

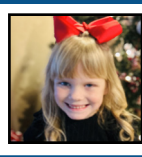


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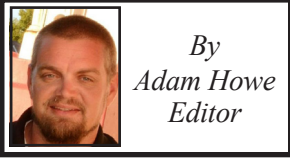
The names of 3 persons will be on the January ballot for election of Benton County University of Missouri Extension Council members.

Council Chairman Josh Sater, said 3 county residents will be elected to fill this year's vacancies. The new council begins duties March 1, 2025, according to state law.

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By
Adam Howe
Editor

For over three-quarters of the 126-plus years since Dr. James Naismith first put a peach basket up and invented what some believe to be the greatest game ever, the Knightstown Gym, or better known as Hoosier Gym these days, has been a hot bed of basketball in Indiana.

Originally built in 1921, for an initial cost just shy of \$19,000, the gymnasium served as the home court for Knightstown High School. As Knightstown grew, so did the demands for the gym. In 1936, the school board used local and federal WPA funds to make major improvements. The project included an exterior facelift with a new front entrance and lobby, and the creation of basement dressing/locker rooms. In 1952, the gym was expanded again in order to accommodate the school's growing art, music and science departments; 3 classrooms, a kitchen and restrooms were added on the east end of the building.

By 1966, the gym had become obsolete with the building of a new high school and gym and the Panthers of Knightstown played their last official regular season basketball game that February.

Following the closure



A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE awaited the Warsaw basketball team when they arrived to Knightstown, Indiana to play a regular season game against Lawson at the famed Hoosier Gym, where the 1986 movie *Hoosiers* was filmed. The gymnasium was in danger of being demolished until the film came calling. It is now host to some 60,000+ visitors annually.

of the school, the gym sat vacant for many years, and according to volunteer Bill Goodsene, it was once considered to be demolished. That was until Hollywood came calling in 1985 and the gym became the home of the Hickory Huskers in the 1986 basketball movie, *Hoosiers*, featuring iconic movie stars

Gene Hackman, Dennis Hopper and more.

All these years later, hoops fans all know of Jimmy and Ollie as much as they do Larry and Magic.

Upon it's original construction, citizenry could've never imagined that now over 60,000 visitors flock to the

historic gym all these years later, finding their way to what has become a shrine of basketball. Today, the Hoosier Gym hosts anywhere from 80-100 basketball games per season, drawing teams from all over the country, including that now over 60,000 Missouri, when the Wildcats met Lawson to tip-off on

Saturday morning.

"Long story short; I had scrolled past a post of two Kansas City area schools who played at the gym in December 2023," said Warsaw coach Matt Brownsberger.

"After texting a friend of mine who was on one of those coaching staff's, I knew this

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Investigation Continues In Stabbing Death Of Lifelong Warsaw Resident



By
Kim Fugate
County
Reporter

On January 3, 2025, Warsaw, Missouri, was rocked by a violent incident at the Lake Hills Motel on Highway 83. The Benton County Sheriff's Office, Warsaw Police Department, Warsaw Fire District, and Missouri State Highway Patrol responded to a distressing scene of violence that escalated from a verbal to a physical altercation, resulting in a stabbing and shooting.

The confrontation involved Shawn Paul Murphy, 55, of Racine, Wisconsin, and local resident Kevin Noland, 55, whose life was tragically taken too soon.

Noland, remembered for his generosity and loyalty, was fatally stabbed and pronounced dead at the



KEVIN NOLAND was stabbed to death in an unthinkable act that occurred Friday evening in Warsaw. Shawn Paul Murphy has been charged in the case.

scene, a devastating blow to those who knew him.

Rob Coskey remembers Kevin as more than a friend.

"He was a hero in every sense to me and many others in Benton County.

As an EMT, he showed courage, compassion, and dedication; always ready to help those in need. His kindness and selflessness will forever inspire me and many others," Coskey said.

The suspect, Murphy, was injured by a gun shot to the leg by Roger Hurr, 61, in an attempt to intervene.



SHAWN PAUL MURPHY

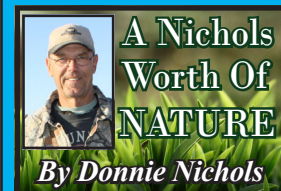
Murphy faces charges of first-degree murder and armed criminal action, with the community awaiting further developments.

This incident has deeply affected the Warsaw community, prompting reflections on the life of Noland.

Dovetta Burch described Noland as a lifelong friend, and a beacon of kindness

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Cole Camp Location Celebrates 125th Christmas Bird Count



A Nichols
Worth Of
NATURE
By Donnie Nichols

Prior to 1900, hunters engaged in a holiday tradition called the Christmas 'Side Hunt'. Groups would choose sides and go afield to see which side could bring in the biggest pile of furred and feathered quarry. On Christmas day

1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an officer in the then nascent Audubon society, proposed that they go afield and count birds rather than kill them. He and twenty-nine other birders conducted twenty-five bird counts across the United States. Every year since, between December 14 - January 5, in what has grown to thousands of sites in which tens of thousands of people participate, is now known as the

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Community Calendar

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 12, 2025: The Cole Camp Community Christmas Concert, under the direction of Alicia Cole, has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 12, 4 p.m. because of the weather on January 5. The concert will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. Instrumental music will begin at 3:45 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

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

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Ozark Foodie

ByLonnite Candara Taylor



This recipe is worth repeating. It's one of my favorites when it gets cold, I crave something warm and I don't feel like doing much. One of my favorite pizza makers in San Francisco used to make this recipe for potatoes and named it Potato Pizzaiola.

- 4 pounds of large red potatoes
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 14 ounce can Italian peeled tomatoes, drained and

- chopped
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt & 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Preheat oven to 350, brush shallow baking dish (I use 11 x 7) with 1 teaspoon olive oil

Cook potatoes in boiling salted water for 10 minutes only. Drain, remove skins and cut into 1/2 inch slices. Place 1/3 of potatoes in a baking dish, overlapping slightly. Use 1/3 each of the garlic, oregano, tomatoes, remaining olive oil and season potatoes. Repeat twice. Bake for 40 minutes or until the potatoes are tender when tested with a knife and lightly browned and bubbly.

Someone asked me if I have any cooking secrets. Not really, most cooking hacks are well known since the days of the internet and the food network. But some of my most used ones are.

1. Using a cheese grater to strip leaves off of fresh herbs. Just pull them through the appropriate hole size and voila, leaves on one side and stems on the other.

2. Having a package of potato flakes (or instant mashed) handy. Adding some to a thin sauce, soup or stew makes a great thickener, instead of using cornstarch or flour.

3. Putting a damp kitchen towel under the cutting board keeps it from sliding.

4. When chopping garlic, put a small amount of salt down on the board before chopping, it keeps the garlic from moving about.

5. When washing mushrooms, I toss them in a plastic bag with some salt, water and shake vigorously. Rinse, drain in colander. It's been proven that mushrooms don't really absorb much water and it's a real pain to clean each one.

Of course if you are using the above methods with salt, you won't need to add much to your recipe.



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was something that would be great for us."

"Coach Belcher (Lawson) was the first person I reached out to. He replied almost instantly and the process of planning began," Brownsberger said.

He added, "Once we got the okay from Hoosier Gym for the dates that we agreed on, we both had to get approvals from our administration. Once that went through, it was just setting dates and times for our practices and games."

Players, coaches, other support staff, many parents and other fans joined the team on the trip and enjoyed the experience of a lifetime.

After the 7-plus hour trip and a restful night on Thursday, a very eventful Friday started early with a trip to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame where the group was provided a personal tour and viewed many displays inside the recently renovated building.

"I thought the video at the beginning of the tour was full of interesting information and thought that the interactive exhibits were fun, as well as informative," said BCE TV's Matt Dove.

Dennis Larson commented, "I liked how it (Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame) was for athletes and coaches who were from Indiana and played and/or coached in the state."

Larson chronicled the trip for the team through pictures and video.

Shawn Poyser, who actually grew up in Indiana, found special sentiment in his visit to the Hall of Fame.

"Meeting the tour guide and finding out that he was from northern Indiana (Rochester), which is very close to where the Poyser's are from, was a highlight for me," Poyser said. "I mentioned we were from Wolf Lake, and he mentioned their great tradition, including a run of 3 or 4 straight undefeated regular season teams. I said, 'I know; my dad played on those teams!'"

For the players, it was more of the interactive exhibits that caught their eyes.

"I enjoyed the basketball hoop to shoot on," said senior Logan Gemes.

Shane Poyser said, "I liked the ref(er) simulator and the machine that tested your vertical leap."

Brownsberger was just in awe.

"The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame had me hooked from the beginning," he said. "Basketball in the state of Indiana is just different. The video was the perfect way to get our attention. It's hard to pick out a favorite exhibit. I would say that I was more amazed that it's free admission, and that every artifact in the Hall of Fame is donated. You have to see it to believe it. Hoosier Hysteria is a real thing!"

Following a frigid walk back to cars and buses, the crowd then ventured down the street to New Castle (High School) Fieldhouse, the home of Spartans basketball and the nation's largest high school gym. Though just a Class 3 school in the state, the fieldhouse, originally built in 1959, is said to seat 9,000, but has held as many as 10,000-plus visitors from time-to-time for big events and

tournaments on the parquet floor. The New Castle Fieldhouse has been home to many great players over the years, including 1973 Mr. Basketball Kent Benson and 1983 Mr. Basketball Steve Alford, both who went on to play at Indiana.

A brief lunch ensued and then it was time for everyone's first glimpse at the marvelous mecca of basketball and the reason for the entire trip, Hoosier Gym for the Wildcats slotted practice time.

Nestled in the middle of the modestly populated (2,150) municipality of Knightstown, the gym and it's nostalgic vibe awaited, and stirred many emotions upon Warsaw's arrival.

"It was like stepping into a time machine," Brownsberger said. "It was 1986, and I was now living a part in the movie."

Larson's thought's echoed. "Once we walked in, I just took it all in. Seeing the gym, the bleachers; I felt like I was in the movie."

"I couldn't believe how small it was," said Shawn Poyser.

His son, Shane thought the same. "It was way smaller than I thought it would be."

Warsaw R-IX Superintendent Scott Gemes agreed, "I knew it was small, but I did not realize just how small it was."

His son, Logan, also agreed, "It was much smaller in person than it was in the movie."

Others, like Ricky Fajen, were enamored with the construction.

"I was impressed with how well the gym and building had been taken care of," he commented.

The raftered/beamed roof, hardwood floors and wooden bleachers have all been maintained, but never altered.

Volunteers at Hoosier Gym take particular pride in the fact that the building was nearly as original today as it was "back then", and the dingy smell of the locker rooms defied that pride.

"It was just surreal," said Lawson coach Gary Belcher. "In the moment, the entire movie flashed before my eyes."

Nostalgia, original movie props and other items decorated the building throughout. Original signage and banners still hang in the gym and signed jerseys of teams who have come and gone blanket the walls of each locker room and other areas of the facility.

Larson said, "Seeing all the jerseys hanging from previous schools that have played at the gym was neat."

"Seeing all the signed jerseys was really cool," said Dove.

"Yea, the signed jerseys that every team leaves behind after playing in the gym was awesome," Shawn Poyser said. "And now we will be there too!"

The many volunteers were more than gracious in their welcome.

"I cannot say enough positive things about the people who work there," Brownsberger said. "We were excited to be there, and they seemed more excited to have us there."

Lawson coach Belcher couldn't agree more.

"The hospitality from the Hoosier Gym staff and volunteers was second to none," he commented. "Any

request or suggestion was received very well."

Perhaps the highlight of the trip, for several, was the time spent with family, especially on the hardwood, following practice.

"Seeing families play 1-on-1, or just shooting around puts into perspective that basketball is generational and unifying," Brownsberger said.

Dove liked that too.

"I loved watching everyone get out on the floor and just be a kid again," he said. "I wasn't even there with a player, but they still came and got me and made me take a couple shots."

"Just being able to go out on the floor and get some shots up and then take a 3-generation picture with my dad and son was pretty special," Scott Gemes said.

The trip was a special event that provided countless special moments and memories.

"The smell of the popcorn took me back to the movie, and what my dad described growing up in a small town in Indiana and playing high school basketball was like," said Shawn Poyser.

"I really enjoyed the process of putting the trip together and then letting the players, coaches, parents and others who made the trip with us enjoy it," Brownsberger said happily.

The Warsaw junior varsity squad picked up a comeback win, defeating the Cardinals, 50-47.

The Wildcats varsity fell to Lawson by a 47-29 final.

Brownsberger concluded by saying, "Losing the varsity game kind of sours things in the present, but once there is more time to reflect, I know that the memories of the trip and the fact that we got to do something that a lot of high school teams don't will outweigh the result of the game."

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and selflessness.

"Kevin's legacy is one of unwavering support and community spirit. His loss is felt profoundly, leaving a void in the hearts of many," Burch commented.

As the investigation continues, authorities urge anyone with information to come forward.

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Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (CBC). This year, 2024-2025, is the 125th year and is the oldest running citizen science project in North America.

The Cole Camp area, because of its diverse habitats of prairies, lakes, woodlands/forests, pastures and crop fields, is considered an Audubon IBA (important bird area). On December 30, 2024, we conducted our 16th annual CBC. Each site across the United States is a circle with a 15 mile diameter. The center of our area is located on Drover's Prairie, just west of the intersection of highways 65 and 52 forming a circle with a radius of 7.5 miles.

This is the eighth year Ryan Steffens, a Missouri Master Naturalist and Missouri Department of Conservation employee from Cole Camp, has coordinated the logistics for our count. We survey the same area each year which is divided into eight sections. Ryan assigns personnel to

each section providing them with maps and data sheets. Each group has at least one experienced birder. With the help of binoculars and spotting scopes, the goal is to count every bird and to identify each species seen in all sections from dawn to dusk (actually midnight to midnight).

My wife Kim and I are assigned each year to section 1A which is north of Highway 52 and west of Highway E. Once again our good friend, Rachel Kissinger, was able to join us. We started at dawn and by dusk, we had been out 9.75 hours, traveled 73.2 miles, counted 12,586 individual birds and identified 51 different species in our section.

This year there were a total of 20 participants from Warsaw, Cole Camp, Green Ridge, Windsor, St. James, Russellville, Wheatland, Marshall and MDC staff from Jefferson City. Each group's recorded data from their section was turned into Ryan, who compiled information submitting it to the Audubon Society.

The total number of birds for this year's count was 22,278 with a total of 77 different species. Bird numbers were down by 5,766 and species were up by eight from last year's survey. This year we had nice weather from the mid 30s to the mid 50s with partly cloudy skies and light winds.

With the exception of blackbird species and sparrows species, some of the most commonly observed birds were: Red-tailed Hawk - 117, Eastern Bluebirds - 267, Blue Jays - 330, Northern Cardinals - 344 and Western/Eastern Meadowlarks - 581. The most unusual observation was one Golden Eagle!

Our data, along with data from other counts across the state and nation, will be compiled and compared to past surveys to obtain a long term view of the health and status of bird populations in North America and provide a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space. The long term perspective is vital for conservationists to protect birds and their habitats and help identify environmental issues.

Almost all our native bird species are in decline, some perilously so, especially grassland species. The biggest contributing factors are fragmentation and loss of habitat, followed by chemical use that directly affects birds or moves up the food chain also affecting bird populations.

"[What is the] extinction of a condor to a child who has never seen a wren?"

-Naturalist Robert Michael Pyle

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committees and farm organizations having at least 25 members in the county.

Voting will be throughout the county. Anyone 18 or older is eligible to vote. The following are polling places which will be open from January 13-24, 2025.

Online voting can be found on our County Webpage: <https://extension.missouri.edu/counties/benton/county-council/county-council-election>
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- Other:
- Producers Exchange - Ionia
- Mary's Place-Fristoe
- Pump & Munch (R-Corner Store)

Baby Boomer Expressions Today's Youth Don't "Get"

By
Dianne Peck
County Reporter

A treasured friend, a little younger than me but still considered a baby boomer, asked me on New Year's Eve Day what plans I had for "Amateur Night." The term made me laugh because I knew exactly what he meant but my grandchildren wouldn't. They'd think it was referring to untrained performers in a singing competition like is often televised and judged by celebrity recording stars.

Another expression baby boomers understand, and even my children know this one but again not the grandkids, would be Church Key. It's a combination can opener and bottle opener common a few years ago to open capped bottles or aluminum cans that now come equipped with pull tabs. (Incidentally, if you intend to open a bottle of beer from Germany, you better have a church key because they didn't convert to screw off lids.)

Sometimes when I hear someone grousing about a subject they have complained about several times before I think to myself, "You sound like a broken record." As teenagers we listened to our music on vinyl records. A flaw in a record could cause it to become stuck and keep repeating the same notes over and over.

That brings to mind "Changing Channels."

This harkens back to when televisions were huge boxes and radios were actual pieces of furniture. It was common to say "don't touch that dial," which was a way to change the channel, since the signal was coming in clearly. With today's touch screens and remotes, the idea of an actual physical dial is pretty much ancient history to a millennial.

If you lost that clear signal on your TV that was a real "bummer." Bummer could refer to a hard time in life, Using the word was a classic way to show how disappointed or dissatisfied you were with something. Whether it was cancelled plans or a broken car radio, you could just shrug it off with, "bummer."

Being called "square" meant you were no fun and boring. Thongs were not underwear but instead they were flip-flops, a rubber like shoe.

To tell someone you'd catch them on the flip side was easily understood as we all listened to records for our music and both sides played. The term was a little like the French "Au revoir" because it meant you would reconnect again later even if you were saying good-bye at the moment.

All this reminded me of how terribly complex the American language is and how it keeps evolving with every generation. A point brought home to me when my youngest daughter told me her school mates thought I talked funny. When I question her in depth I realized that subconsciously I used a lot of expressions and sayings I heard my paternal grandmother use.

She had never lost the speech of her Appalachian ancestors and one of my favorites when she described a slothful person as being born tired and raised lazy. That's just one but I could fill a book with her expressions.

Back to the "Amateur Night" that started my journey down memory lane. It was coined by bartenders to describe New Year's Eve that was notorious when light drinkers such as parents with young kids, and casual revelers head out on the town for a nice dinner or a night of boozing, even if they rarely do the rest of the year. I'm not saying the term is dead but I seldom hear anyone use it and that's a shame because it does so aptly describe what happens all too frequently on that evening.

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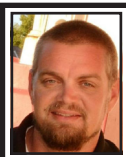
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Ladycats Beat Stockton To Match Win Total From A Season Ago



PUSHING THE BALL up the floor, Mady Reimund and the Ladycats used a late run to upend Stockton on the road last Thursday and defeat the Lady Tigers, 49-44. The win was the ninth for Warsaw, already matching their total from the 2023-24 season.



By
Adam Howe
Sports
Editor

After trailing at the half, Warsaw used an early second half run to claim their first lead and then held on down the stretch to win at Stockton on Thursday night, 49-44. The win, the Ladycats ninth of the season, matches their win total from last season with at least 9 regular season games still remaining on the schedule.

Warsaw found themselves down once again at the end of the first quarter, 14-10, but then found some life in the second period and used a 15-12 margin to narrow

their halftime deficit to just 26-25.



KEIRA MOSTAFFA (2)

The Ladycats got a couple of big three's in the third quarter from Keira Mostaffa and Tanna Howe and then

went 4-for-4 from the line while Stockton went just 2-for-10 from the charity stripe in the quarter as Warsaw led 37-35.

A good, clean fourth quarter for the Ladycats and going 4-for-6 from the line helped lead them to the 49-44 comeback win. Stockton managed to sink just 1-of-8 free throw's in the fourth.

Mostaffa and Howe led the scoring for the Ladycats with 17 and 11.

WARSAW (49): K. Mostaffa, 17; B. Schwartz, 3; M. Slavens, 6; B. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 1; T. Howe, 11; S. Miller, 5; H. Velker, 0; J. Gerken, 6.

STOCKTON (44): R. Henderson, 6; T. Graves, 0; K. Antonini, 0; M. Griffis, 0; R. Forst, 0; Z. Rains, 0; L. Burchett, 3; H. Burres, 13; T. Beck, 12; S. Roberts, 10.

The Ladycats (9-5) will be back on the floor this Thursday when they host Eldorado Springs (5-5) in a contest with Ozark Highlands Conference implications.



JENNA GERKEN (30)

Solid Eugene Team Humbles Lincoln In Loss

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

The highly anticipated matchup between Lincoln and Eugene on Friday night in Lincoln went sour in a hurry.

Eugene came out bombing threes and it was 22-6 after one. Lincoln, a defensive minded team under head coach Tyler Burke, had no answer to the now 9-3 Eugene club in the 62-27 drubbing.

Junior Ben Eckhoff was the Cardinals one bright spot with 13 points.

Ethan Wanderlich had all of his game high 17 points in the first half that included three first quarter three pointers and two in the second quarter.

It was 32-13 at the half and 46-21 after three.

Lincoln is now 8-2 and will be in action again when weather permits.

LINCOLN (27): Sanders, 4; Eckhoff, 13; Srader, 1; Young, 1; Benham, 2; Koll, 2; Harms, 4.

EUGENE (62): Wanderlich, 17; Belt, 12; Busch, 14; Allen, 8; Hart, 7; Doerhoff, 4.



Champions Spotlight:

Morton's Personal Racing Heroes Offer Double Support, Inspiration

Whether JC Morton is representing one of his racing idols while driving his USRA B-Mod or chasing checkers behind the wheel of a Late Model, the Springfield driver is looking forward to another season of double duty at Lucas Oil Speedway.

Morton earned his third Lucas Oil Speedway track championship in the Clear Creek Golf Cars USRA B-Mods in 2024 while driving a Terry Phillips Bloodline chassis. With two feature victories and seven top-fives in 11 events, Morton cruised to the title by 145 points over Logan Smith.

"We teamed up with Terry Phillips a season and a half ago and to turn around in my first

full season with him, to win a championship, it's good," Morton said. "We've been close several times and lost by a couple of points here, by five points there, in the last 2-3 seasons. To be able to come out on top and to be in the Bloodline house car, that's huge."

The 34-year-old Morton also was a contender in the Hermitage Lumber Late Model portion of the Weekly Racing Series as he wound up third in points behind Aurora's Justin Wells, another iconic Ozarks-area racing veteran.

"I've watched Justin race since I was a kid," Morton said of Wells. "To be in a position I'm in, to be able to race with him, is a pretty cool deal. It puts it into a pretty full-circle perspective."

Morton knows it won't be easy, but he has a goal of chasing two championships next season, in his Bloodline B-Mod and the Rocket-chassis Late Model owned by brothers Larry and Dale Moon from Sedalia.

A hint of what could happen came in 2023 when Morton won features in the B-Mod and Late Model divisions on the same night. He wound up second in the B-Mod points and sixth in Late Models that season. The 2024 season wasn't quite as good in the Late Model.

"We had plenty of top-five finishes in the Late Model, just didn't get any wins," Morton said of the past season. "I missed the first point night for the Late Models, as they started a week early. That's a 100-point swing when you miss a night, so it put me behind the 8-ball a little bit."

"Larry, the car owner, is pouring everything he can into it to make it better. We made a bunch of moves in the off-season to improve. We should come out strong. He's constantly on the phone with Rocket and trying to fine-tune to get it better."

Finding a way to derail Wells, who won 11 features last season in running away with a second straight track championship, is the tricky part. But Wells has indicated he might not run for another points title, which could open things up.

Having Phillips, a Dirt Late Model Hall of Famer in his corner, is a great benefit for Morton. While Phillips no longer competes in the Late Model division, Morton said he's a tremendous resource if he has questions, no matter the car.

"He's got a vast knowledge there," Morton said. "He's not in the technology side of it like he used to be, because he's not racing them anymore, but he's still able to make a phone call

or a text and is able to find out what's happening. It helps.

"I try not to push him a whole lot on that because he's not 100 percent involved on my Late Model world, but he still has so much knowledge. Like I think it was the USMTS race at Lucas last season, he made some suggestions (about the Late Model) and it was a lot better for us the second night."

No matter what happens in the Late Model, Morton is a proven champion in the B-Mod and figures to only get better the more experience he gets in the Bloodline chassis with Phillips in his corner.

"He's been around it so long and he's so good, it's hard not to take what he says and try it," Morton said of Phillips. "He's had so much success and has been an idol for me since I was a kid."

Morton said he looks forward to winning as many races as he can in 2025 after scoring 10 feature victories overall last season.

"The more races we're winning, the more cars we're gonna sell," Morton said of the B-Mod. "Then I'd like to capitalize on the Late Model deal, hit all the points shows and hopefully we can knock off a championship there."

"It would be even cooler to have two championships. We'll just have to see how the season goes. We'd like to knock out two championships, but will just show up week in and week out and see how many races we can win."

Things can get hectic while competing in two divisions. Morton gave his long-time B-Mod crew of dad Gene, Danny Fender and Rich Cooper a lot of credit.

"They know what to do and I can bounce back and forth pretty easy," Morton said. "The Late Model crew, I have the two brothers and another brother, Gary, and one of their sons will help once in a while. But yeah, every once in a while it will get hectic, if we tear one up and we're rushing around, but for the most part, it's not too bad."

"When it gets hot, it's a little more demanding - especially when we're racing back-to-back. I try to stay hydrated."

Morton, who turns 35 in January, laughed while saying he still considers himself youthful. He credits daughters Zoey (12), Emmy (4) and son Huddy (four months) with keeping him on his toes and wife Destiny for keeping everyone pointed in the right direction.

"I'm getting a little older and it does catch up with you at the end of the night," he said. "My girls keep me young. As long as I can keep up with them, I'll be OK."



MEMBERS OF THE WILDCATS basketball team traveled to Knightstown, Indiana to play nostalgic games at Hoosier Gym on Saturday. They include, front row: J.C. Minks, Domanic Wettengel, Cash Davis, Brayden Henderson, Colton Chapman, Roman Reser, Levi Bilderback, Ethan Siebert, Logan Games, Blaine Smith; and back row: Head Coach Matt Brownsberger, Trent Downing, Logan Games, Noah Siebert, Shane Poyser, Garrett Ferguson, Ryan Fajen, Luke Henderson, Brennen Slavens, Coach Isaac Yoder, Judah Newell and Coach Jack Dulle.

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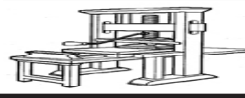
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Down On The Creek

By Dianne Peck
County Reporter



Threw It In The Well

Shakespeare once wisely wrote: "Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot/ that it do singe yourself." Wise words but few of us heed such sound advice. When our pride or our pocketbook takes a direct hit we immediately think of means to "get even." Lord Byron attributed "getting even" to the female sex when he wrote: "Sweet is revenge/ especially to women." The following account of a femme fatale from the Civil War era may label her as one of "Hell's Belles" but in my opinion her tormentor received his just dessert.

Nancy Hart was a spy for the Confederacy. She didn't dress in men's clothing but went boldly in her hoop skirts to help the "cause." She was captured by the Union forces and held hostage in 1861. The southern bred Mata Hari was threatened repeatedly by a loutish Union Officer, promising her that he would just let his troops have their way with her. Miss Hart put on a brave face and stood her ground until she saw the opportunity to escape. She did escape unscathed but she never forgot her tormentor's face.

As fortune would have it, the miserable oaf was captured by southern troops and brought to the town where Miss Hart was residing. Nancy shared with the Confederate officer the ordeal she had suffered at the hands of this Union man and asked his permission to deal a big plate of revenge to her former captor.

With a little assistance, Nancy forced the man to dress in female clothing and she paraded her corseted captive around the town for hours while the residents laughed in derision at the man's misery. Lord Byron may have been correct when he attributed sweet revenge to women.

Nancy Hart's revenge was aimed at just one man but a woman by the name of Nancy Anderson took on an entire railroad. Mrs. Anderson was thought of by her town as a "little shriveled-up old lady," who lived on the southeast corner of her town's square. She had a large garden on a large lot. She dressed in black and took her vegetables in a basket and sold them on the town square. She always asked people to "smell her flowers," as that is how she referred to her vegetables. In 1856 Nancy had been sent to an asylum for two years, after she had disappeared while fasting in the area's river bottoms. After twenty-one days, search parties located her and they had her committed. She had been married to a Major Anderson who died while she was in the asylum.

Her little shack of a house had been built in the 1840s and the railroad wanted her vegetable garden for their right-of-way. She wouldn't sell so they just condemned it and took it anyway. It cut her remaining property into a sharp triangle.

The effect of that railroad on the town was phenomenal. When they came through in the 1880s the town grew by 450 percent. New business in the community abounded. The entire community thought it was the greatest thing that had ever happened except Mrs. Anderson.

To get even and take her "sweet" revenge, the old lady would mix up home-made lye soap and would grease the tracks with it at night. The early engines

could not make the slight grade without traction, and the crews would be forced to back up and scrub and sand the tracks before they could proceed. Nancy Anderson was never caught by the railroad although the whole town knew what she was doing.

Mrs. Anderson lived in her little shack just off the square until she died in 1896. Later that year her home was torn down and an elegant new business establishment erected on the site. In her newspaper obituary, the editor wrote: "Peace to her ashes! As she goeth about the streets of the New Jerusalem, asking each to smell her flowers, may none say nay." Personally I think the editor was remiss in not adding, may there be train tracks and grease in heaven.

In this modern world of today most women have an adequate education and training to support themselves if they are forced to fend for their own needs. A condition that did not exist a century ago. Often you would read or hear that some poor helpless widow had lost her farm or her home because she no longer had the financial protection of a husband. Many times the only recourse for a woman was to marry again as soon as possible. Many times they were successful in this solution because some widower with a large brood of children needed a wife to care for his offspring and his home.

One particular widow was not fortunate enough to be rescued in such a manner and the local banker, known to be both shrewd and heartless, was determined to take her farm. Obviously he had never heard the old adage: "He that plants thorns must never expect to gather roses." But not to worry, the widow did lose her home but she did have the last word. As they say, he who laughs last, laughs best! An acquaintance voicing sympathy about her plight was told by the hapless widow, "Don't worry, last thing I did was I killed the cat and threw it in the well."

Vacant Building Will Soon House New Shop In Downtown Cole Camp

By Dianne Peck
County Reporter

The former Wine Women & Song building will re-open in the spring with a whole new concept. It's called Antiques, Vintage & Collectibles and will feature estate sale items from around Missouri. That will include furniture pieces with a mix of unique one-of-a-kind vintage items. Those will be real surprises as they can range from wonderful imported clay flower pots to nice linens and porcelain pieces. You'll always find a surprise lurking where you least expect it.

Judy Smasal worked as a teacher a short time in the 1990's. She taught high school Family and Consumer Science, a fancy term for what was once known as Home Ec. She began her career as a merchant in a little shop on North Maple on the north side of the Cole Camp Inn. It was called "Once upon a Time" and carried lots of country rustic pieces.

As Judy said, "That's when Country was cool."

Smasal remained in that little shop from 1994 to 2001 when she bought the building at the 4-way that now houses the popular Handel Haus. She added the tea room to that location in 2002.

The building is very historic, first opened by George and Marie Wellbrock in the 1920's. At the time, it was an upscale building when it was constructed and still is. Blessedly, the magnificent tin ceiling is in mint condition and is worth a trip just to see it.

Smasal is a creative minded woman always looking for new ways to draw shoppers to Cole Camp so in April of 2019, she bought the historic building across the street from Handel Haus and opened it as Wine, Women and Song. The new business featured high teas with crustless sandwiches and mini-quiches. These were served on three tiered trays with scones, biscuits and lemon curd on the second tier. Sweets cookies and fruit kabobs finished it off. It was served on china and was fancy but not stuffy.

In addition, that shop had

Hare Wins Benton County Extension Gun Raffle



By Dianne Peck
County Reporter

The Benton County Mu Extension Office, in an effort to support the county's youth in furthering their education, began offering a \$1,000 scholarship to be given one to Cole Camp, one to Lincoln and one in Warsaw. In 2024 they decided to add an additional \$1,000 scholarship available to past scholarship recipients. To fund this, the Extension raffled tickets on a gun. It was a Savage 243 bolt action with vortex scope and bipod. A customized engraving of the Lake of the Ozarks was placed on the right side of the stock. The proud winner of the gun was Tom Hare who claimed he "never wins anything."

Applications to apply for the scholarships will go out



to the high schools and the middle of January and are due back on April 1.

great merchandise and served special sit-down dinners on Friday evening by reservation only. It wasn't open long until Covid hit and when that nightmare ended some of Smasal's family members developed health issues. First, she lost her father and in May 2024, her brother passed away. Barely three months later, in August, she

lost her mother. That was the blow that made her realize it was time to take a break.

Smasal decided to sell the building and even though she had some lookers, a deal was never cut. Possibly deep down she didn't want to give up on that old building after all. And she hasn't because now it will house this new venture that will provide a whole different

concept of shopping in Cole Camp. In addition to her estate sale merchandise, there's a strong indication there will be a couple added surprises at the location to be announced at a later date.

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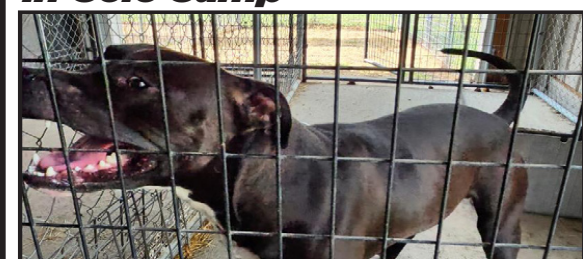
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NAME: Caydence Larson
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YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY: 5 years
FAMILY: Daddy, Dennis; Mommy, Michelle; Sisters, Sadie and Savannah
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN BENTON COUNTY IS: The parks.
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP: An athlete
FIRST JOB: na
OCCUPATION: Student
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Going to Indiana
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE IS WHEN: I play with my sisters.



FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Lainey Wilson
FAVORITE MOVIE: *Beauty and the Beast*
FAVORITE DRINK: Pepsi
FAVORITE SNACK: Cheez Its
FAVORITE CANDY: Skittles and Lollipops
FUTURE GOAL: To pass kindergarten
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: Caitlin Clark
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Be nice.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Play hard.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: I don't have any yet.
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Just their friendship
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Bears and crocodiles.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Be away from family.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Reach the top shelf.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Buy a lot of games and toys, and snacks!
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE: To Disneyworld.
HOBBIES: Playing, doing arts and crafts



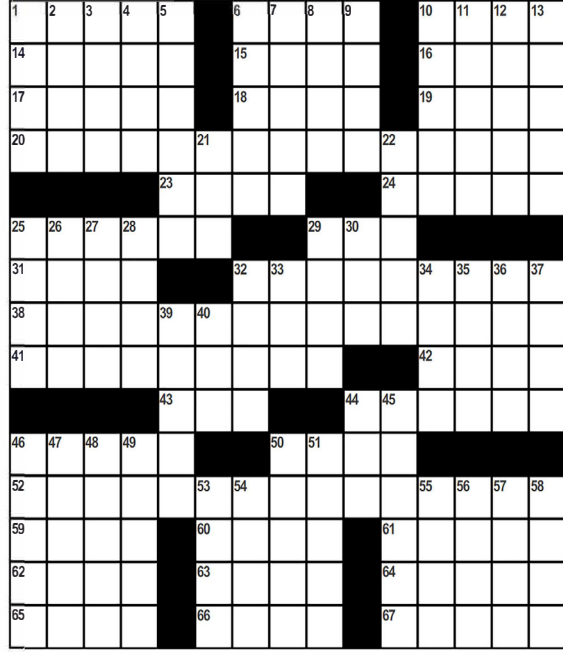
ACROSS

- 1) Cakes with kick
- 2) Target of obscenity laws
- 10) "You can go to the next person"
- 14) Seize forcefully
- 15) Dance at a Jewish wedding
- 16) Puerto ___
- 17) "___ beaucoup!"
- 18) Leaf angle
- 19) "Fine by me!"
- 20) Equipment for big shots?
- 23) Basilica area
- 24) Roman day
- 25) Raucous crowd
- 29) Brewery unit
- 31) Succulent houseplant
- 32) "The Wizard of Oz" character
- 38) Central American isthmus area
- 41) Product identifier
- 42) Islamic ruler (Var.)
- 43) Computer key
- 44) Shaped like a cylinder
- 46) Gig for a tenor
- 50) Rotator cuff injury
- 52) Formal group conversation
- 59) "How unfortunate!"
- 60) River to the Caspian Sea
- 61) Sainly glows
- 62) Nerve network, e.g.
- 63) Actress Sorvino
- 64) Braid
- 65) Apple source
- 66) Surreptitious sound
- 67) Flavorful citrus parts

DOWN

- 1) Road warning sign
- 2) Enjoying a cruise
- 3) Become charred
- 4) Chevron rival
- 5) Coil
- 6) Pillow cover-ups
- 7) Daring
- 8) Acid found in birds and reptiles
- 9) After-bath powder
- 10) TV spot
- 11) "American Idol" runner-up Clay
- 12) Cause alarm to
- 13) Bean plants (Var.)
- 21) King Kong was one
- 22) Cherub
- 25) Totally absorbed
- 26) Apple orchard spray, once
- 27) ___ fide
- 28) Rosary component
- 29) Orson Welles' Citizen
- 30) Stat for pitchers
- 32) Formation over a wound
- 33) "Overhead" engine part
- 34) Ruler toppled by the Bolsheviks
- 35) "When in ___ do ..."
- 36) Words after "sit" or "step"
- 37) "The stockings ___ hung ..."
- 39) ___ detector (airport device)
- 40) Santa ___ winds
- 44) Nineteenth Greek letter
- 45) Imitation
- 46) Eyeball-bending graphics
- 47) Less hardy-looking
- 48) Descended on the mother's side
- 49) Enjoy again, as a movie
- 50) Plural and alternate spelling of 34-Down
- 51) Acclamation
- 53) Hauler's destination, sometimes
- 54) Tennessee state flower
- 55) "You bet!"
- 56) Instances of anger
- 57) Brewer's kiln
- 58) Mysterious loch

ANGRY CRITICS



NEWS
By Pat Arnett
Contributing Reporter

Well, here I am hoping to start this year off right by writing my *Fristoe News* column as I have failed to do so 2 out of the last 4 weeks. Again, I will say how sorry I am to not meet the schedules needed to get the paper in circulation. But Jimmy White has been so nice about it, and Adam Howe also. I am going to try better, okay!

Up until yesterday, the weather has been very cooperative, but yesterday evening moisture moved into the forecast; moisture that was rain, freezing rain, sleet and even snow in places. This moisture, along with power outages, has really caused problems. Most all churches in the Fristoe, Cross Timbers and Climax Springs area were canceled on Sunday (the first Sunday of 2025) morning. The temperature is dropping to much below freezing and not rising to more than above freezing until Wednesday, January 8.

I have a sad note to put in my column this week as my husband Dean's niece, Tammy West Hampton, only 52 years old, passed away unexpectedly last week. Tammy is the oldest daughter of Dean's sister

Edna, and her husband Lennie West of Wheatland. Tammy leaves behind two children and three grandchildren. We send much sympathy to this family.

Also sympathy to Judy Noland on the death of her son, Kevin this weekend. I went to school with Judy 12 years and appreciated her much. I know Judy is feeling very broken hearted and we offer her condolences and much peace in this time!

Asking prayers this week for Kathy First, Lewis Retherford, Bud Hatch, Gladys Harris, and remember Mary Scarbrough's family!

I am sending a GREAT BIG Happy Birthday shoutout to my son, Randy Reno on his 51st birthday! A few days before he was born, the weather was much like these days. Happy birthday Randy on January 10!

As mentioned earlier, Pentecostal Lighthouse Church did not hold church on Sunday morning, January 5, due to the horrible weather. Hopefully everything will straighten out and get back to normal this week!

Thought for the week: What we say is a coincidence is when God remains anonymous! Being content isn't getting what we want it is being satisfied with what we have!

Hoping all who read the *Benton County Enterprise* has a wonderful and safe week!



Lodge #2783
By Betty Mewszel
Contributing Reporter

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

Dining at The Lodge:
January 9, Burgers w/Fries \$8, 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 Sandwich 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 \$7, Noon-2:30 PM

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

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

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

The lodge has several regular activities during the week:

Tuesday-Shuffleboard at 1:00 PM

Wednesday-Darts at 6:00 PM

Thursday-The Lodge Boys play at 1:00 PM

Stop by and join in the fun

and meet some new friends! The lodge adopted 10 families with 31 children for Christmas 2024. Kathy was the chair for this event and sends her "thank you" to the volunteers:

"Hello, fellow Elks! I don't know why I am so amazed with the outpouring of volunteers for our Christmas families. All who volunteered their time are greatly appreciated. We were able to provide toys, clothes and food for 31 kids and 10 families. This is why I became an Elk. Again, thank you to all who volunteered! We would not have been as successful without you! Elks Care, Elks Share."

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.

Mark your calendar for February 14. The lodge is planning a Valentines Sweetheart Dinner. This event is open to the public. Enjoy a special 4-course dinner including appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert. Dinner also includes one drink of your choice. There will be 2 sitting times for your choice: 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM. The cost for each

couple is \$75. Reservations will be required by February 7.

GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE of May 17, 2025! The Veteran's 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.



BENTON COUNTY Sheriff's Report
ERIC KNOX
Benton County Sheriff
Sheriff's Report
12/27/24 to 1/5/25

Larry Wade Dunaway Jr of Lincoln, MO was arrested on 12-29-24 on a on a 24 hour investigative hold. Subject was released without charges per the prosecuting attorney.

Johnnie Lee Mead of Belton, MO was arrested on 12-29-24 on a Jackson County warrant for Failure to Appear/Traffic Offense. Bond is set at \$1,000.00 or 10% secured. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Linda Diane McCoy of Cole Camp, MO was arrested on

12-31-24 on a Benton County warrant for Possession of Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility

Fransis Marc Kraft of Edwards, MO was arrested on 12-31-24 on a Clay County warrant for Possession of Controlled Substance. Bond is set at \$7,500.00 cash or surety. Subject was transported to another county.

Michael Shawn Nichols of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 12-31-24 for Driving While Revoked/Suspended-2nd or 3rd Offense, Displayed or Possessed Motor Vehicle Plates of Another Person and Operate Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date

Michael Lee Gennetten of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 1-2-25 for Domestic Assault-4th Degree. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date

Brittany Jean Hoffman of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 1-2-25 for Domestic Assault-4th Degree. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date

Shawn Paul Murphy of Racine, WI was arrested on 1-3-25 on a Benton County warrant for Murder-1st Degree and Armed Criminal Action. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility on a no bond status.

Jacob Dean Reed of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 1-4-25 on a Benton County warrant for Domestic Assault-2nd Degree, Tampering with a Victim, Endangering the Welfare of a Child-2nd Degree and Trespass-1st Degree. Bond is set at \$50,000.00 surety only. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

Terry Houston Smith of Warsaw, Mo was arrested on 1-5-25 on a Johnson County warrant for Failure to Appear/Endangering a Child X2. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 cash or surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.

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

Well, the grand finale is underway. The Medal of Freedom is now like the Nobel Peace Prize; anyone can get one. President Biden awarded Hillary Clinton and Liz Cheney medals during a ceremony saying, "These are individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the prosperity, values and security of the United States." UNBELIEVABLE! If you had any doubt he was feeble, this is proof. Might as well set up a vending machine in the White House lobby . . . just swipe

your bitcoin wallet and out pops a Medal of Freedom. Wouldn't it be something if one day a President awarded this medal to a police officer, teacher or animal rescue owner versus these sheltered millionaire politicians? I've said it before and I'll say it again, the pardons for Biden's criminal gang including Cheney, Mayorkas, Fauci, Garland, Wray and Jim Biden are just days away.

Meanwhile, President Trump is headed back to the

courtroom. Judge Merchan decided to sentence The Donald ten days before his inauguration in the hush money case. This is nothing more than political extortion. When members of Congress dip into their taxpayer slush fund and pay off accusers, is that considered a legal expense? When will these incidents be investigated? Most likely when Hell freezes over.

President Carter's funeral is this week. When he ran against Ronald Reagan, I was in grade school and Mrs. Drake staged a mock election for us, ballots and all. I can't remember who won. I do remember that time in our history though; high gas prices, inflation and the hostages in Iran. President Carter had a tough go at it, but he was a good man. Other than Harry Truman, he was the only recent President who didn't profit from the office. Both men were too honest for the D.C. cesspool. Fair winds and following seas Mr. President.

It's a strange world we're now living in. That may be one of the oldest expressions in the world. Hang in there Old Buddy and remember you can't keep happiness out of your life anymore than you can keep trouble away. The problem is, you never know when it's coming.

'Til Next Week:
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Now that the calendar has flipped, it's time for some New Year's resolutions. You could decide you're going to exercise more, lose weight, learn a new skill, reconnect with old friends — the possibilities are almost limitless. This year, why not add a few financial resolutions to your list?

Here are a few to consider:

- **Reduce your debts.** It may be easier said than done, but if you can cut down on your debt load, you'll increase your cash flow and have more money available to invest for your future. So, look for ways to lower your expenses and spending. You might find it helpful to use one of the budgeting apps available online.

- **Boost your retirement savings.** Try to put in as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If your salary goes up this year, you've got a good opportunity to increase your contributions to these retirement accounts. And once you turn 50, you can make pre-tax catch-up contributions for your 401(k) and traditional IRA. You might also want to review the investment mix within your 401(k) or similar plan to determine whether it's still providing the growth potential you need, given your risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Build an emergency fund.** It's generally a good idea to maintain an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as an expensive auto or home repair.

- **Keep funding your non-retirement goals.** Your traditional IRA and 401(k) are good ways to save for retirement — but you likely have other goals,

too, and you'll need to save and invest for them. So, for example, if you want your children to go to college or receive some other type of post-secondary training, you might want to invest in a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan. And if you have short-term goals, such as saving for a wedding or taking an overseas vacation, you might want to put some money away in a liquid account. For a short-term goal, you don't necessarily need to invest aggressively for growth — you just want the money to be there for you when you need it.

- **Review your estate plans.** If you haven't already created your estate plans, you may want to do so in 2025. Of course, if you're relatively young, you might not think you need to have estate plans in place just yet, but life is unpredictable, and the future is not ours to see. If you have already drawn up estate plans, you may want to review them, especially if you've recently experienced changes in your life and family situation, such as marriage, remarriage or the addition of a new child. Because estate planning can be complex, you'll want to work with a qualified legal professional.

You may not be able to tackle all these resolutions in 2025. But by addressing as many of them as you can, you may find that, by the end of the year, you have made progress toward your goals and set yourself on a positive course for all the years to come.

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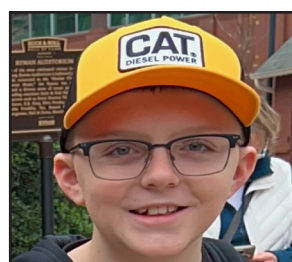
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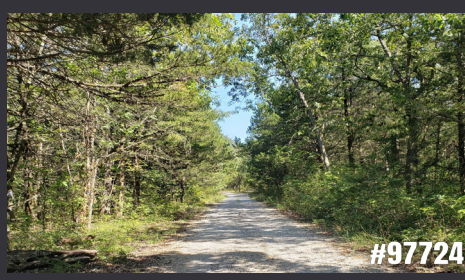
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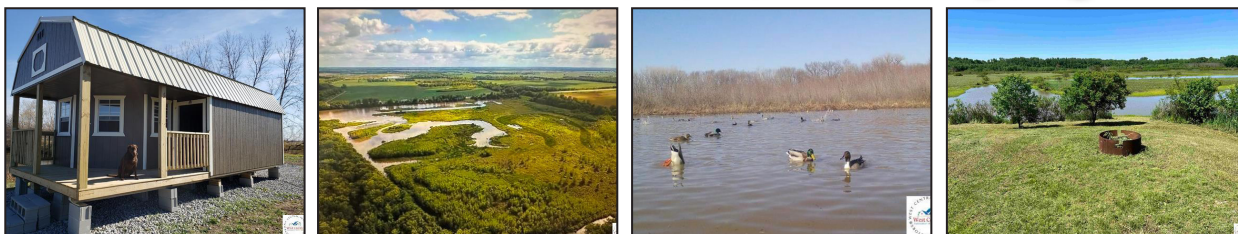
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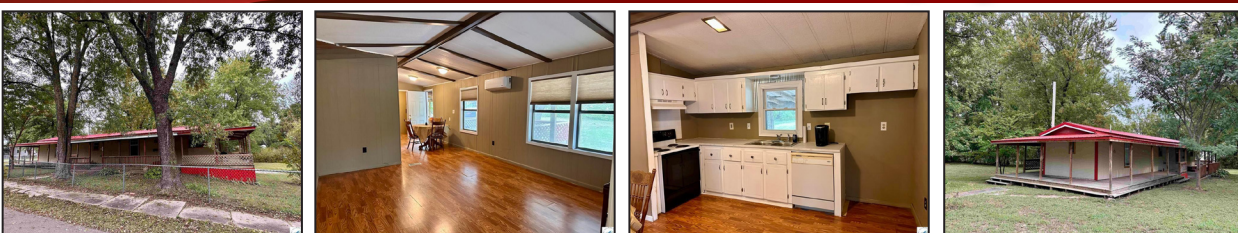
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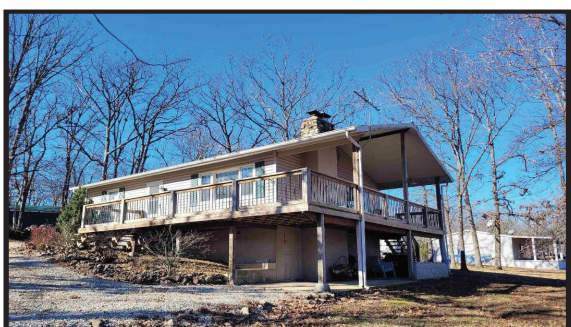
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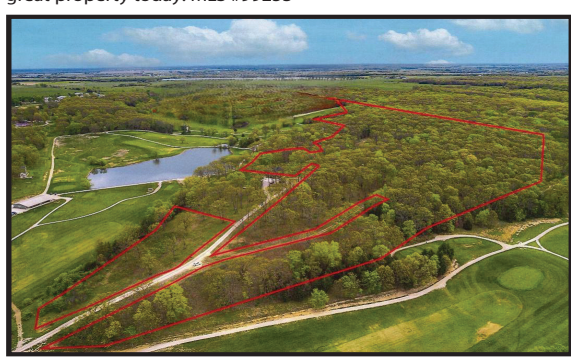
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of Linda T. Cornett, Deceased.

Estate No. 24BE-PR00102

ORDER OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO ESTABLISH DEATH

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO LINDA T. CORNETT, an absent person, presumed dead:

You are hereby notified that Jamie Redinger has filed a Petition to Establish Death and for Letters of Administration on your estate based upon the following grounds: that on November 9, 2023, your house burned to the ground while you and your partner, Judith L. Cornett, were home; Judith L. Cornett's remains were found in the burned remnants of the house, however your remains have not yet been discovered; due to your age, your significant physical and mental limitations, your absence from your last known domicile in Benton County, Missouri, your lack of communication, and lack of any banking or financial activity from November 9, 2023 to the date of the filing of said petition, it is unlikely that you survived the house fire.

You are further notified that if Petitioner establishes your death, Petitioner is qualified to serve as Personal Representative of your estate.

You are further notified that a hearing on said Petition will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, at which time and place evidence will be heard

concerning your alleged absence, the circumstances relating thereto and the duration thereof. If Petitioner adduces sufficient evidence of your unexplained absence, a judgment will be entered declaring you legally dead.

It is Ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Benton County Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation published in Benton County, Missouri. A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the seal of the court this 12/12/2024.

Julia J. Harms, Clerk-Probate Division

Date(s) of Publication: 12/19/2024, 12/26/2024, 1/2/2025, 1/9/2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

Case No: 24BE-DR00078

In the matter of AJFBW, through her next friend Candace Weter, Petitioners

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Respondent: Deanthony Bruce

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition for Determination of Child Custody and Visitation has been filed against you, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a declaration of paternity and determine custody and parenting time of AJFBW, in the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file responsive pleadings with the Clerk at 316 Van Buren Rd., Warsaw, MO 65355 and serve a copy on Petitioner's attorney,

Russell Jackson at PO Box 396, Warrensburg, MO 64093 by 01/31/2025, a judgment by default may be entered against you.

IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Benton County Enterprise, published in the County of Benton, State of Missouri.

Dated: December 2, 2024

Shanda Schultz, Circuit Court Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: December 19 & 26, 2024 and January 2 & 9, 2025

IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case Number: 24BE-PR00013

In the Estate of MARK PHILLIP JONES, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARK PHILLIP JONES, Decedent:

On AUGUST 12, 2024, the following individuals was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARK PHILLIP JONES, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BENTON COUNTY, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is:

CATHY DUDLEY, 10436 FLINT, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66214, 913-226-3842

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or

direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

KRISTI C. HARTMANN, 2029 WYANDOTTE STREET, SUITE 100, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108; 816-599-6638

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

SHANDA SCHULTZ, CIRCUIT CLERK Julia J. Harms, Probate Clerk

Date of the decedent's death: 09-MAR-2023

Date of first publication: DECEMBER 19, 2024

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

DATES OF PUBLICATION: 12/19/24; 12/26/24; 1/2/25; 1/9/25

TO BE PUBLISHED IN: BENTON COUNTY ENTERPRISE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

CIRCUIT DIVISION

Case No. 24BE-CC00060

SAMUEL JASON VANDAVEER, Plaintiff

vs. RICHARD J. WATSON, and his spouses, unknown consort heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of said persons, and any other

person or entity that claims or may claim an interest in the following described property, Defendants.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendants: RICHARD J. WATSON, and his spouses, unknown consort heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of said persons, and any other person or entity that claims or may claim an interest in the following described property:

LOTS FORTY EIGHT (48) AND FORTY NINE (49), BLOCK ONE (1), MACKS GRAND RIVER DEVELOPMENT, A SUBDIVISION IN BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

The names and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Cale B. Haddock, 245 W. Washington St., P.O. Box 24, Warsaw, Missouri 65355, and his phone number is (660) 223-5152.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 26th day of December, 2024, judgment by default will be rendered.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to the law in the Benton County Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Benton, State of Missouri. A true copy from the record.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 16th day of December, 2024.

/s/ SHANDA SCHULTZ, Circuit Clerk By: /s/ MARY SIERCKS, Deputy Circuit Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: 12/26/24, 1/2/25, 1/9/25, 1/16/25

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the final budget hearing for 2025 will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Benton County Commission Room at the Benton County Courthouse.

Benton County Commission

Date(s) of Publication: January 9, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case No.: 24BE-PR00117

IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS ANDREW HILL, Deceased.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

To all persons interested in the estate of Thomas Andrew Hill, Decedent:

On the 4th day of December, 2024, a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributess for the decedent under section 473.097, RSMo., with the probate division of the circuit court of Benton County, Missouri.

All creditors of the decedent, who died on October 3, 2024, are notified that section 473.444 sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that his estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the probate division of the circuit court of Benton County, Missouri.

Date of first publication is January 9, 2025.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 3rd day of January, 2025.

Shanda Schultz Circuit Clerk Julia J. Harms Deputy Circuit Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2025

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BENTON COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFERS *PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THE FIRST GRANTOR & FIRST GRANTEE ARE LISTED. OTHER NAMES MAY APPEAR ON THE DOCUMENT.

Table with columns: Grantor, Grantee, Instr, Series, Inst #, Book, Page, First Legal, Rec Date. Lists various property transfer records.

Luther R. "Bud" Carey



Luther R. "Bud" Carey, age 90, of Warsaw, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at his home. He was born on May 5, 1934 in Kansas City, Missouri the son of Luther R. and Jennie (Barr) Carey.

Bud grew up in Kansas City and graduated from Northeast High School. He enjoyed a long career as a Merchandise Buyer for Montgomery Ward. On April 8, 1975, Bud married Marsha Estes, and they made their home in Raytown, Missouri, before relocating to their farm in Warsaw in 1986. Together, Bud and Marsha ran L&M Furniture Sales in the Old Western Auto building on Main Street in Warsaw for several years. In addition to his business ventures, Bud was known for his entrepreneurial spirit as a cattle farmer. He also had a passion for golfing with friends and spent many winters in Texas near the southern border.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents, two sons; Roger and Richard, three brothers; Ray Cavender, Pete Cavender and James Carey, three sisters; Mildred Gerstel, Helen Renchen and Wanda McClain.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Carey, of the home, three children; Steve Carey, Diana Hopkins, and her husband Tom, and Stephanie Merrill and her husband Lee, of Lawrence, Kansas, grandchildren; Carey Grimsley, and her husband Joey, of Overland Park, Kansas, Kaleigh Merrill, Harper Merrill, Greyson Clemons and Finnegan Merrill, all of Lawrence, Kansas.

Bud is also survived by a nephew and honorary son, Landon Estes and his wife Brenda, of Warsaw, a great nephew Austin Estes, of Higbee, Missouri and a great niece, Ally Johnson, and her husband Kyle, of Higbee, Missouri, numerous other relatives and friends, including great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, resulting in five generations of the Carey family.

Graveside services for Bud Carey will be held at the Fredonia Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements for his cremation are under the direction of the Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benton County Hospice c/o the Reser Funeral Home P.O. Box 910 Warsaw, Missouri 65355.

Pallbearers are Lee Merrill, Greyson Clemons,

Finn Merrill, Landon Estes, Austin Estes, Joey Grimsley. Honorary pallbearers are Bud Harris, Ken Morgan, Gerry Brooks, Mike Smasal.

Gary Eugene Eikel



Gary Eugene Eikel, age 74, of Warsaw, Missouri, passed away at home on Wednesday, December 25, 2024. He was born on April 1, 1950, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Joseph and Mary (Krebs) Eikel.

Gary grew up in Raytown and graduated from Raytown High School, class of 1968. Gary joined the United States Army, on November 17, 1971. Gary was honorably discharged on November 16, 1977, serving rank SP4. Gary earned certificate of Achievement United States Army Europe Old Iron Side 1st Armored Division. Gary earned the National Defense Service Medal, The Expert M60 Medal, and the Sharpshooter M16 Medal. While still in the Army reserves, Gary attended The Roofers Local #20 Apprenticeship School, earning his Journeyman rank, where he would retire after 40 years with Sellers & Marquis Roofing Company. Gary was often referred to as the Best Roof Leak finder in Kansas City, other Roofing Companies would call upon his expertise.

On August 27, 1983, he married Sharon Scroggs, they enjoyed their Jet Boat with family and friends. Gary was an avid Chiefs fan, Nascar Fan and Golfer. After retirement they made their home in Warsaw, Missouri where he enjoyed golfing and keeping their acreage manicured like a park.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and first wife Charleen Eikel.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Sharon of 41 years, of the home. Stepson Micheal (Missy) Beach, two step grandchildren, Jessie and Derek, and three Step Great-grandchildren, Mia, RD, and Ezra. Gary is survived by his 6 brothers and Sisters, Janet (Ron) Marsh of Salida, CO, Alan (Michele) Eikel of Stover, MO, Don (Marcia) Eikel of Lenexa, KS, Sandy (Dan) Dolence of Raymore, MO, Patti (Jack) Miles Stover, MO, Bob Eikel of Raytown. His nieces and nephews, Clint, Ame, Chris, Ryan, Nick, and Sydney. Sister-in-law Jeanne (Matt) Snell of Holt, MO. Further survived by other relatives and friends.

There will be a visitation held in Warsaw on

Friday, January 3rd, at the First United Methodist Church located at 154 W Washington St. Warsaw, MO 65355 From 4 pm - 7 pm.

Memorial donations can be made in his honor to the Benton County Missouri Cancer Fund, PO BOX 274 Cole Camp, MO 65325

Terry Lynn Price



Terry Lynn Price (83) born October 1, 1941 passed December 23, 2024 in his home in Warsaw, Missouri. Terry worked and retired as a railroad conductor. He left behind his companion of 22 years Shelaine Simpson, daughter Maree Rowland (husband Bobby Casey) and four granddaughters; Sydney Michelle, Kayla Danielle-Lynn, Melanie Renee, and Britney Renee. He joined his father, mother, and beloved dachshund, Heidi Marie, in heaven. Terry was highly regarded and will be truly missed by his family and friends. Terry was cared for by his family alongside hospice for the last year of his life as he battled Parkinson's disease. Please donate to Benton County Hospice (bentonhealth.org/1234 Commercial Street, Warsaw, Missouri 65355) in memory of Terry L. Price.

Cecelia K. Twenter



Cecelia Kathleen Twenter, 95 of rural Stover, Missouri, passed away Friday, January 3, 2025, at Golden Age Living Center in Stover. She was born on September 7, 1929, near Stover, a daughter of Edward and Susanna (Weller) Reusch.

On April 4, 1956, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bahner, she was married to William George Twenter. This union was blessed with nine children: Evelyn, Mildred, Bonnie, Margaret, Mary, Joan, Thresa, Hugo, and Gerald. She lived in the rural Stover area all of her life until she became a resident of Golden Age Living Center in December of 2023. Cecelia spent her life as a homemaker raising her family. She always raised a large garden and enjoyed taking care of the farm animals. She loved watching the wild birds

and always made sure to feed them, especially in the wintertime when there was snow.

Cecelia was a lifetime member of St. John's Catholic Church in Bahner, where she received all of the sacred sacraments. She attended St. John's Parochial School and the Oakland School. She belonged to the Ladies Altar Society. The ladies worked together making beautiful quilts for their annual ice cream social. She made gooseberry pies that were always requested. She was very devoted to the church and was heartbroken when it was destroyed by lightning on August 1, 2023.

Cecelia is survived by her daughters, Evelyn Eckhoff and Ron of St. Louis, Mildred Brown and Larry of Sedalia, Bonnie Twenter of Stover, Margaret Wimer and Dale of Jefferson City, Mary Craig and Chris of Cole Camp, Joan Leary and Lee of Troy, and Thresa Alford and Jason of Sedalia; her sons, Hugo Twenter and Tresa of Sedalia and Gerald Twenter of Stover; grandchildren, Matt, Chris, Jamie, Paris, Karen, Susan, Stephanie, Mary, Jonathan, William, Nicholas, Robin, Kelsey, Michael, Jeffery, Laci, Lexi, Lane, Kurtis, Kacey, Stacie, Chad, Daniel, Allan, Qumars, Morgan and Haley; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; her parents, Edward and Susanna Reusch; her grandsons, Lane Twenter and Jeffery Smith; her brother, John Reusch; and five sisters, Marie Bahner, Ida Schader, Lena Reusch, Edna Reusch, and Annie Reusch.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 15042 Chat Avenue, Cole Camp with Father Ben Nwosu officiating. The visitation will be on Friday, January 10, 2025, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with prayer of the Holy Rosary led by Deacon Turf Martin beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. The burial will be at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Bahner.

Pallbearers are William "Bill" Twenter, William Metscher, Kurtis Mahnesmith, Kacey Mahnesmith, Daniel Craig, and Allan Craig.

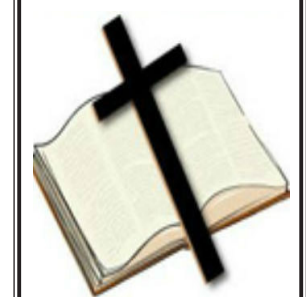
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK JOHNNIE J. LOGUE

A Disciple of The Lord Jesus Christ
-Matthew 10

The word disciple means a learner, a student and a follower.

Just an observation, but I have noticed a difference between people who use the name Jesus and never use the name Lord Jesus Christ.

There doesn't seem to be a high regard for sin and they have a casual approach to God and church. Jesus is their friend more than their God. Some would say I am splitting hairs here. Again, just an observation of many years in the ministry.

What should a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ do and say?

We seem to have closet Christians. I worked in a factory back in 1978. I was saved at home and began to share my faith with fellow employees. To my surprise, several said they were Christians and went to church. Some invited me to their church. Their lifestyle did not reflect Christianity, plain and simple.

I had been looking for someone who lived a moral life and had a peace I didn't have. There was none. I was curious about God and several events had gotten my attention, but I needed the scriptures to conclude the matter. There was a man at work who was going to Bible College. His dad died and I saw him cry. He started showing me scriptures and that was the finishing touch on what I was looking for all my life.

We see in Matthew 10 that a disciple should let it be known they are Christians. Their witness should be heard on housetops. They are to fear God and be givers. They are to be servants.

I am Pastor Johnie J. Logue and I am a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you?

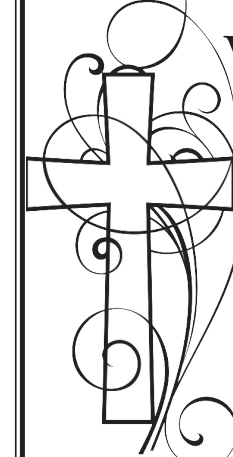


You know he was always there for three generations for most kids his age that grew up with him our children who knew him as towmater and now there children who knew him 10's of 10's as uncle Kevin. It was one thing to be a local business owner or person in the local public eye, or to be Kevin Noland in Warsaw the last 40 years; first serving his country in the National Guard and then the local fire department, then he worked in local shops and gas stations like the years working for Dan with Ricky H. down at the trade center, pumping gas and washing windows, and for the last 25 years for most of the tow services around. He seemed to always be working in the service of others. But when the clocked stopped, Kevin didn't. He did his service for anyone who needed it; a helping hand, Kevin would be there. It's gonna be a long time before anyone local has a fender bender or see an accident on the road and instantly turn around looking for Newt, or even actually getting used to the fact that Kevin Noland is gone. I have set like so many of you I know the last 3 days wondering, why? You know, most of us can probably look back and see a time when violence was at hand and if not, our own loss of self control, someone close to us, and Kevin grabbing ahold of the situation knowing his own strength. He put out so many personal domestic fires and kept the cops from being called and he never really hurt anyone, and to think doing this same service, he lost his life. That's when I seem to start to digest this mental wound all over again. I will comfortably leave it with these words. Yo Kevin, if hearts was worth a dollar and popularity the prize, you truly passed away the richest, most popular guy in town!



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