Logan Schnewerk and together they reside with their daughters, Briar and Bellemy in the Feaster Branch neighborhood and are in the Lincoln school district. He is the Branch Manager for Crescent Parts & Equipment in Sedalia.

His parents are Kerrie Casey, Lincoln's City Water Clerk, and Huey David Casey, Maintenance Manager at the City Mission. Casey grew up in the Lincoln area along with older brother, Josiah Lee and brother, Seth, a Lincoln



City Councilman, and a sister, Morgan Hudson.

While in the Marines, he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan and served 4 1/2 years from 2013-2017. Now that he's back home, he wants to be part of his community and make a difference where he resides and is raising his family. He has filed for the Lincoln R-2 School Board in the April

2025 election. A plan he had intended to announce with a float in the Lincoln Christmas Parade before Mother Nature turned it into a total washout.

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LEMAY INDUSTRIES CONSULTING LLC	TAYLOR, CYNTHIA	WD	REAL	2024052	2024 5275 LT 28 BL 24 PALO DURO VIII		12/09/2022
RENNO PROPERTIES LLC	CANDLER, LETA A.	WD	REAL	2024052	2024 5276 LT 3 BASS WOOD FF SUBDIVISION+		12/09/2022
LAND INVESTOR GEEKS, LLC	GRAY, JEFFREY	WD	REAL	2024052	2024 5282 STR 3-40-20		12/09/2022
GILLILAND, AMY R.	WILLIAMS, JAMES E.	WD	REAL	2024052	2024 5284 LT 19 BL 3 CEDAR BROOK ESTATES NO. 1		12/10/2022
WOOD, ROBERT E. JR TRUSTEE	WOOD, JEREMY	QCDC	REAL	2024052	2024 5286 LT 13 BL 1 FORTHVIEW+		12/10/2022
CONWAY, JOHN PAUL	SCHMIDT, TRACY L.	WD	REAL	2024052	2024 5294 LT 265 UT 6 ARROWHEAD LAKE ESTATES+		12/10/2022
GD&C LLC	ROSS, RICHARD	WD	REAL	2024052	2024 5295 STR 17-39-20 AC 8.37		12/10/2022
BRAMLETT, JERRY L. JR.	LITTLEPAGE, JIMMIE	QCDC	REAL	2024052	2024 5298 LT 22 BL 1 CEDAR BROOK ESTATES NO 1+		12/10/2022
RANK, JON L.	RANK, JON L. TRUSTEE	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5302 STR 9-42-20		12/10/2022
HENDERSON, THOMAS M.	LLB BUILDING LLC	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5303 LT 3592 UT K-2 FORBES LAKE OF THE OZAR		12/11/2022
ROARK, RAY	ROARK, RAY	QCDC	REAL	2024053	2024 5311 STR 6-42-20		12/11/2022
MC VACATION PROPERTIES LLC	GALICHA, SHAWN	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5313 LT 270 LAKEVIEW HEIGHTS+		12/11/2022
B & R RENTALS LLC	STEVENS, THERESA	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5317 LT 2364 UT W-1 FORBES LAKE OF THE OZAR		12/11/2022
ANDERS, GABRIEL	SEATON, TIMOTHY	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5318 LT 3 CARMAN ACRES SUBDIVISION		12/11/2022
HOLTMEYER, JOSEPH L	HOLTMEYER, JEFFREY LAWRENCE	QCDC	REAL	2024053	2024 5320 STR 10-41-23		12/12/2022
URBAN, PATRICK W TRUSTEE	URBAN, PATRICK W	TD	REAL	2024053	2024 5324 STR 25-39-20 FF TRACT 4		12/12/2022
WEBB, MICHAEL G	WEBB, MICHAEL G	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5325 LT 5 BL 4 TURKEY CREEK ADDITION TO DOC		12/12/2022
PARKER, CHARLES W.	PARKER, CHARLES W.	QCDC	REAL	2024053	2024 5330 LT 8 BL K TWIN BEACH		12/12/2022
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COLGROVE, DAVID N TRUSTEE	HAUSER, JOEY J	TD	REAL	2024053	2024 5336 LT 1401 CEDARGATE 400+		12/12/2022
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MOSDA FARMS, LLC	KEIM, ELIAS A.	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5345 STR 30-39-21 AC 103		12/13/2022
DRYER, JAMES D	DRYER, JAMES D	QCDC	REAL	2024053	2024 5349 LT 11 BL 91 BENT TREE HARBOR PL 16		12/13/2022
KRUCICZ, MICHAEL	STEVENS, THERESA	WD	REAL	2024053	2024 5354 LT 1775 UT P-1 FORBES LAKE OF THE OZAR		12/13/2022
TURNER, DONALD J	LANE, CATHERINE A.	QCDC	REAL	2024053	2024 5368 LT 9 KNOBNEY CREEK CAMP		12/13/2022
WESCOTT, DIANA A	LANE, CATHERINE A	QCDC	REAL	2024053	2024 5369 LT 8 KNOBNEY CREEK CAMP+		12/13/2022
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ABOVE GROUND POOL! MLS #99210 \$274,000






BEAUTIFUL 5 ACRE SPREAD IN THE OZARKS! This is a low maintenance home, built in 2004. Kitchen has several updates and includes stainless appliances. 30x50 detached shop with concrete floor, electricity, & insulation, plus an office. 18x20 storage building with a Guest cottage with AC/Heat. A storm shelter, for your peace of mind, and a large RV Carport with water and a 2nd septic tank. Relax on your huge covered front porch overlooking scenic park-like setting. And last, but certainly not least, you can enjoy your 9x17 above ground pool off the back deck! WOW! Book a showing soon to view this unique home.

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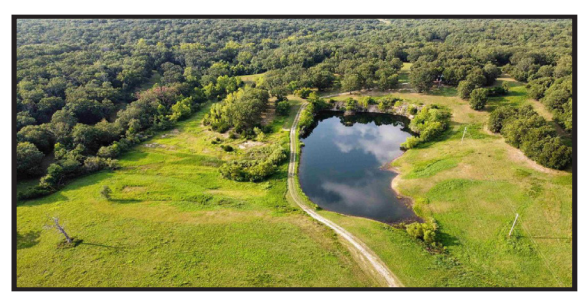
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Outdoorsman Paradise! Enjoy some of the best hunting & fishing to be found anywhere-all on your own land! 88 acres m/l with the perfect mix of timber and open ground. Large 2+ acre stocked fishing lake. All fenced and cross-fenced. Blacktop frontage, hunting cabin, drilled well. Close to both Lake of the Ozarks & Truman Lake. Ready for livestock, if so desired. Large 40'x8'x9'6"(tall) Conex container included for storage. Call John to schedule your showing of this great property today! \$489,900 - MLS #98227



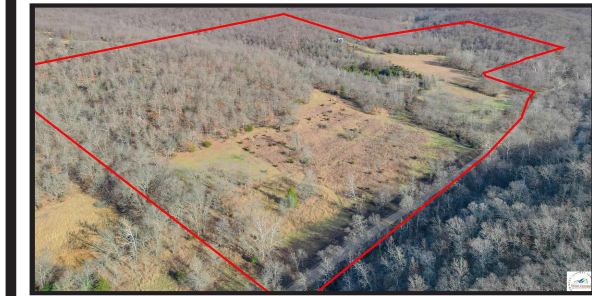
Commercial building and large tract located at the corner of 65 Hwy and Truman Dam Access Rd. and Commercial St. in the heart of the business district. Within minutes of Truman Lake and Lake of the Ozarks, this first-class commercial building offers space at one of the busiest locations in Warsaw. Setting on a well taken care of 3 acres, this prime commercial building boasts 5,472 square feet, ample parking and a chance to take advantage of being close to Walmart, Casey's, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Subway, Taco Bell and Truman Dam. The possibilities are endless with this building. Don't wait! Get your business established before the fishing tournaments and boutique crawls, and all the spring and summer festivities Warsaw has to offer get started! Call Luke today! \$399,500 - MLS #99196



Awesome new home located on a secluded 14 acres. Fully (foam) insulated! Tankless/on demand water heater, new appliances, granite countertops in the kitchen and marble bath vanities. 3 nice sized bedrooms, 2 full baths. Wonderful 39x147" room above the garage. Could be two extra bedrooms or game room. Nice, oversized garage. Lots of deer and turkey frequent the food plot near the stocked pond. Pad with hook ups for your camper or friends with a camper. This is a one-of-a-kind property. Call Julia to schedule your showing today! \$399,000 - MLS #97397



THE HARD PART IS DONE! How many times have you thought of owning your own business? Being your own boss? Most everyone has! However, let's face it - the thought of starting a business from scratch can be not only intimidating, but downright overwhelming! Well, you can cast those thoughts aside with this opportunity to purchase a SUCCESSFUL business that is already operating and thriving! In its third year of operation, this dining and entertainment venue has consistently grown more successful since its inception. After enjoying a night of axe-throwing competition far from home, the owners decided to bring this fun, competitive activity to the Warsaw/Twin Lakes area. First, they found the ideal location, a centrally located building, rich in local history. Next, they transformed the facility with awesome, vintage decor and, of course, added the axe-throwing lanes. To make the experience more enjoyable and allow patrons to stay and throw as long as they wanted, they added pizza and wings to the equation. And then sandwiches. And, most recently, salads joined the menu. Craft sodas, gourmet ice cream, beer and seltzers round out most of the present choices, but who knows what they'll add next! The present owners are as committed now to continuing to operate and grow the business as they were before they reached the bittersweet decision to afford someone else the opportunity to continue their dream. Thanks to the owners' multiple other jobs and business ventures (and their desire to expand those as well), you now have the opportunity to venture into a business model with a proven track record of success, and at a very affordable price for a truly turn-key business. Purchase price includes virtually everything - facility (real estate), furniture, fixtures, restaurant equipment (including 2 turbo chef pizza ovens), axe-throwing equipment, business name, and TRAINING!! Owners want the success of The Train Station to continue and keep growing! Accordingly, they are willing to provide extensive training and assistance to the next owners. Both the business and the facility offer room for growth and expansion, including a large, untouched second floor. Whether you are a seasoned entrepreneur, or have always desired to be one, you simply won't find a better opportunity than this one. Call Heath today to schedule an appointment - start that next chapter in your life today! \$280,000 - MLS #98733



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Stunning 4 bedroom, 3 bath home nestled on 2.08 acres of wooded beauty, complete with a private lake in your backyard. Swim and fish in this crystal-clear lake with dock and swim ladder. Enjoy 2,650 square feet of living space, new stainless-steel appliances, finished walkout basement- ideal for relaxation or entertaining. Includes pool table, shuffleboard, and very nice custom bar with sink and cabinetry, 10-foot ceilings and tornado shelter with light. The property features two separate lots offering flexibility and privacy, included is a 1,200 square-foot insulated outbuilding with a concrete floor and a cozy wood stove. Beautifully landscaped yard includes sod, newly planted trees, garden spots, raised garden beds and an asphalt driveway. Call Jennie to schedule your showing today! \$538,000 - MLS #99096

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Rhonda Jean Estenbaum Hollingsworth



Rhonda Jean Estenbaum Hollingsworth, 64, of Warsaw, passed away Friday, December 20, 2024, at University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia after a battle with lung cancer. She was born on July 4, 1960, in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, a daughter of David Arthur and Carol Lee (Hughes) Hollingsworth.

Rhonda was a graduate of Warsaw High School Class of 1979, where she had many friends, but her best friend was Debbie Freed. Her brother Dave called them Thelma and Louise. She loved the lake area and her family, cousins, aunt and uncle would spend many summers at the Lake House. That was their summer fun. After graduation, Rhonda moved back to the Kansas City and Platte City areas where she spent most of her adult life, but came back to the lake every chance she could.

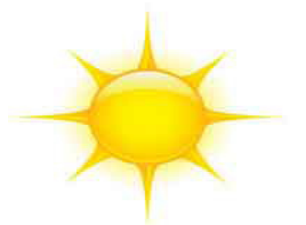
Rhonda had a love for animals, mostly her dogs and cats. She loved her German Shepherds and an occasional stray, she would say that they were her critters. She also loved to pet sit.

She moved back to Warsaw five years ago, where she made her home and married Robert Estenbaum on December 24, 2021. They enjoyed the lake together, working on the lake house and fishing.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Estenbaum of the home; three brothers, Rick Hollingsworth and Patti of Tonganoxie, Kansas, Ron Hollingsworth and Katie of Shawnee, Kansas, Dave Hollingsworth and Liz of Warsaw; step-son, Ryan Estenbaum and Angela and his family; nieces and nephews, Tricia, Dusty, Tracie, Denny, Jimmy, Megan, and Hope and their families; lots of cousins; and her life-long friend, Debbie Freed and her daughter Sara.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Carol Hollingsworth.

A celebration of Rhonda's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home, Cole Camp. Online condolences may be left at www.foxfuneralhomecolecamp.com.



James O. Husong, Jr.



James O. Husong, Jr., 80, of Sedalia, died Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at the University of Missouri-Columbia Hospital.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Open Door Ministries in care of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Born April 8, 1944 in Lebanon, he was the son of the late James O. Husong, Sr. and Vergie Thomas Husong.

He is survived by a niece Debbi Armstrong of Lee's Summit; a daughter-in-law, Marcy Husong of Sedalia; four grandchildren, Brittany Tommelein, Ashley Gray, Taylor Ebeling, and Jackson Husong. He was preceded in death by two sons, John David Husong and James Husong; a grandson, John Luke Husong; and a sister, Patricia Gordon.

Mr. Husong was a member of the Warsaw Assembly of God Church. He was a graduate of Warsaw High School, where he excelled as an athlete. He was also a graduate of Evangel College in Springfield. He was the district manager for Farmer's Insurance Company in Springfield and Leawood, Kansas until his retirement.

Pamela Jaco



Pamela Jaco, 70, of Otterville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 26, 2024, at Golden Age Living Center in Stover.

She was born May 8, 1954, in Sedalia, the daughter of the late Glenn Gregory and Betty Jo (Mayfield) Cave. On a hot summer day, July 24, 1976, at Pastor Dillon's house in Smithton, Pam married the love of her life, Brady Dealno Jaco. Guests celebrated the occasion with windmill cookies and punch. Brady preceded her in death on April 15, 2023, after 46 years of devoted marriage.

Pam is survived by her three daughters, Shelbi (Rustin) Saltgaver and Kyla Jaco, both of Otterville, and Casey (Richard) Vasquez of Sedalia; ten grandchildren: Spencer Saltgaver, Noah Saltgaver, Connor Jaco-

Townsend, Corbin Jaco-Woodall, Harper Porterfield, Hudson Porterfield, Lucas Dillon, Asher Dillon, Brady Vasquez, and Morgan Vasquez; and one great-grandchild, Greyson Judy; her brothers-in-law, Robert Hardey and Oscar (Brenda) Jaco of Otterville; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Jaco of Otterville and Donna Kay Wilfong of Sedalia; numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Pam was preceded in death by her sister, Karen J. Hardey, and four sisters-in-law: the triplets, Nina Marlow, Tina Barrett, Ina Goldey, and Brenda Sims.

Pam was a graduate of Otterville R-VI High School, Class of 1972. With a passion for education, she pursued her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Central Missouri State University. Pam began her teaching career at Cole Camp R-1, where she worked from 1976 to 1978, before returning to her roots at Otterville R-VI. There, she dedicated 28 years of her life to shaping young minds, retiring in 2006. Her commitment to her students and the joy she brought to the classroom left an indelible mark on the generations she taught.

Pam and Brady were active members of Otterville Presbyterian Church in their early years. She was also a member of the Westminster Group, CTA, MSTA, and Theta Rho Girls Lodge.

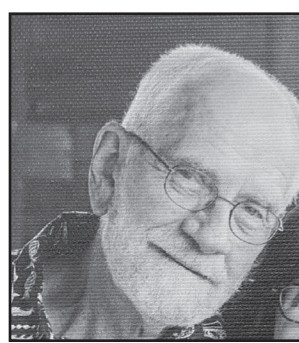
Pam enjoyed cooking, canning, and camping, but her greatest joy was her family. Her home was a gathering place, always welcoming, with a pot of coffee brewing. She especially loved the quiet mornings she shared with Brady over coffee, a tradition she treasured throughout their marriage.

The family will have visitation on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 1:00 pm First Baptist Church in Otterville. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 pm, celebrating Pam's life.

The family will establish a scholarship fund in Pam's memory, with checks made payable to Rustin Saltgaver to support future generations in education.

Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home.

Stan Miesner



Stan Miesner, age 81, of Springfield, MO passed away on December 26, 2024. He was born December 30, 1942 in Cole Camp, MO, the son of Harry and

Eleanor Miesner. He was a graduate of Drury College and Southwest Missouri State University (B.S. and M.A. in History). He taught American History at Springfield Public Schools for twenty-seven years and was an Army veteran, stationed in Germany during the Cold War. His interests included history, literature, the American South, and Europe—and three wonderful Shi-Tzus. Preceded in death by his parents and grandson Alex, he is survived by his wife Elizabeth, sons Stanley (Martha) and Scott, stepson Christopher King (Colleen), former wife and mother of his sons, Judith Whitfield, grandchildren Richard, Ashley, Joshua (Emily), Austin (Ashli), Luis Ahumada (Missy), Gavin King, and ten great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be held Monday, January 6, 2024 at 11AM in Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, MO.

Mary Evelyn Trippe



Mary Evelyn Trippe was born on 9-11-21 in Kansas City, MO, the daughter of Myrtle Marshall Trippe and Ira Edward Trippe.

She was saved at a camp meeting of the Church of God Holiness in KC as a child.

She attended grade school in KC and graduated from Cross Timbers High School.

On July 13, 1945, she was united in marriage to James E. Scarbrough. They had six children; Michael Edward, Patricia Ann, Sharon Sue, Frances Joan, Terry L. and Richard Allen.

Preceding her in death was James in 1990, Patricia in 1972 and Michael in 2007. Frances also had a step-brother, Walter; two grandchildren, Brett Dwayne and William Walden Scarbrough. There were 12 surviving grandchildren; 3 nephews; David, Daniel and John Schell.

Mary Evelyn was active in the MAFCE Extension Club being county president twice and holding other county and local offices. She was

a member of the O.A.T.S. committee, holding various offices as well as a steady rider. She was also very active in her church.

She loved to teach. As a young girl she acted as a substitute teacher. She taught Sunday School for many years.

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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.

I'm following the path the God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh to love to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting ways has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends.

Good times, A loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JOHNNIE J. LOGUE

That you might know the certainty.

-Luke 1:4

I often tell people that if they didn't hear a conversation firsthand, then it is merely hear-say and they do not know what was really said. Hear-say evidence will not hold up in court for a valid reason.

For me, there is one exception and that is what is written and preserved in the Bible. I trust the scriptures.

Matthew was one of the twelve and an intelligent individual as a tax collector. Mark talked to Peter apparently, and Luke was a historian. John was an

apostle and one of the inner circle. Paul was highly educated.

All of the original writers were led by the Holy Spirit. The KJV scholars were 50 of the greatest scholars of their time. Seven were the greatest minds of any age. In the fullness of time, my friend.

In reality, it is a book of faith. Mix in faith and you can believe it. Take away faith and you are left with pure reason which is flawed.

Most of the alleged contradictions are not contradictions at all. Adding to a story is not a contradiction.

Intelligent men try to reason out God. It can't be done and they look foolish in doing so. Bible interpretation seems to be at it's lowest point in history.

One hundred and seventy years ago, Charles Hadden Spurgeon preached on Isaiah 7:14 and said the commentators he read confused him.

They are more confusing today.

I am Pastor Johnnie J. Logue and I believe in the certainty of the virgin birth, the deity, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What do you believe?

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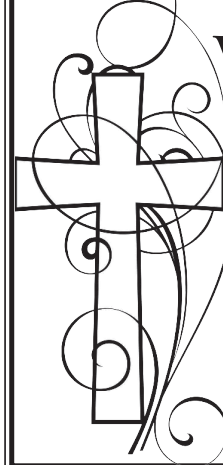
Today, we embark on a journey of transformation, of releasing the old and stepping boldly into the new.

It says in Revelations, the 2nd chapter, Verse 17: "Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying. To everyone I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives."

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