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Benton County Officials Respond After ‘Roasting’ By MO State Auditor Report



By
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Missouri State Auditor, Scott Fitzpatrick, released Management Advisory Report No. 2025-003 on January 22, 2025, with findings from his performance audit of Benton County government operations.

A press release by media@auditor.mo.gov on the same date announced that Benton County had received a rating of “poor”, the lowest possible. The press release aroused community ire by highlighting and describing certain county officials as having acted with intentional disregard and violation of state laws to overtax the people, and the public administrator as having made questionable payments to family members. Not surprisingly, local radio, television and other Missouri cities’ online news coverage focused on the same. Comments on social media called for resignations if not jail-time for some county officers.

“We got roasted,” said Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske.

In any case, Benton County’s taxpaying citizens, including the relatively small percentage who vote in local elections, trust that county officials perform their duties properly. In response to the implications




ON THE HOT SEAT, Benton County Treasurer Rick Renno answered questions following a State Auditor’s report that gave the county a ‘Poor Rating.’ Answering questions with Renno were Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske, Northside Commissioner Scott Harms and Assessor Jim Hansen.

of such negative audits, they need assurance that their trust is not misplaced. To that end, Daleske asked the *Benton County Enterprise* to join the meeting he called of county department heads for Friday morning, January 24, to ask questions about the findings and report the answers to the public.

Following are county officials’ comments on the findings in the order presented in the official report. [Notes in brackets are based on information obtained in further review of the Auditor’s official sources.]

Finding 1.1. Bank reconciliations reviewed for the months of December 2022, January 2023, November 2023 and December 2023 were not adequately and accurately prepared to ensure they agree with book balances at each month’s end. The auditor cited discrepancies in amounts as high as \$7.4 million, and noted that the

‘Cats Wrestling Hosts OHC Tourney; Boys Place Second, Girls Finish Fourth



By
Adam Howe
Editor

Warsaw hosted the 2024-25 Ozark Highlands Conference Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night in front of a packed gymnasium at WHS.

Jayce Estes, Sean Reinertsen, Drake Murrell and Josh Harvath all made the podium as conference champions for the boys while 4 other wrestlers also earned medals.

On the boy’s side, Versailles took the top spot with 158.0 points. They were followed by Warsaw (125.0), Butler (106.5), Sherwood (106.5), El Dorado Springs (60.5) and Adrian (29.0).

Complete results for all Warsaw boy’s are listed below:

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Jayce Estes (17-0) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 2 - Jayce Estes (Warsaw) 17-0 won by fall over Reace Boatright (Versailles) 7-15 (Fall 0:42)

Round 3 - Jayce Estes (Warsaw) 17-0 won by fall over Phineas Goertz (Butler) 9-15 (Fall 1:09)

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Kaiman Reser (9-11) placed 4th and scored 2.0 team points.

Round 1 - Syllas Fletcher (El Dorado Springs) 15-9 won in sudden victory - 1 over Kaiman Reser (Warsaw) 9-11 (SV-1 11-8)

Round 2 - Brandon Brewer

Meow Mission Roars Into '25 With Help For Feline Friends



By
Kim Fugate
County
Reporter

In 2024, Meow Mission achieved remarkable milestones, by facilitating the spaying and neutering of a whopping 799 cats and dogs within their service areas, providing two low-cost vaccination clinics and distributing 17,800 pounds of pet food to low income families with pets. The collective effort of sharing posts, donating to fundraisers, volunteering, adopting and spreading the word has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless pets.

Front and center in the crusade for animal well-being, a coalition of veterinary clinics, rescue organizations and




THE CAT’S MEOW, Jessica Paxton adopted two kittens through the Meow Mission program.

selfless volunteers stand as a testament to compassion and action; such as Sedalia Spay and Neuter Clinic, LLC, Marshall Veterinary Clinic, Alcantara Veterinary Clinic and Thompson Hills Animal Clinic, to name a few. They are joined by specialized projects like The Spay Neuter Project in Columbia, MO, and compassionate groups including AnimalKind,

Inc. along with the Ruth McDaniel Fund and CARE (Colorado Animal Rescue Express). The collective efforts of these entities, along with the support from PetSmart, local initiatives such as Pawsibilities are Endless and Stover Animal Rescue, and the backing of the State of Missouri-Department of Agriculture Grant, underscore a community-wide commitment to animal welfare. This collaboration extends beyond local efforts, encompassing numerous rescues outside the area, all dedicated to the noble cause of saving lives and fostering a better future for animals.

Meow Mission, Inc. was established in 2020 by a duo of cat-loving individuals, dedicated to the welfare of felines within the Central Missouri area. As a 501(c)3

Neil Heimsoth And His Dream For Cole Camp



PICTURE PERFECT in Cole Camp, Neil Heimsoth stood alongside some of his paintings displayed in the Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City. It was the second time he exhibited his work at that particular show.

By
Dianne Peck
County
Reporter

Neil Heimsoth was born in 1934 in Stover, Missouri, a son of John and Fannie Heimsoth. As a boy he attended St Paul’s Elementary School.

Probably one of the most life changing episodes occurred when the Stover Public Grade School decided to host an art contest and invited the Parochial School to participate. Neil had always loved to draw and create pictures so he took to the challenge like a duck

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Community Calendar

FEBRUARY 3, 2025: The Benton County Republican Women's Club will meet at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln at 121 Locust St. Doors open at 6:30 PM, the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. David Brodersen, County Collector will be our speaker. All Republican women are welcome!

FEBRUARY 4, 2025: The Benton County Youth Coalition's advisory team, Community Advocates for Responsible Engagement (CARE) will meet Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the Methodist Church in Warsaw. Meeting will be at 6:30 PM, dinner served at 6:00 PM. Please come join us in planning and support for Benton County youth.

FEBRUARY 6, 2025: The Benton County Republican Central Committee will meet February 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM 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.

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.

FEBRUARY 11, 2025: Benton County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will have a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 8:30 AM, at Mozark Mocha in Lincoln. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend. For further information, please call (660) 438-5978.

FEBRUARY 11, 2025: Warsaw Friends of the Library will meet at Noon in the small meeting room. Anyone interested in our library is encouraged to attend. For further information, please call (660) 438-5211.

FEBRUARY 22, 2025: Discover the Joy of Backyard Bird Watching! Join us at the library for a fun and free workshop with the Missouri Department of Conservation on Saturday, February 22, at 12:00 PM. Perfect for ages 10+, this event is a great family activity to learn about local birds and how to spot them in your own backyard! Don't miss it!

FEBRUARY 26, 2025: The Benton County Economic Development Committee will meet Wednesday, February 26, 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.

APRIL 29-30, 2025: Warsaw Friends of Library Book Sale will be held Tuesday, April 29 from 9:00 AM-7:00 PM and Wednesday, April 30 from 9:00 A-1:00 PM. Book donations are now being accepted. No textbooks or magazines please. For further information, please call (660) 438-5211.

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.



This recipe has been in the paper before, years ago. But since I love this recipe, here it is again.
Warm lentils with bacon. It's largely dependent on the bacon, so use the best you can find. I also make it with kidney or red beans, just be sure to drain them before adding to the mixture.

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ pound slab bacon cut into small cubes
- 1 medium onion and 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 3-4 cups full flavored chicken broth (I have also used ½ water and ½ red wine)
- 2 cups lentils, washed and picked over
- Salt, pepper to taste
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- About 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar or to taste

slotted spoon, leaving fat in the pot. Add onion and carrot cooking over medium heat until onion softens, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, cook for one minute, add stock and bring to boil. Stir in lentils, salt, pepper, bay leaf and thyme. Cover partially and cook over medium low heat until lentils are tender, 30 minutes or more. Add more liquid if needed but don't let it become too soupy. When lentils are soft, raise heat and boil off any excess liquid if necessary. Taste, add vinegar, remove bay leaf. Add bacon just before serving.

Cook bacon in olive oil until nicely browned. Remove with

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LAKE STAGES

Truman Lake 705.19, 0.81 feet below normal pool. Lake of the Ozarks at Warsaw's Joe Dice Swinging Bridge: 657.54, 2.46 feet below normal pool. Surface water temperature of Truman Lake is approximately 34 degrees.

AUDIT

(Continued from Page 1) that any funds were missing. Interest on all funds accrued daily as it should. Rather, transfer of that amount from one bank account on the 31st of January, 2023 to another account was not posted until the 1st of February, 2023. This “sweep account” activity keeps the accounts at the correct balance to ensure their entire balances have federal deposit insurance coverage (FDIC). Future reconciliations will address these type of occurrences.

Finding 1.2. Neither the County Clerk nor the County Commission adequately review the financial activities of the County Treasurer.

Response: Treasurer Renno stated the parties meet weekly to review financial activities. [Note: Minutes of Commissioner’s meetings confirm that the Treasurer presents weekly financial reports but without specific mention of a review.]

Finding 2. The county did not reduce the property tax levy sufficiently in its rollback calculations to offset 50 percent of sales tax money received in 2020 through 2022 by approximately \$200,000; did not report the reduction to the Auditor’s Office in 2022, did not reduce the tax levy for in 2023, or calculate accurately the reduction required for 2024.

Response: In 2020, the nation and the county were experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioners declared a state of emergency because of the widespread impact of the pandemic. Businesses closed, employees were laid off and prices for products soared out of sight. The Commissioners, with the counsel of the Treasurer and County Clerk, determined that it would be prudent to delay income rollbacks to ensure the county could maintain services during those trying times.

The Auditor stated that the reductions should have been made despite economic conditions. The commissioners, however, found it necessary to make a judgment call because of uncertainty about the scope and duration of the pandemic’s impact. After the crisis ended, tax levies were rolled back in accordance with RSMo §67.505, and will continue to rollback as required by law. Tax levies will be lowered over time to account for the \$200,000.

Note the tax rates since 2010: 2010 and 2011 - 0.1615; 2012 thru 2014 - 0.1400; 2015 thru 2021 - 0.1350; 2022 and 2023 - 0.1300; 2024 - 0.1119.

Finding 3.1. The Public Administrator appears to have conflicts of interest based on payments totaling \$4,075 in 2022 and 2023 to her family’s accounting and tax business for tax preparation services for wards. There is no documentation to support her claim that the business has the lowest rates for such services, and she has not submitted requests for compensation for services provided forms for judge’s approval since 2017.

Response: Public Administrator Lori Schroder clarified that the business is a sole proprietorship, not a family-owned business.

Asked whether she considers payments to the business to be appropriate, she stated, “Yes,” based on the judge’s prior approval to perform such services and the fees charged. She does not believe there is a need for a new letter of approval each year “as if the judge were going to change his mind.” The goal is to preserve the ward’s assets, and with one exception she charges only \$50 per return so “each Ward could get a return of \$750 for the Missouri rental rebate.”

Finding 3.2. The Public Administrator does

not always file annual settlements timely. Nine of 25 cases reviewed had been filed at least 30 days late but up to 291 days late. Also, the court did not have procedures to notify the Public Administrator of annual settlements due. Regardless of notice, the Public Administrator is required to file the settlements.

Response: The Probate Court’s recorded due dates for annual settlements do not match the dates on prior settlements, and the court does not always send notices of settlements due. The audit noted 36% annual settlements were filed late, meaning most settlements are filed timely.

Schroder said, “I will absolutely try to check and double check annual filing dates in my spare time.”

[Note: RSMo §473.737(3) authorizes counties to provide clerical support for the Public Administrator’s office “when the governing body is of the opinion that the business in charge of the public administrator is such as to reasonably require such personnel for the welfare of the public.”]

Finding 4. The Commission authorized mid-term salary increases totaling \$15,945 to the Sheriff in violation of constitutional provisions, specifically referring to Article VII, Section 13.

Response: The County Commission respectfully disagrees with the State Auditor’s finding and notes that no court decision has addressed the constitutional issue raised in the finding regarding the application and interpretation of Section 57.317(2). This section states that the sheriff of a third class county shall receive an annual salary calculated on the salary of an Associate Circuit Judge of the County. Associate Judges receive salary adjustments. Benton County’s assessed valuation indicates that the Sheriff shall be paid 55% of the salary of an Associate Circuit Judge. This legislation was passed by the Missouri House and Senate effective January 1, 2022. The Commissioners voted to begin approving this higher salary effective July 1, 2022. Per this guidance, the Sheriff has received salary increases in July 2023 and July 2024.

[Note: Benton County is one of nine counties with performance reviews completed in 2024. All nine counties implemented salary increases for their sheriffs based on RSMo Section 57.317, which actions the State Auditor claimed violates provisions for Public Officers in Article VII, Section 13. In effect since the Missouri Constitution of 1875, the section states “The compensation of state, county and municipal officers shall not be increased during the term of office; nor shall the term of any officer be extended.” This language did not account for the fact that after reelection, new terms begin.

Under Local Governments, Article VI, Section 11(1), states (except for charter counties) ..”the compensation of all county officers shall either be prescribed by law or be established by each county pursuant to law adopted by the general assembly.” (Section 57.317 of 1/22/2022 was adopted by the general assembly in 2021 and remains in effect).]

Finding 5. The County Commission did not always comply with the Sunshine Law for open and closed meetings, according to meetings held from January 1, 2023, through July 18, 2024.

Response: The County Commission will ensure the specific reasons for closing meetings are documented with specific section and subsections in the open meeting minutes,

that only topics allowed by state law are discussed in closed meetings, and that discussions are limited to the specific reasons for closing the meeting.

[Note: See RSMo Section 610.021 (8/28/2024) for topics appropriate for closed meetings. They are listed under subsections 1 through 18, subsections 19(a)-19(d), subsection 20(a) – 20(c), and 21 - 26.]

Finding 6. The Road and Bridge department does not charge sales tax on dust control products sold to county residents for gravel roads, and the Sheriff’s office does not charge sales tax on e-cigarettes and nicotine pouches sold to inmates. Sheriff’s claim that collecting sales tax from people incarcerated is not required based on the office’s non-for-profit status as supported by other sheriffs and the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney were rejected.

Response: The Road and Bridge department will no longer sell dust control products to home owners so no tax liability will be incurred. The Sheriff agreed that the county should collect sales tax on products sold to the general public. However, as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization the monies collected are used to benefit those same incarcerated people saving our public their tax dollars.

Sheriff Eric Knox said, “I revisited the email I sent with the case the assistant prosecutor sent out for an example. The legal opinion is still attached to the previous email sent on July 8, 2024. I intend to follow up with a tax attorney for another legal opinion. The Benton County Sheriff’s Office has no intention of conducting business in an unlawful capacity and always intends to be an example of professionalism. At the same time, we do not want to add more cost to our detainees who often receive products at no cost due to being indigent.”

Finding 7.1. The county does not report personal commissions received by the County Collector for the collection of city taxes as employee compensation to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Written agreements with 4 cities for property tax collection services provide for him to withhold and personally retain a commission on all city tax collections. He paid himself \$7,596 for commissions received during the fiscal year ending February 29, 2024, outside of the county payroll process.

Response: Commissions are not treated as part of County payroll because the funds come from the cities, not the county. Further, collection of the city taxes is not a regular duty of the County Collector. Rather, as the Auditor noted, the commissions are paid based on written agreements with the cities to personally withhold and retain the commissions. Thus, he reports the commission income on his tax returns as 1099-type income rather than as W-2 salary.

Finding 7.2. The County Collector does not prepare a monthly list of liabilities for the tax sale holding account thus liabilities are not agreed to the reconciled bank balance.

Response: The County Collector prepares a monthly list of liabilities but not in the format the Auditor preferred. The February 29, 2024, reconciled bank balance of \$3,537 the auditor referred to was verified as agreeing with the reconciled balance based on the Collector’s list of liabilities and refunds from March 1 through July 1, 2024. Future reconciliations will be prepared timely.

Finding 8. The Sheriff’s Deputy Clerk does not prepare a monthly list of liabilities for the general account, and consequently, liabilities are not agreed to the reconciled bank balance. Similar issues arose in prior

audits.

Response: [Excerpted from the Sheriff’s response in the Advisory Report]. “We maintain a monthly spreadsheet listing all incoming receipts and any third-party payments paid out. We cannot predict when a refund or bond may come in. For example, we close our month by making a deposit on the last working day of that month. After the deposit is made, there may still be civil papers serviced in the late afternoon or evening which results in a refund to the attorney or private citizen, which technically would be a liability; however, we would not receive the return paperwork until the new month. The same can happen with a detainee being brought in and then bonding out after the end of month deposit was made. All other money received is forwarded to the County Treasurer each month. To sum it up, every dollar brought in is receipted and logged; every payment going out is accounted for as well. It all boils down to the timing.

Finding 9. The Senior Citizens’ Services Board (SCSB) did not enter into written agreements with the not-for-profit (NFP) entitles to whom funding was provided.

Response: The board agreed to comply with the Auditor’s recommendation to enter into written agreements as required by state law.

Finding 10.1. The Assessor, Collector, and Recorder have not established adequate password controls to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to computers and data. Employees are not required to change passwords regularly or to have a minimum number of characters for passwords.

Response: The Auditor advised that passwords should comprise at least 12 characters and be changed every 90 days. The Commission will work with officeholders to implement the recommendations.

Finding 10.2. The Assessor, Collector, and Recorder do not have security controls in place to lock computers after a specified number of incorrect login attempts.

Response: The computer system did not come with the incorrect login controls in place. It should be noted that each department’s or office’s data system is separate and not connected. The Commission will work with the vendors and officeholders to implement the recommendations.

Benton County officials will review further and take into consideration the Auditor’s findings and opinions with the goal to maintain and improve efficient and cost-effective performance of County operations. They emphasize that no funds were mishandled or properly accounted for during this period. The Missouri State Auditor’s report on the conduct of Benton County’s government is an opinion only, not a financial audit. The FY2023 financial audit report will be available later this spring.

MEOW

(Continued from Page 1) non-profit entity, their core mission revolves around not just a love for cats but a committed effort to significantly improve their quality of life.

Distinct from licensed rescues, Meow Mission, Inc. does not include intaking or adopting out of cats, kittens, dogs, or puppies; other than through their partnership with licensed rescues. The group's journey began with a focused initiative on the trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return (TNVR) strategy for community and feral cats. This approach was aimed at addressing and mitigating the challenges of feline

overpopulation humanely and effectively.

As their mission evolved, they became acutely aware of the increasing challenges faced by pet owners. This realization broadened their perspective and commitment to addressing these issues, reinforcing their dedication to the welfare of felines and canines and their human companions in communities.

The organization is also reliant on an amazing team of volunteers, fosters, transporters, grant writers, networkers and others who contribute in varying ways.

Patti Goetting shared, “I live in a mobile home park and we were overrun with cats that people have left; and of course had not had them fixed so we had kittens and then the kittens had kittens. Meow Mission came in and helped to trap and have them fixed and also took 5 little ones (babies) and fostered them. They brought back the adults fixed, vaccinated and with flea medicine. They also help people who can't afford to have their cats fixed. Lynette (Stokes) goes above and beyond to help the animals.”

As the year 2025 unfolds, the organization is confronted with a critical challenge, necessitating immediate support to maintain essential outreach services. The demand for aid consistently exceeds available resources. Overwhelming requests for assistance flood in from Benton, Morgan, and Pettis counties.

This past year alone, Meow Mission's dedication led them to allocate \$73,000 towards saving lives. In collaboration with Second Chance, they have successfully welcomed and secured forever homes for more than 100 foster cats each year, ensuring they receive the necessary medical care to flourish.

In Benton County, the absence of shelters or rescue organizations undertaking the lifesaving work we do places our operational viability at risk without adequate funding.

"Our journey with Meow Mission began in 2020 when Lynette (Stokes) provided TNR (trap-neuter-return) services for the 15 community cats we care for outside a Warsaw business. Over time, that number has dwindled to just five for various reasons, Stephen and Debbie Swerline said. "Lynette also advised us that Meow Mission had other services available, one of which is the cat shelters, which played a crucial role in keeping the cats warm and safe. From there, our partnership with Meow Mission was born."

The couple added, "As animal lovers, we’ve witnessed the life-changing work that this organization does. It is truly rewarding to see the positive transformations Meow Mission has made in the lives of not only the animals but all the people involved.

This year, Meow Mission made significant strides in animal welfare by spaying and neutering 37 pets and community cats; 30 cats and 7 dogs; each surgery a crucial step towards curbing overpopulation and enhancing the well-being of the furry friends.

This year already, the group has successfully placed 20 animals 18 dogs and puppies, and 2 cats with licensed rescues, thanks to the tireless efforts of

volunteers. These dedicated individuals not only coordinate with rescues and clinics but also, when necessary, personally cover transportation costs to ensure these pets find their forever homes.

Currently, PetSmart in Sedalia is home to several beautiful cats, many rescued from harsh street conditions and treated for various health issues, and partners at Second Chance generously handle their surgeries and vaccinations, while Meow Mission manages additional expenses.

Regina Logan shared, "I was looking for help with a stray mother cat with six kittens in July 2020. I didn't know anything about "kitten season" at the time and anticipated immediate help getting these adorable cats whisked away by the "cat people" and off to their fairytale happily ever afters. I had no idea about the effort, time, and money that was necessary to make that a reality. I offered to lend a hand and have found endless volunteer opportunities with Meow Mission. There is so much that needs to be done and it is a daunting endeavor, indeed. The volunteer experience with this group is rewarding and appreciated. I've fostered cats, helped with TNR, transported animals to be spayed or neutered, taken animals to the vet, written thank you notes, helped with fundraisers, picked up donated pet food, cleaned cat condos at PetSmart and facilitated adoptions, built winter shelters for outside kitties and have enjoyed camaraderie with other animal loving people. Many hands make light work!"

Though this work is demanding, its value is immense. The work extends to supporting pet owners in crisis, guiding them through grant applications and surrender processes. This vital assistance is made possible by the unparalleled dedication and generosity of our volunteers and partners, underscoring the collective impact of our community's efforts.

How can you help? Businesses can also allocate a "special day" where a percentage of sales go to Meow Mission (i.e., a restaurant) and in turn Meow Mission will promote their businesses event. Kids can have a birthday fundraiser for Meow Mission and raise needed supplies. Supporters can do a birthday fundraiser on Facebook or place a donation box at businesses. Volunteer opportunities are available, such as Communications Coordinator, Social Media and Website Coordinator, and Fundraising/Events Coordinator (which can be done virtually), along with providing trap, neuter and return services for community cats or transporting of pets from their homes to clinics or licensed rescues.

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After First Half Struggles, Cardinals Pull Away To Beat Cole Camp



THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM, Cole Camp's Connor Peterson and Lincoln's Ben Eckhoff shook hands before tip-off last Tuesday in Cole Camp. Lincoln won, 50-31.



By
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Sports
Reporter

As has been stated many times before, you can throw records out the door when Benton County teams hook up. The Lincoln Cardinals defeated the Cole Camp Bluebirds on the road Tuesday night, 50-31 in a basketball contest that early on was closer than expected. A trapping half court Cole Camp press caused heavily favored Lincoln problems in the first half. It was 16-10 after one and 26-18 at the half.

The Bluebirds achilles heel this season has been their lack of scoring.

"We don't have a shooter." Cole Camp head coach Kevin Shearer admitted.

However, with a team full of inexperienced varsity players, the Bluebirds have made great strides since the start of the season.

"We are not there yet," Coach Shearer added. "This was expected as no one on this team received any significant varsity playing time last season. We go through stretches where we can't score and that is when teams put it on us."

Coach Shearer went on to say, "We were mentality fried by the fourth quarter."

The third period saw the Cardinals pull ahead 41-24 thanks to a 15-6 run by a balanced five man inside-outside attack.

Lincoln center Ben Eckhoff led the Cardinals scoring with 14 points. Kolton Phillips led the Bluebirds with 8.

Lincoln moved to 12-2 while Cole Camp fell to 2-9.

LINCOLN (50): Eckhoff, 14; Harms, 2; Everhart, 2; Benham, 9; Koll, 2; Parrott, 9; Cole, 2; Sanders, 10.

COLE CAMP (31): Phillips, 8; Kaiser, 3; Clark, 2; Burdick, 6; Peterson, 2; Bohon, 3; Dieckman, 4; Abey, 2.

In the JV contest, Lincoln also won, 43-24.

Grayson Rutherford led Lincoln with 14 and Turnner Kriesler had 11.

Bovey Clark had 6 for Cole Camp.

Warsaw Takes Down Versailles In Close One

By
Adam Howe, Sports

The Wildcats improved to 10-6 overall and began their late season Ozark Highlands Conference schedule with a thrilling 45-43 win over the visiting Versailles Tigers last Tuesday night.

The up-tempo start to the game didn't necessarily result in many points for either side in the first quarter and things were knotted up at 7-7.

In the second period, the floor went cold on Warsaw's end. The Green and Black netted just one 3-pointer off the hands of Logan Gemes

and a 12-3 margin for the visitor's gave them a 19-10 lead at the break.

In the third, the Wildcats battled under the boards, earning several second chance points. Many of those came from the hard work of senior Shane Poyser who scored 11 of his game-high 19 points in the quarter. A 23-16 advantage for Warsaw put them right back in it, trailing just 35-33.

A back-and-forth final period afforded opportunities to both sides, and it was the Wildcats who would prevail, using a 12-8 margin for the 45-43 win.

Poyser led Warsaw with 19 points while Noah Siebert also had himself a good night netting 11.

WARSAW (45): S. Poyser, 19; G. Ferguson, 0; R. Fajen, 0; L. Henderson, 3; B. Henderson, 0; B. Slavens, 0; L. Gemes, 0; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 0; L. Gemes, 6; T. Downing, 6; N. Siebert, 11.

VERSAILLES (43): R. Allen, 0; R. Murdock, 18; B. Albreck, 12; T.J. Schoolfield, 10; J. Bertelli, 0; J. Vansell, 0; B. Peck, 3; D. Rasa, 0; R. Taylor, 0; T. Morrison, 0; G. Hendrick, 0.

Ladycats Offense Gets Tripped Up By Versailles

By
Adam Howe, Sports

Warsaw's offense had trouble getting going on it's own last Tuesday night and the Lady Tigers' Kylee Richey posed an additional problem down low as the Ladycats were upended on their home floor, 49-38.

Versailles led 15-11 at the end of the first, but a strong defensive second quarter for the Ladycats kept them in it with things tied up at halftime, 17-17.

A narrow 15-14 margin for the visitor's kept the game close at 32-31 after three, but Versailles pulled away in the final quarter, using a 17-7 advantage for the 49-38 win.

Sara Miller finished with 11 to lead Warsaw while Tanna Howe had 10.

The loss sent the Ladycats record to 10-7 overall and 0-1 in conference play.

WARSAW (38): K. Mostaffa, 9; B. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 0; B. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 4; T. Howe, 10; S. Miller, 11; J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 0; J. Gerken, 4.

VERSAILLES (49): Anderson, 7; Jones, 7; Vera, 3; Albrent, 0; Davidson, 0; Crump, 0; Moore, 2; Zolecki, 0; Wilson, 6; Guinnip, 0; Bentsh, 0; Bland, 4; Bailey, 0; Richey, 20.

Stover Proves Too Much For Bluebirds On Homecoming

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

After being knotted up at 13 after one, the Stover Bulldogs stretched the lead with long range shooting to 31-19 at the half on their way to a 55-41 sweet victory over Cole Camp on Friday night.

The Bulldogs loved the left corners all night extending their lead in the third at 43-27.



THE BLUEBIRDS' Kolby Bohon shot over a Stover defender on Friday in Cole Camp in a 55-41 Courtwarming loss.

Stover coach Tom Ward commented, "We played well. We started a little slow. Coach Shearer trapped, but once we started hitting shots and that is us, we gained confidence."

"We trailed Sacred Heart by one with a minute to go but lost by ten because we started fouling. We led Lincoln at the half at Lincoln but Coach Burke's team took over from there," he added.

He went on to say, "We are getting better. We have one returning starter and a few role players from last season starting this year."

Coach Shearer summed up his loss pretty simply, "We can't score."

He added, "Coach Ward is great at scouting. He knows we struggle and knows I never change what we do."

STOVER (55): Broderson, 13; Welpman, 16; Nardi, 2; Simon, 10; Viebrock, 7; Karstens, 7.

COLE CAMP (41): Phillips, 10; Peterson, 2; Dieckman, 4; Bohon, 4; Kaiser, 2; Clark, 6; Abey, 12.



Russellville Sweeps Cole Camp In Rare Saturday Doubleheader

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

On Saturday afternoon, with the ice in the parking lot finally melting, Russellville came to town and defeated the Lady Bluebirds, 53-31 behind 5'2" freshman Abby Forsee's 32 points. She was 3-for-3 from the charity stripe and had 11 steals.

Russellville jumped out to a 15-4 first quarter margin and then exploded for 22 more in the second to put Cole Camp down at the half 37-15.

It was 48-20 after three.

Two stats tell the tale as Cole Camp had 26 turnovers compared to 11 for Russellville and the Lady Bluebirds had 7 points on turnovers compared to 28 for Russellville.

Free throws were about even as Cole Camp was 3-for-4 and Russellville went 4-for-5.

Cole Camp fell to 2-12 and with one game result unavailable, Russellville climbed to 8-8.

COLE CAMP (31): Ogle, 13; Shoemaker, 6; Whitworth, 4; Thayer, 3; Moellman, 1; Hesse, 4.

RUSSELLVILLE (53): Oeckhoff, 8; Stoble, 5; Foresee, 32; Schulte, 5; Brizonine, 3.

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On Saturday afternoon, in a break in the extreme cold weather, Russellville traveled to Cole Camp and defeated the Bluebirds, 69-43. They scored 21 points in each of the first three quarters, leading 21-13, 42-20 and 63-34.

Coming in, Cole Camp coach Kevin Shearer knew it would be a huge challenge for his young inexperienced team.

On the encouraging side, Colton Dieckman, who has been struggling scoring, netted 13.

Cole Camp fell to 2-11 and Russellville jumped to 12-6.

COLE CAMP (43): Dieckman, 13; Kasier, 8; Clark, 2; Phillips, 8; Burdick, 2; Abey, 7; Bohon, 3.

RUSSELLVILLE (63): T. Jennewein, 17; Hilderbrand, 2; Fisher, 8; Young, 2; Lake, 9; Pistel, 3; Ratcliff, 15; Harris, 9; Jennewein, 2.

Cardinals Soundly Defeat Northwest On Homecoming

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

It is always nice to win on homecoming and the Lincoln boys didn't disappoint last Friday. Lincoln led 12-11 after the first quarter against Northwest in Lincoln on their way to a 53-36 sweet homecoming victory.

Lincoln prides themselves on their defense and on Friday, the boys in red used a hard-nosed defense and a balanced scoring attack to offset the Mustangs' offense. They added to their lead in the second quarter to lead 30-22 at halftime.

Unsung hero, Braden Benham led with 12, steady Ben Eckhoff had 11 and athletic Riley Sanders tossed in 10.

The Cardinals moved to 13-2 and Northwest fell to 5-11.

LINCOLN (53): Benham, 12; Eckhoff, 11; Sanders, 10; Cole, 6; Parrott, 2; Koll, 9; Young, 3.

NORTHWEST (36): Johnson, 10; Crooker, 8; Neiter, 2; Meyer, 10; Thorp, 3; Deiker, 3.



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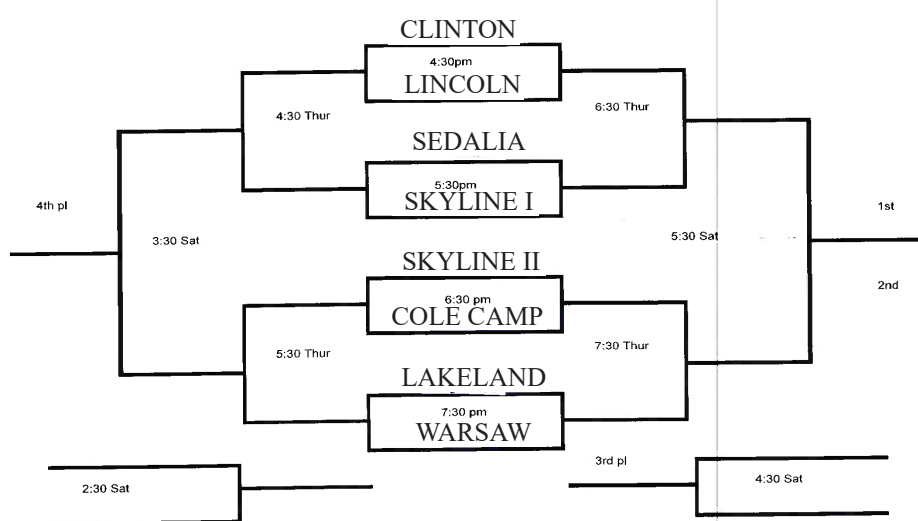
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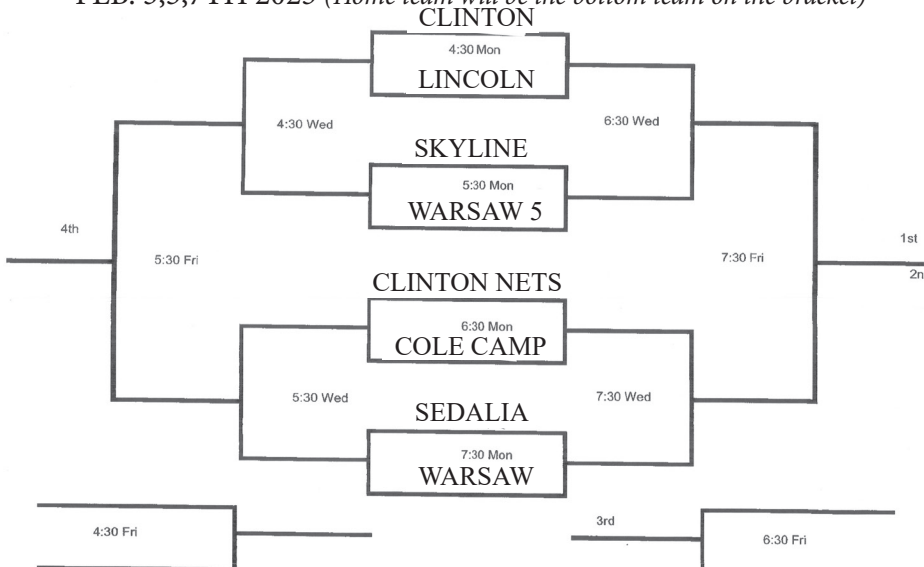
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NAME: Taylor Watts
BIRTHPLACE: Poplar Bluff, Missouri
YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY: 3, almost 4
FAMILY: Parents, James & Sandra Watts; 2 sisters, Jordan & Alex; 1 brother, Gabe
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN BENTON COUNTY IS: The lake.
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: A teacher
FIRST JOB: Waitress
OCCUPATION: The Train Station
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Camping at Montauk State Park
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I met my boyfriend, Tyler.



MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: My car alarm going off in Walmart parking lot
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Their kindness
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Clowns.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Be on jury duty.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Draw.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Buy a house.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Greece.
HOBBIES: Spending time with my friends, boyfriend, and playing with my dog
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Mac Miller

FAVORITE MOVIE: *The Fundamentals of Caring*
FAVORITE DRINK: Dr. Pepper
FAVORITE SNACK: Chips & Guacamole
FAVORITE CANDY: Twizzlers
FUTURE GOAL: To buy a house
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: My dad
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Don't wish to grow up too soon.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Always have fun.



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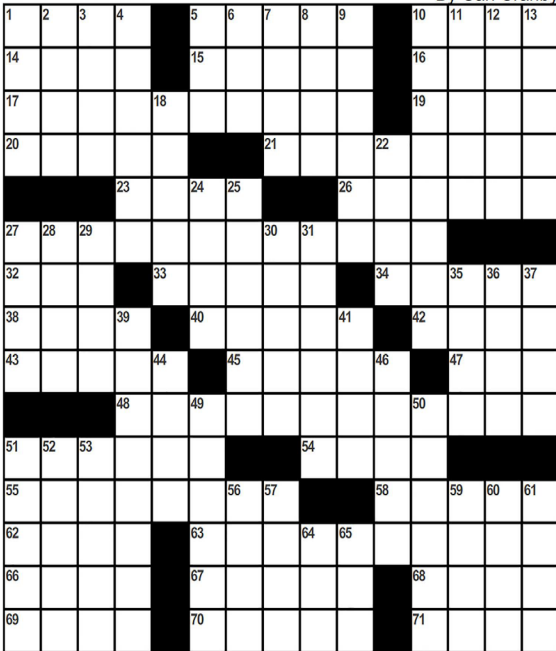
- 1) 50 percent
- 2) Middle Eastern faith
- 10) Crossing the Atlantic
- 14) Shaving-cream ingredient
- 15) Material for uniforms
- 16) Bondsman's contribution
- 17) Affluent
- 19) Gulf of ___ (Baltic bay)
- 20) Minimum union wage
- 21) Edge of night
- 23) Covenant receptacles
- 26) Composed
- 27) In a lavish manner
- 32) Stein serving
- 33) Breathing passages
- 34) Can't do without
- 38) Confessional admissions
- 40) Indian monetary unit
- 42) Minimal rain
- 43) Nature trails
- 45) Mouse hazards
- 47) Call ___ day
- 48) Sitting pretty financially
- 51) Guaranteed winner
- 54) Like desert growth
- 55) Like some government contracts
- 58) Join forces
- 62) Not even a semipro?
- 63) Like a lottery winner
- 66) Meat cut
- 67) Prepare clams, perhaps
- 68) Big or bright thing
- 69) Pull along
- 70) Things in your state
- 71) Pretzel shapes

DOWN

- 1) Fumbles for words
- 2) "Smart" guy
- 3) Name spelled out in a Kinks song
- 4) Egyptian farm laborer
- 5) Rocks in a tumbler?
- 6) Ship, to a skipper
- 7) Light rhythm
- 8) Another time
- 9) In vogue
- 10) Like some dictionaries
- 11) Goatlike antelope
- 12) Octopus leg count
- 13) Winged
- 18) Marsh wader
- 22) Spinks who beat Ali
- 24) "Sack" starter
- 25) Cloud layers
- 27) Barn door attachment
- 28) Pelvis bones
- 29) Lady's counterpart, briefly
- 30) Legacy recipients
- 31) Exam compositions
- 35) Lake bordering Ontario
- 36) Show affection (with "on")
- 37) Exchange of words
- 39) Kind of iron
- 41) Basilica area
- 44) Cut with small strokes
- 46) Play a banjo
- 49) Join the navy
- 50) Famous French impressionist
- 51) Bring to a near-boil
- 52) It may exist among thieves
- 53) Port of old Rome
- 56) "Do ___ others ..."
- 57) Crock-pot contents
- 59) "European" opening
- 60) ___ off (angry)
- 61) An unfledged or nestling hawk
- 64) "Star Wars" character Solo
- 65) Bad ___ (noted spa)

CASH ON HAND

By Carl Cranby



Fristoe
NEWS
By Pat Arnett
Contributing Reporter

This week has been really chilly and cold in the Fristoe area, but hopefully it will begin to warm up some in the next few weeks!
I am going to finish the neighborhood story I began last week and will add a little to it. As I said, I was shopping and Elnora Alexander come up to me and asked me to put some news in the *Fristoe News*. Now Elnora and I worked alot of years together in the Unitog plant and knew each other quite well. Also, her daughter Debbie married my neighbor, Frank Troxell. Now Frank and I had been neighbors and also rode

the school bus together although I was several years older, but a few times when the bus became crowded, I would hold Frank on my lap for the last few stops. So you all can read and understand we know each other. Now to finish, Elnora told about Frank and Deb's new granddaughter and just to add I will add that Elnora's husband Tommy Alexander has been gone several years. Debbie and Frank have two children, daughter Mandy and son Chris! That's the story!
Prayer requests for this week are Kathy First, Lewis Retherford, Bud Hatch, Delores Prater, Gladys Harris and several have just been sick with cold and flu! My granddaughter Madalyn has felt bad earlier in the week; Lyla Weaver's, grandson Kaleb, the same age as Maddie, has been sick and others so we all just need to remember and pray for all the schools.
The Fristoe area sends sympathy and prayers to

Tammy Dickerson Barnes on the death of her son, Jesse last week. Tammy is a woman who lived her entire life in and around the Fristoe area; the daughter of Phil, and Darlene Dickerson. She is the mother of three boys, one being Jesse and also Jesse's twin, Joshua and Levi. The community holds Tammy up in prayer.
The Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church still had a few attendees out of church Sunday morning with sickness etc, but numbers are moving up. Dave and Connie Cunningham led congregational song service along with Bryan, Emily, and Sue. Dave also sang a beautiful special as did Sis. Brenda. Adult Sunday School was from the book of 1st Corinthians chapter 3 in Paul's teaching. Br. Tony preached in the book of Isaiah.
Thought for the week: Remember, kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see, and the heart is happiest when it beats to help others! We hope everyone who reads the *Benton County Enterprise* has a wonderful week with lots of great things stopping by!

Lodge #2783
By Betty Mewszel
Contributing Reporter

Our lodge is non-smoking. Stop by and enjoy our activities.
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February 6, Sloppy Joe's w/Chips, \$7 or Tomato Soup w/Grilled Cheese, \$7, Noon-2:30 PM
February 7, Chicken Stir Fry or Beef and Broccoli w/ Egg Roll, \$10, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
February 13, Philly Cheesesteak w/Fries, \$8 or Chili w/Chips, \$6, Noon-2:30 PM
February 14, Valentine Day Dinner
February 20, Meatball Subs w/Chips, \$8 or Soup w/Sandwich, \$7, Noon-2:30 PM
February 21, Burger w/ Fries, \$8 or 1/4 pound Hot Dog w/Fries, \$7, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
February 27, BLT w/Chips,

\$7 or Beef Stew w/Roll, \$7, Noon-2:30 PM
February 28, Taco Bar, \$10, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
The lodge has several regular activities during the week:
Tuesday-Shuffleboard, 1:00 PM
Wednesday-Darts, 6:00 PM
Thursday-The Lodge Boys, 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. This event is open to the public. Enjoy a special 4-course dinner including appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert. One drink of your choice in included. There will be 2 seating times for your choice: 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM. The cost for each couple is \$75. Reservations must be made in advance and prepaid no later than February 7.
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.
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BENTON COUNTY Sheriff's Report
ERIC KNOX
Benton County Sheriff

Sheriff's Report
1/20/25 to 1/23/25

Ronald Joseph Helstern of Blue Springs, MO was arrested on 1-21-25 on a Benton County Warrant for Failure to Appear/Non-Support, Total Arrears in Excess of 12 months. Subject was released on a personal recognizance bond with a court date.
Candida Maria Delaney of Kansas City, MO was arrested on a Benton County warrant for Tampering With Motor Vehicle-1st Degree. Bond is set in the amount of \$10,000.00. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.
Kyle Reece Lalanda of Lincoln, Mo was arrested on 1-23-25 on a Benton County warrant for Harassment-1st Degree and Violation of Order for Protection-Adult. And a 24 hour investigative hold. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 cash or surety. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility.
Jeremy Robert Mullins of Sedalia, MO was arrested on 1-23-25 on 3 Henry County warrants for Failure to Appear/Stealing, Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked and Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked/Suspended. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility on a no bond status.
Jerry Webb Noland of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 1-23-25 for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date.

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Have I Got A
Line For You!

By James Mahlon White

I happened to be on Old Highway 54 heading across Kansas on Saturday to visit my cousin Frank and his wife Rayleen in Osage City. There are places behind some older farm houses where you can see the remnants of the belts of trees called green belts. In the 1930's, President Roosevelt urged people to plant them to counteract the dust bowls that were sweeping across Kansas and Oklahoma. I'm wandering around a bit, but I remember

Mr. Brady teaching us that lesson during 8th grade history. Speaking of history, I flipped over TCM last night and *The Grapes of Wrath* was playing. I remember reading the book years ago. It was about an Oklahoma family who had their home destroyed by bank bulldozers when they couldn't pay for the house anymore. This happened to people in the 1930's. The family managed to drive to California which had been pictured as Heaven. They worked along the way to get some money. Those years were bad for many families but they made it through. This was a long time ago but there are still people who have memories of things like this happening. And could again.

Well, The Donald is off and running with all kinds of executive orders and plans. One of them is to eliminate the 80,000 new IRS agents that Uncle Joe added to the Inflation Reduction Act. Did anyone actually believe

these agents were only going to go after the "rich?" That's why they wanted banks to report any deposits of \$600 and over. He also ordered the release of the remaining classified documents in the assassination of President Kennedy. My great Aunt Casey was the "original conspiracy theorist" in the family. Or as I like to call it, a person who can think for themselves. I remember as a kid in the late 70's, she had a whole cabinet of newspaper clippings and information gathered about JFK's assassination. She always said it was "an inside job" and not at all what "they" said it was. Ah well, whether the final documents get released without redactions won't make a difference. The truth was shredded decades ago and those in the know are long gone. Regardless, President Trump is breaking the myth that the federal government is superior to the citizens it serves.

Time to bow off this keyboard and see what's for lunch. Take care Old Buddy and remember, while life isn't always fair, it's always interesting. Onward and upward!

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'Til Next Week:
J.M.W.

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

RICKIE CASWELL,
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Financial Advisor

In life, you often get second chances — and the same is true with investing. To illustrate: You might not have been able to contribute to a Roth IRA during your working years due to your income level, but you may get that opportunity as you near retirement, or even when you are retired — through a Roth conversion.

Why is a Roth IRA desirable for some people? Here are the key benefits:

- *Tax-free withdrawals* — You put in after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA, so you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes and penalties. And if you've had your account for at least five years and you're at least 59½, you can also withdraw your earnings free of taxes.
- *No RMDs* — With a traditional IRA, you'll have to start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — when you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later. But there's no RMD requirement with a Roth IRA — you can essentially leave the money intact as long as you like.
- *Tax-free legacy for your heirs* — When your heirs inherit your Roth IRA, they can withdraw the contributions without paying taxes or penalties, and if the account has been open at least five years, they can also withdraw earnings tax free.

But even if you were aware of these advantages, you might not have been able to invest in a Roth IRA for much of your life. For one thing, you might have earned too much money — a Roth IRA, unlike a traditional IRA, has income limits. Also, a Roth IRA has only been around since 1998, so, in the previous years, you were limited to a traditional IRA.

As you approach

retirement, though, you might start thinking of just how much you'd like to benefit from a Roth IRA. And you can do so by converting your traditional IRA to a Roth. While this sounds simple, there's a major caveat: taxes. You'll be taxed on the amount in pre-tax dollars you contributed to a traditional IRA and then converted to a Roth IRA. (If you have both pre- and after-tax dollars in your traditional IRA, the taxable amount is based on the percentage of pre-tax dollars.)

If you have large amounts in a traditional IRA, the tax bill on conversion can be significant. The key to potentially lowering this tax bill is timing. Generally speaking, the lower your income in a given year, the more favorable it is for you to convert to a Roth IRA. So, for example, if you have already retired, but have not started collecting RMDs, your income may be down.

Timing also comes into play with the financial markets. When the market is going through a decline, and the value of your traditional IRA drops, you could convert the same number of shares of the underlying investments and receive a lower tax bill or convert more shares of these investments for what would have been the same tax bill.

Finally, you could lower your tax bill in any given year by stretching out your Roth IRA conversions over several years, rather than doing it all at once.

You'll want to consult with your tax advisor before embarking on this conversion — but if it's appropriate for your situation, you could find that owning a Roth IRA can benefit you and your family for years to come.

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



WORD ON THE STREET

Who is your favorite player on this year's Chiefs team?



Travis Kelce!
-Mel Slavens



It's still Mahomes.
-Gary Jones



Leon Chenal. He has a motor and finds ways to make a big play.
-Josh Noland

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Only One Link
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Untold amounts of money have been spent to discover what lies ahead of us. We read books on the zodiac, check our horoscopes and seek out fortune tellers. But reflecting back on my life I’m not sure I would have really wanted to know my destiny. The great Spirit, in his infinite wisdom, has hidden our futures from us. Fate was in the Greek religion, three goddesses who controlled lives. They were Clotho, who spun the web of life; Lachesis, who measured it’s length and Atropos, who cut it. I am always reminded of the Fates when I think upon the story of Mudungwe, an African fisherman.

Many years ago a syndicated columnist by the name of Hal Boyle would often run some really unique stories from time to time. My all time favorite, or at least the one I couldn’t forget was, “Crocodile gets his Man.” Mr. Boyle pondered the probability of fate and destiny. He begins with: Can a man really do anything about his own life?

Or is its length and the manner of our death prescribed by higher powers even before we are born? The possibility that we are merely pawns of the fates has interested fools and philosophers since man first looked up to the stars and asked the eternal “why?”

A baby falls from a seventh floor window and lives. Another tumbles onto the floor and dies! Why? Is it doom or destiny?

A news story related how a homeless man was sleeping 30 feet from a roadway but was killed when a car was forced off the highway and ran over him. Probably no man had napped in that spot since the beginning of time and probably no car had passed through the spot either. What brought man and vehicle disastrously together at the exact moment, chance or destiny?

Life is full of such mishaps and many people say, “Well, it was just in the cards.” Or” everything is a matter of odds.” And for some strange reason it comforts them. Perhaps because they don’t have to blame themselves for what happens. War brings out this type of fatalism in many. “If a shell or bullet has your name on it, then it’s your time.” Of course the fellow that professes this theory ducks like everybody else when a shell bursts in his vicinity.

All of which brings us to a true story the likes of which O. Henry might have fashioned into a macabre tale. The setting is the continent of Africa. There was an inquest heard about a native that took a death leap into a crocodile infested river.

The fisherman was named Mudungwe. It seems that while fishing one day, a crocodile had seized him by the right arm and he narrowly escaped death in powerful jaws by slashing away at the crocodile’s eyes with his knife. With blood flowing from both its eyes, the creature had finally released his would-be dinner. The doctors were unable to save his right arm and it was amputated.

After a long period of recuperation, he again returned to his occupation of fishing on the river. Many years later he was again seized by a crocodile. This time he was saved by

a companion who stabbed the crocodile with a spear. But not before Mudungwe had sustained great injury to his left arm. At the hospital doctors had to amputate his only remaining arm, the left one.

He returned to his village after a time but he refused to eat or talk with others, sitting alone brooding most of the day. One afternoon he jumped up, muttering to no one in particular, “crocodile calling me, crocodile calling me,” The other villagers watched astounded, as he raced to the river, leaped in and was immediately dragged under and killed.

The villager summoned a local gendarme. The policeman immediately shot the reptile to death. When the villagers hauled it from the river, they were amazed to find that it was blind in both eyes and bore the scars of spear wounds on the body. The duel between Mudungwe and the crocodile was over but what had brought them together three times? Chance, destiny or the fates? After all, a person like the simple fisherman, so strong, honest and hardworking should have been exempt from such a malicious fate. But as we all know the days of our lives slip so unconsciously by and only a small dabble causes a slight turn of the rudder and the ship goes to heaven or hell.

As a child, would Mudingwe have wanted to know what awaited him in life? I doubt it. As the statesman Winston Churchill once observed: “It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link of the chain of destiny can be handled at a time.”

Cole Camp Approves Snow Routes

By
Dianne Peck
County Reporter



All members of the Cole Camp Board of Education were present for the January 22 meeting in the school library.

The posted agenda was revised to include discussion on bus snow routes which are now available if needed. More information on this will soon be sent to parents. The agenda was also revised to include the adoption of the 2025-26 school calendar.

The consent agenda was approved which consists of the minutes from the previous month’s meeting, the bills and the payroll for the month, the financial statements and the updated substitute list.

Transportation Director Gary Viets discussed the challenges of these winter weather dates and the ice that just won’t go away. Because of this, he has worked with the drivers to develop snow routes that could be used when weather makes it appropriate. As other measures of safety, the busses have emergency chains that can be used as well. As a side note, the board cheered the weather for the coming week encouraging for a full ice melt.

The board is appreciative of Viets’ efforts and thanked all the driver’s for their skill and determination to transport the students safely. Bluebird drivers are the BEST according to the Cole Camp R-1 School Board!

The board reviewed the Phase 1 building project update from Septagon. The project continues to be on budget and on time. The board reviewed conceptual drawings for the potential Phase 2 building project that will take place if the district patrons approve a no tax increase bond issue in April.

The board approved overnight trips for wrestling district and state competition, approved the 2025-26 school calendar and approved the conceptual for the potential Phase 2 of the construction project.

The board heard reports from all administrators, noted the upcoming district calendar of events, accepted the resignation of Shannan Tyler as middle school assistant volleyball coach and the retirement of Gary Viets, effective at the end of June.

The board approved the hire of Maddi Cook as assistant track coach and Rylee Rogers as high school language arts instructor for the 2025-26 school year. The board conducted Superintendent Christina Hess’ review and issued her a new three year contract.

Following an Executive Session, the board named Lindsey Tinney as the next High School Principal. The administration team is working to finalize a reorganization plan that will be presented to the board at the February 18 meeting to be held in the school library at 6:00 PM.

With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Silvers Named GSCC Employee Of The Month For January

By
Dianne Peck
County Reporter



RENITA SILVERS

Well January 2025 arrived and some think it’s a little like getting to hit the refresh button and start over clean and new. To others they dread the month of January as being dark, cold and too long.

It has been bitter cold and the staff worked hard to keep us all warm and cozy. The residents were entertained by musical programs and lots of fun games, one being penny bingo.

The good ladies of St Paul’s church brought the staff and the residents freshly baked warm cinnamon rolls that were relished to the last bite. A young family arrived one afternoon and played outside our windows in the snow. They even built a snowman for the residents to look at and remember fondly their own childhood when

Lindsey Tabbed As Next Principal At Cole Camp HS



The Cole Camp R-1 School Board has named Mrs. Lindsey Tinney as the next high school principal, effective July 1, 2025.

After obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Special Education (cross-categorical) from the University of Central Missouri in 2007, Mrs. Tinney began her teaching career as a special education teacher in the Cole Camp R-1 School District. In 2022, she became assistant Principal at Cole Camp High School.

School Superintendent Christina Hess said, “We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Tinney to this administrative position. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and more than anything, she is a vital member of the Bluebird family already. She will provide the consistent



LINDSEY TINNEY

leadership that will allow CCHS to continue to grow and develop.”

Mrs. Tinney completed her Master of Education in Information Science and Learning Technologies from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2011 and received her Education Specialist in Administration from William Woods University in 2017. She lives

with her husband, Justin, and their four children, Leighton, Jace, Kyler, and Macoy on their family farm outside of Cole Camp.

Mrs. Tinney will succeed Jonathan Petersen who has resigned effective June 30 to take on the role of Superintendent at Green Ridge R-8 School district.

they too went sledding and constructed their own snow people.

Helping to make all the long January days a little brighter is Renita Silvers, the January Employee of the Month. Renita is a wonderful addition to the GSCC family. She arrived at GSCC with a background in the industry. She works hard to make the residents happy which helps to make their stay at GSCC more fulfilling. The residents absolutely adore her. She has been a valuable addition to the staff as well. She always jumps in and does whatever is needed. She comes in with a smile on her face and her smile is contagious. Renita, thank you for all you do!

BCCF Grant Cylce Now Open For 2025

By
Dianne Peck
County Reporter



Benton County Community Foundation Board President, Dorcas Brethower, has announced the Foundation’s success from 2024 has prompted them to offer the program again to organizations who are physically located in and serve the residents of Benton county, Missouri.

This year’s grants will be matching funds at a rate of fifty cents on every dollar you raise, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per organization.

Grant requests should be focused on a project your organization is trying to fund, with an appropriate amount requested for your grant.

You may hold one event or several throughout the year to reach your goal. The fund raising period will end November 30, 2025. Non-profit organizations 501(c)3 municipalities, schools and churches are eligible to apply. The online application will open January 28, 2025 and close February 28, 2025.

Online grant application link: <https://www.cfozarks.org/find-grants-scholarships> Under “View grants” select “Filter by Affiliate” select “Benton County Community Foundation” Technical assistance with online application: Emily Brittain (417) 864-6199 or BCCF Board President Dorcas Brethower (660) 723-0061

Lady Cards Lose Battle With Northwest

By
Johnie Logue
Sports Reporter

The Lincoln Lady Cardinals came up short against Northwest in a 47-42 final last Friday on homecoming night.

Northwest only had three girls in the scoring column but that ended up more than plenty as junior Gabby Meyer had 31 points in another outstanding performance by the Northwest star.

Fast rising freshman Lily Mellen had 20 points to lead Lincoln in the loss.

It was 12-11 at the end of the first quarter and 24-22 at the half. A 12-9 third quarter

made it 36-31 and an 11-11 fourth was too much for the Lady Cardinals to overcome.

Lincoln fell to 7-8 while Northwest improved to 14-3 on the season.

NORTHWEST (47): Meyer, 31; Newton, 9; Walker, 7.

LINCOLN (42): L. Mellen, 20; A. Mellen, 11; Strozewski, 6; Helland, 2; Harvey, 3.

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HEIMSOOTH

(Continued from Page 1) to water.

He decided to recreate the large portrait of George Washington that hung in his class room. There was one first place award and Neil won it. The Church’s Pastor was very pleased Neil had won and told him, “Son you have been given a talent from God, be sure you make the most of it.” That admonition left Neil feeling like if he didn’t paint, it would be a sin, “So I’ve always wanted to paint,” he concluded.

Neil shared that his father greatly admired Cole Camp all his life. He said his dad was about the only Heimsoth that didn’t want to farm and chose to attend the Sedalia Business College. From there he went to work for a large clothing store in St Louis. When Boeschon decided to open a mercantile in Cole on what is now north Maple Street he hired Neil’s father to work in the new business.

His father attended a barn dance northwest of Stover one evening and there he met his future wife Frances (Fannie) Kipp he was nine years her senior but that didn’t matter and they were married moving to Cole Camp as newly weds.

When the old town of Stover was dying on the vine and new Stover was being built to meet the Rock Island Railroad line, the Fajen family decided to build a big mercantile and they offered Neil’s father a job he couldn’t turn down. Nevertheless Mr. Heimsoth never lost his love and admiration for the town of Cole Camp and when he would read of some significant happening in Cole Camp he would always state, “Just look at what they are doing over

there in Cole Camp.” Neil said his dad never ceased to admire the town and he feels that’s why he’s always had such a warm spot for the community too.

Neil graduated from Stover High School and joined the United States Navy. He served from 1953 to 1957 but never left the states. He served as an instructor out in California and then was sent to Hutchison, Kansas where he was an instructor on a flight simulator.

After the Navy he went to Springfield, Mo and attended Drury College on the G I Bill. While there he was hired as an illustrator for U.S. Forest Service and spent twelve years working at the Mark Twain National Forest and stationed in Springfield.

When that position was terminated he was sent to Whiteman as it was a federal job and he spent approximately 25 years there. His illustrations for the Forest Service caught the attention of Silver Dollar City and they hired him to do fall shows as an artist for eleven years.

When Robert Owens and Leonard Brauer decided there should be a history book written about Cole Camp’s Low German heritage and history, they drove to Sedalia and approached Neil to design the cover and do some additional art work on the book in 1989.

Neil then actually moved to Cole Camp. From the very first he loved it and felt for the first time in a long while that he was finally home. A great friendship developed between Neil and Mayor R.E. Harris and Bob Owens.

Mayor Harris was always seeking ways to promote Cole Camp and so was Owens. R.E. pushed having regular festivals to bring

newcomers to town and Owens began the process of getting the downtown area on the National Register of Historic sites. This was also the period when the first walking tour maps were created to encourage visitors to enjoy the community on their own.

Every Friday morning Neil had breakfast with Mayor Harris and Will Gunnerson about the dream of a golf course in Cole Camp. At that same time several other locals were working for the same goal. Vern Dean Miesner donated the land and the dream began to take shape creating a course that draws people from far and wide to play.

Other things began happening. There was the Low German Club that welcomed a large group of visitors from Germany as Cole Camp celebrated it’s Sesquicentennial in 1989. A group founded the Low German Theatre that was locally produced and drew attendees from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois. It ran for 12 years, skipped one year and then had their final performance for a total of 13 years.

The Sangerfest began in 1992 after a group began meeting at the school on Sunday afternoons and singing. There was a need for German Song books and Bob Owens contacted a German General he had known while stationed there. The General sent them 24 song books. Later they ordered folk song books to add to their repertoire. The group hosts the German Christmas Music program at St Paul’s each December and it is a very popular program under the direction of Jeanette Von Holton. The German singers still function and to date have sung in 325 performances.

In 2000 Neil and Marilyn traveled to Germany and while there they experienced a Fest Baum tree at a summer solstice. Fresh flowers decorated the rings and it was hauled to town and raised. Schnapps were passed around in abundance, accompanied by lots of accordion music. Neil brought the idea back to Cole Camp and Fred Grabau took the project on by furnishing a pine pole, stripping its bark and making it ready to be raised in Cole Camp. At first it was raised four times. Maifest, Sangerfest, Oktoberfest and Christbaumfest. It is now done only on Oktoberfest and Christbaumfest.

Another touch of Germany created by Neil and displayed in the downtown area are the Nutcrackers that stand at all four corners of the 4-way stop during the Christmas season. They were created and painted by Neil and truly represent the German heritage of the community to all who pass through Cole Camp each December.

Perhaps one of Neil’s most significant contributions is the German memorial that draws attention far and wide. A few years ago Neil had the opportunity to purchase a house in a foreclosure. He purchased the property that sits on the corner of 52 highway & Olive Street and it became his Art gallery. As he says, “I was really getting tired of mowing all that lawn on the big lot when Marilyn and I chanced upon a German Memorial in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. Neil and Marilyn came home and kept checking into ways to create one in Cole Camp. After much study they devised a concise way to list the original immigrant and then their descendants . Then the real work began with figuring costs and a lot of engineering to make it pleasing to the eye. Also, on how to not disturb the root system of the existing pine tree. Others working on ideas included Bob Owens, Milton Von Holton, Eldon Harms and eventually Mike Chavers that would do the masonry. The projected start up cost was \$30,000 and Carol Junge Loomis

stepped forward and gave a check for \$15,000 to get the project moving forward.

A coat of arms of Brandenburg and another of an old helmet were added to the ends of the curved wall. They had been on an old barracks in Germany that dated back to the Prussian Army but had been destroyed by bombing in WWII. Robert Owens had dug them out of the rubble shortly after the war and then shipped them back home. They lay almost forgotten for years until suddenly they were needed in the Memorial.

Several dignitaries attended the dedication of the Memorial and bricks are still selling with some on order presently. The memorial has been turned over to the German Club and will probably be given to the City of Cole Camp sometime in the future.

Neil has painted several large pictures for public areas around Cole Camp. When Mildred Junge and her daughter, Carol Loomis built and donated the Cole Camp Boonslick Library for the town, Neil painted a picture of the Junge home on Hickory Street and it proudly hangs in the meeting room.

The first restaurant to receive a painting was done for Sam Cole. It is the Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany and it hangs on the wall of The German Table. Second one was a cheeseburger for the Classic Restaurant, east of town. Next was a Venice Canal Scene for Calgaro’s Pizza. Neil stated, “I really had fun doing that one because it had four young art students each painting a section of it. Each evening, I would correct mistakes but it was their creation and they even signed the work.” Then Judy Smasal opened Wine, Women and Song and Neil painted a setting containing beautiful young women at a garden party that included a surprising quote from Martin Luther, the great reformist “He who loves not wine, women and song remains a fool his whole life long.” Next came another large painting for The German Table of

the medieval German city, Rotenburg. It is a walled town with only four ways in and only one that a car can enter. Neil’s last creation was painted and hung in the Handel Haus and features an elegant dinner party with the hostess painted with Judy Smasal’s face. Neil plainly states he is very happy with those public pieces of art, saying “I really enjoyed painting and gifting each and every one of them.

Several other artists in the area have created very public works on display and Neil has designed a brochure showcasing those creations titled, “Public Art of Cole Camp.” Neil, at an early age knew that small town Cole Camp had big dreams. An idea reinforced when he would hear his father say, “Just look at what they are doing over there in Cole Camp.” Hearing his father say that planted a seed in him that has grown to an overwhelming love and pride in the community he calls home.

Benton County Commission Approves Bid For Salt



Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske call the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 21 in the Courthouse BoardRoom. Commissioners Larry Berry and Scott Harms were present. Visitor David Malecki was also present.

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve the bid from Independent Salt Company for road salt for Road District #1 at a cost of \$94.87 per ton. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed. The other bid received was from Williams Diversified Materials at a cost of \$101 per ton.

Brent Beck met with the Commissioners to discuss county roads, noting poor road conditions in his area. Commissioner Berry indicated that maintenance will proceed as weather conditions allow.

E-911 Director Jessica Mayfield met with the Commissioners to discuss the mapping system and sign placement procedures currently in place by the E-911 Center. Ron Cobb and Suzy James were also present.

The Commissioners discussed the current capital improvement sales tax. This issue will need to be placed on the ballot for renewal. Commissioner Harms made the motion to sign the order to place the renewal of the county’s capital improvement sales tax on the April 8, 2025 ballot. Commissioner Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Commissioners met with the County Recorder Carla Brown and County Assessor Jim Hansen to discuss coordination of mapping and addressing guidelines within the county.

County Treasurer Rick Renno presented his annual settlement report of 2024, noting total receipts and disbursements for each fund. He also presented his weekly financial report. County Clerk Susan Porterfield submitted bills for approval and payment.

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CITY OF COLE CAMP SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS ALL FUNDS FOR SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING December 31, 2024				
	Fund Balance Retained Earnings July 1, 2024	Revenues and Transfers In	Expenditures and Transfers Out	Fund Balance Retained Earnings December 31, 2024
General Fund	\$659,994.35	\$215,643.34	\$325,108.98	\$550,528.71
Streets Fund	\$406,267.90	\$113,411.07	\$187,960.28	\$331,718.69
Water Fund	\$339,326.17	\$162,440.94	\$220,102.56	\$281,664.55
Sewer Fund	\$2,885,640.65	\$199,936.17	\$246,627.02	\$2,838,949.80
Library Fund	\$3,637.20	\$3,052.56	\$762.53	\$5,927.23
Police Fund	\$46,944.81	\$165,200.52	\$210,575.30	\$1,570.03
Parks Fund	\$5,899.59	\$6,000.00	\$14,411.71	-\$2,512.12
ARPA Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Bonded Indebtedness:		\$1,581,791.12		
Sewer Bonded Indebtedness:		\$741,067.65		
Equipment Lease		\$0.00		
I, Dawn Paul, City Clerk of the City of Cole Camp, Missouri certify that the above are true and correct statements of the unaudited revenues, expenditures, and transfers for semi annual financial report ending December 31, 2024 for all funds of the City of Cole Camp, Missouri, in Benton County, Missouri.				
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CITY OF LINCOLN, MISSOURI Summary of Accounts July 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General	\$ 812,387.63	\$ 191,056.88	\$ 166,227.00	\$ 837,217.51
Street	\$ 101,494.20	\$ 5,716.06	\$ 6,290.07	\$ 100,920.19
Water	\$ 144,905.03	\$ 18,801.80	\$ 15,250.13	\$ 148,456.70
Sewer	\$ 612,213.06	\$ 29,063.41	\$ 31,548.86	\$ 609,727.61
Transfer In		\$ -		
Park	\$ (5,725.56)	\$ 914.00	\$ 2,909.06	\$ (7,720.62)
Transfer In		\$ -		
Airport	\$ (1,782.02)	\$ -	\$ 789.97	\$ (2,571.99)
Transfer In		\$ -		
Capital Improvement Tax	\$ 161,496.55	\$ 6,485.44	\$ -	\$ 167,981.99
Water Reserve Fund	\$ 77,692.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,692.21
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,902,681.10	\$ 252,037.59	\$ 223,015.09	\$ 1,931,703.60
Sales Tax Collected & Due				\$ 4,779.79
Total Liabilities				\$ 4,779.79
Cash on Hand			\$ 1,936,383.39	
Certificates of Deposit			\$ 100.00	
Sewer Bond Indebtedness December 31, 2024				\$ 2,711,429.34
Water Bond Indebtedness December 31, 2024				\$ 1,111,995.00
The unaudited semi-annual financial statement of the City of Lincoln, Mo. is being published in the Benton County Enterprise January 30, 2025, in accordance with RSMo. 79.160. Detailed statement available at city hall.				
Submitted by Sabrina Brown, City Clerk for the Lincoln Board of Aldermen				

Notice of Public Sale

Storage Near Me - Warsaw is selling property to satisfy a landlord’s lien for nonpayment of rent. Sale to be held online at Bid13.com. Facility located at 802 Wood Street Warsaw, MO 65355. Auction Bidding will close on or after February 18th, 2025 at 10 am. Cleanup deposit is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Unit items sold as-is to the highest bidder. Property includes the contents of spaces of the following tenant(s): All spaces contain household items unless noted.

Teresa Deleon - Unit: G7
Bobbie Emmerich - Unit: D08
Jay Jordan - Unit: G10
Sarah Stebbins - Unit: F10
Gloria Campbell - Unit: F03

Date(s) of Publication:
January 30 and February 6, 2025

Lincoln Community Fire Protection District			
2024			
General Fund Balance-January 1, 2024	\$	124345	
Income:			
Property Tax-Pettis County		5592	
Property Tax-Benton County		156089	
MO Conservation Dept Grant		3763	
Interest on Checking Acct		3969	
Other Receipts		214	
Total Income	\$	169627	
Expense:			
Dues		887	
Cleaning		829	
Salaries and Wages		9550	
Volunteer Fireman's Fund		7200	
Accounting		3200	
Building Improvements		621	
Equipment For Firemen		19981	
Gas and Oil		3969	
Insurance		23634	
Outside Services		825	
Payroll Taxes		731	
Postage		203	
Repairs and Maintenance		29991	
Shop Supplies		663	
Training		200	
Telephone - Fire House		1498	
Other Expense		300	
Utilities		6474	
Equipment Acquisition		9503	
Vehicle Acquisition		11707	
Office Supplies		126	
Total Expense	\$	132092	
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)		37535	
General Fund Balance-December 31, 2024	\$	161880	
Kathy Schumacher Secretary/Treasurer Lincoln Community Fire Protection District			

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(Continued from Page 1)

(Versailles) 19-2 won by fall over Kaiman Reser (Warsaw) 9-11 (Fall 1:52)
Round 3 - Kaiman Reser (Warsaw) 9-11 won by fall over Kolten Kelso (Sherwood) 19-8 (Fall 2:24)
Round 4 - Carter Dumas (Adrian) 19-9 won by fall over Kaiman Reser (Warsaw) 9-11 (Fall 3:50)
126
Sean Reinertsen (21-2) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.
Round 1 - Sean Reinertsen (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Mayan Pujula (Butler) 10-10 (Fall 1:49)
Round 2 - Sean Reinertsen (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Jaxon Combs (Adrian) 8-12 (Fall 0:59)
Round 4 - Sean Reinertsen (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Joshua Whittle (El Dorado Springs) 3-20 (Fall 0:53)
Round 5 - Sean Reinertsen (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Wyatt Weekley (Sherwood) 27-4 (Fall 2:39)
132
Isaac Daughenbaugh (6-10) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 - Shane Fletcher (El Dorado Springs) 17-8 won by major decision over Isaac Daughenbaugh (Warsaw) 6-10 (MD 17-3)
Round 2 - Caden Agcopra (Sherwood) 17-10 won by tech fall over Isaac Daughenbaugh (Warsaw) 6-10 (TF-1.5 2:09 (16-0))
Round 3 - Isaac Daughenbaugh (Warsaw) 6-10 won by fall over Jaxson Shewmaker (Versailles) 3-11 (Fall 3:02)
138
Johrdan Decker (12-9) placed 2nd and scored 12.0 team points.
Round 1 - Johrdan Decker (Warsaw) 12-9 won by fall over Dalton McKenzie (Sherwood) 6-20 (Fall 1:35)
Round 3 - Drake Schmidt (Versailles) 25-2 won by tech fall over Johrdan Decker (Warsaw) 12-9 (TF-1.5 4:00 (19-4))
150
Brecken Brewster (9-9) placed 4th and scored 0.0 team points.
Round 1 - Jordan Maguire (Sherwood) 15-7 won by decision over Brecken Brewster (Warsaw) 9-9 (Dec 10-9)
Round 2 - Ethan Garber (Versailles) 16-10 won by tech fall over Brecken Brewster (Warsaw) 9-9 (TF-1.5 1:46 (15-0))
Round 3 - Kellen Long (Butler) 24-0 won by medical forfeit over Brecken Brewster (Warsaw) 9-9 (M. For.)
165
Drake Murrell (21-2) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.
Round 2 - Drake Murrell (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Cody Allen (Adrian) 3-8 (Fall 1:53)
Round 3 - Drake Murrell (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Abel Bryan (Butler) 11-15 (Fall 1:15)
Round 4 - Drake Murrell (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Joey Capra (Sherwood) 19-18 (Fall 0:37)
Round 5 - Drake Murrell (Warsaw) 21-2 won by fall over Shane Bright (Versailles) 2-6 (Fall 1:27)
175
Josh Harvath (20-2) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.
Round 2 - Josh Harvath (Warsaw) 20-2 won by fall over Davin Acevedo (El Dorado Springs) 3-18 (Fall 1:53)
Round 3 - Josh Harvath (Warsaw) 20-2 won by fall over Shawn Studer (Versailles) 6-13 (Fall 0:50)
Round 4 - Josh Harvath (Warsaw) 20-2 won by fall over Shawn Stuetzger (Adrian) 5-11 (Fall 1:20)
Round 5 - Josh Harvath (Warsaw) 20-2 won by fall over Wade Green (Sherwood) 25-9 (Fall 2:58)
190
Jayce Depriest (11-9) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 - Hunter Long (Butler) 19-9 won by

fall over Jayce Depriest (Warsaw) 11-9 (Fall 4:52)
Round 2 - William Dobbins (Versailles) 3-0 won by fall over Jayce Depriest (Warsaw) 11-9 (Fall 5:12)
Round 3 - Jayce Depriest (Warsaw) 11-9 won by fall over Tyler Todd (Adrian) 0-14 (Fall 1:55)
215
Manny Henriquez (3-11) placed 5th and scored 2.0 team points.
Round 1 - Dylan Whitsell (El Dorado Springs) 18-11 won by fall over Manny Henriquez (Warsaw) 3-11 (Fall 1:31)
Round 2 - Eli Ferrell (Sherwood) 31-2 won by fall over Manny Henriquez (Warsaw) 3-11 (Fall 1:12)
Round 3 - Hank Tenholder (Adrian) 14-11 won by fall over Manny Henriquez (Warsaw) 3-11 (Fall 1:10)
Round 4 - Wyatt Burks (Versailles) 22-3 won by fall over Manny Henriquez (Warsaw) 3-11 (Fall 0:46)
Round 5 - Manny Henriquez (Warsaw) 3-11 won by fall over Logan Fuller (Butler) 3-21 (Fall 0:15)
285
Isaac Henderson (7-5) placed 3rd and scored 7.0 team points.
Round 1 - Ryan Simpson (Versailles) 4-4 won by medical forfeit over Isaac Henderson (Warsaw) 7-5 (M. For.)
Round 3 - Chris Castro (Butler) 12-7 won by medical forfeit over Isaac Henderson (Warsaw) 7-5 (M. For.)
* * *
The Warsaw girls had 5 wrestlers finish in second place while 2 others took third's.
On the girl's side, El Dorado Springs took this year's championship with 117.0 points. They were followed by Adrian (109.5), Versailles (107.5), Warsaw (82.5), Sherwood (65.5) and Butler (27.0).
Complete results for all Warsaw girl's are listed below:
105
Lillianna Perez (2-12) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 - Aleah Conard (El Dorado Springs) 28-1 won by fall over Lillianna Perez (Warsaw) 2-12 (Fall 0:41)
Round 2 - Dallys Shaffer (Adrian) 8-5 won by fall over Lillianna Perez (Warsaw) 2-12 (Fall 1:21)
Round 3 - Lillianna Perez (Warsaw) 2-12 won by fall over Elizabeth Bedwell (Butler) 8-14 (Fall 3:46)
110
Izabella Schierholz (14-4) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.
Round 1 - Izabella Schierholz (Warsaw) 14-4 won by fall over Nyiomi Bradley (Adrian) 9-8 (Fall 5:17)
Round 2 - Izabella Schierholz (Warsaw) 14-4 won by fall over Adalynn Amaya (Butler) 7-7 (Fall 2:28)
Round 3 - Kaiden Conard (El Dorado Springs) 25-1 won by tech fall over Izabella Schierholz (Warsaw) 14-4 (TF-1.5 4:13 (16-0))
115
Emmersyn Miskell (14-5) placed 2nd and scored 12.5 team points.
Round 1 - Emmersyn Miskell (Warsaw) 14-5 won by fall over Danica Ackerman (Adrian) 12-12 (Fall 1:43)
Round 2 - Emmersyn Miskell (Warsaw) 14-5 won by decision over Olivia Graves (El Dorado Springs) 17-12 (Dec 6-5)
Round 3 - Grace Brantley (Versailles) 20-4 won by fall over Emmersyn Miskell (Warsaw) 14-5 (Fall 5:31)
120
Alysia Yoder (9-6) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.
Round 1 - Alysia Yoder (Warsaw) 9-6 won by fall over Alexis Bodine (El Dorado Springs) 20-13 (Fall 2:47)
Round 2 - Frankie Shewmaker (Versailles) 20-3 won by fall over Alysia

Yoder (Warsaw) 9-6 (Fall 1:42)
Round 3 - Alysia Yoder (Warsaw) 9-6 won by fall over Mia Bosch (Adrian) 3-18 (Fall 1:36)
125
Elizabeth Phillips (7-8) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 - Aubrey McCulloh (Sherwood) 19-8 won by fall over Elizabeth Phillips (Warsaw) 7-8 (Fall 0:37)
Round 2 - Olivia LaFoy (Versailles) 16-9 won by fall over Elizabeth Phillips (Warsaw) 7-8 (Fall 2:43)
Round 3 - Elizabeth Phillips (Warsaw) 7-8 won by medical forfeit over Kendall Bailey (Adrian) 10-9 (M. For.)
130
Naomi Yoder (10-9) placed 4th and scored 0.0 team points.
Round 1 - Libby Nebocat (Adrian) 17-11 won by fall over Naomi Yoder (Warsaw) 10-9 (Fall 3:19)
Round 2 - Lily George (El Dorado Springs) 20-8 won by fall over Naomi Yoder (Warsaw) 10-9 (Fall 3:33)
Round 3 - Adriana Ramos (Versailles) 11-7 won by fall over Naomi Yoder (Warsaw) 10-9 (Fall 0:54)
135
Analicia Guevara (8-3) placed 2nd and scored 10.0 team points.
1st Place Match - Cooper McDonald (Sherwood) 21-3 won by tech fall over Analicia Guevara (Warsaw) 8-3 (TF-1.5 2:42 (19-3))
235
Brooklyn Jackman (13-6) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.
Round 1 - Brooklyn Jackman (Warsaw) 13-6 won by fall over Emma Corbin (El Dorado Springs) 24-6 (Fall 2:55)
Round 2 - Annabelle Rowe (Adrian) 17-1 won by decision over Brooklyn Jackman (Warsaw) 13-6 (Dec 4-0)
Round 3 - Brooklyn Jackman (Warsaw) 13-6 won by fall over Allie Holliday (Versailles) 10-16 (Fall 1:44).

Warsaw School Board Certifies Candidates For April Election



The Warsaw R-IX Board of Education met on January 22nd to discuss a range of important updates and decisions affecting the school district. Below are the key highlights from the meeting.

The meeting began

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with student, staff, and community recognitions. The recipients included Charles Bilyeu– Student Spotlight; Casey Creekmore– Classified Staff Member of the Month; Bethany Siegel– Certified Staff Member of the Month; and G&W– Wildcat Pride Award recipient.

New business started with a review of the district’s December Revenue and Expenses, available online on the district website under the “About” section, by selecting “Board of Education” and then “Financials.”

Other new business included a review of the district’s Fund 4 budget and approval of the PRO P KIDS drawings. The board certified the candidates for the April 2025 election which include; Lamonte Yoder, Charlotte Beck, and Marsha Bergman.

During the closed session, two retirements, two resignations, and two new hires were approved. The board also completed their self evaluations and the superintendent evaluation, extending Superintendent Mr. Gemes’ contract.

Community members interested in a position within the district are invited to check out the job vacancies that are posted on the district’s website.

The next Warsaw R-IX Board Meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the HS/JBMS Library. A full list of up-to-date events, including upcoming board meetings, is available on the district’s website at www.warsawk12.org. The district welcomes the community to the monthly board meetings, which are open to the public, with the exception of closed sessions.

For more information on board meetings and other upcoming events, please contact the Warsaw R-IX School District Central Office or visit www.warsawk12.org.

STUDENTS of the MONTH

Warsaw R-9 North Elementary



DURING THE MONTH of December, students learned about Compassion, which includes using empathy by “putting yourself in someone else’s shoes” and showing you care. A student was chosen from each class by their peers and teachers as someone who shows this character trait daily. We are proud to announce the following students as our Compassion December Kids of Character. Pictured, front row (L to R): Ben Murray, Kingston Peterson, Tavin Rucker, Dylan Parker, Sebastian Walker, Delilah Burroughs, Marianna Ritli, LeRoy Boyd; middle row: Cade Hawley, Kenny Powell, Rory Ward; back row: Sadie McDunner, Anniston Richardson, Henry Adler, Conor Chiles, Abrianna Frisbie, Landree Gyrha, Kendall Ward, Emma Scott. Not pictured: Brice West

Warsaw R-9 South Elementary



DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH include: Kindergarten; Odin Hurr, Alaina Couzens; 1st Grade; Emma Smith, Samantha Wingender; 2nd Grade; Rozlynn Pennington, Luna Jackson; 3rd Grade; Lincoln Staton, Zechariah Cherry; 4th Grade; Nestor Martinez, Reid Lewton; 5th Grade; Gideon Yoder, Alli Harness.

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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 decent 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

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF SEALED BIDS

The Benton Co. SWCD will be accepting sealed bids for the following item:

1989 Hull utility trailer. 16' x 6 1/2' dual axel with 3500 pound GVWR

The trailer has a couple of heavy platform stands added to the front and is available for viewing by appointment, at the USDA Service Center, 535 N Hwy 65 in Lincoln. Request official bid form and details at the Benton Co. SWCD office or by calling 660-547-2351 Ext. 3. The completed form must be received, in a sealed envelope marked Sealed Bid in our office, by COB (4:30 p.m.) January 31st.

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Herman J Haake, a single person Trustee's Sale: For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Herman J Haake, a single person dated January 26, 2018 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Benton County, Missouri as Book 648, Page 1503 modification by Loan Modification Agreement recorded June 1, 2020 as Book 2020, Page 2046 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Friday, February 14, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:00 AM), at the Northwest Front Door of the Court House, City of Warsaw, County of Benton, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real

estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Benton County, State of Missouri, to wit: PARCEL "B": THAT PART OF TRACT NUMBER 4 OF "SURVEY OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 41, RANGE 22" A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 29, IN BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: CONSIDERING THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 4 TO BEAR N 89 DEGREES 36' 18" E AND ALL OTHER BEARINGS USED HEREIN RELATIVE THERETO: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 4, SAID POINT BEING 447.80 FEET EASTERLY DISTANT FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF (SAID NORTHWEST CORNER BEING ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER); THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE N 89 DEGREES 36' 18" E 210.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID NORTH LINE S 3 DEGREES 10' 46" W 330.38 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 4; THENCE ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE S 89 DEGREES 36' 44" W 210.00 FEET; THENCE N 3 DEGREES 10' 47" E 330.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL "B"-E: A NON-EXCLUSIVE P E R M A N E N T EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES PURPOSES, A P P U R T E N A N T TO PARCEL "B", AS ESTABLISHED BY THE INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN BOOK 497, PAGE 1549, OVER THE FOLLOWING: PART OF TRACT NUMBER 4 OF "SURVEY OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 41, RANGE 22" A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 29, IN BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL "B"; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 36' 44" W 402.35 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF US HIGHWAY #65; THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE N 2 DEGREES 14' 08" E 15 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 36' 44" E TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "B"; THENCE S 3 DEGREES 10' 47" W 15 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO INTEREST ACQUIRED BY STATE OF MISSOURI FOR HIGHWAY 65 RECORDED IN BOOK 595, PAGE 2036. to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110

File No: 210439.021425.438334 FC

NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Date(s) of Publication: January 23 & 30 and February 6 & 13, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

CIRCUIT DIVISION

Case No.: 24BE-DR00065

PAYTON NICHOLE ADAIR, Individually, and as Next Friend of: AMR, Minor, Petitioners, Vs. ISAIAH LEONJA ROSS, Respondent.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Respondent: ISAIAH L. ROSS You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Benton, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is: a petition for paternity. The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioner Payton N. Adair, is Audara L. Lutjen, 608 East Ohio Street, Clinton, MO 64735 and her phone number is (660) 885-2234. 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 23RD day of January, 2025, 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 14th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Shanda Schultz,
Circuit Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: January 23 & 30 and February 6 & 13, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI AT WARSAW

Case No. 25BE-DR00002

In Re the Marriage of: KIMBERLY J. HAMILTON, Petitioner, Vs. JOHN L. HAMILTON, Respondent.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO RESPONDENT, JOHN L. HAMILTON: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Division of the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, for a Dissolution of Marriage. The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is Gable B. Dull, Dull Law, LLC, 220 W. Main Street, PO Box 1495, Warsaw, Missouri 65355-1495, Telephone No. (660) 438-7102.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after January 23rd, 2025, judgment by default will be rendered against you. Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of

Benton County, Missouri, this 14th day of January, 2025.

/s/Shanda Schultz,
Circuit Clerk

Date(s) of Publication: January 23, 30 & February 6 & 13, 2025

IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION

Case Number: 25BE-PR00001

In the Estate of DONNA MARIE WISCHMEIER, Deceased.

Notice to Creditors (Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DONNA MARIE WISCHMEIER, Decedent.

On JANUARY 8, 2025 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo., with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BENTON COUNTY Missouri. All creditors of Decedent, who died on 08-DEC-2024, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo., sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this 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 23, 2025.

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

DATES OF PUBLICATION: 1/23/25; 1/30/25

TO BE PUBLISHED IN: BENTON COUNTY ENTERPRISE

INVITATION TO BID, CITY OF WARSAW

Sealed bid proposals for two (2) combined capital improvement projects endorsed as "Proposal For Main Street Complete Street Improvements, Federal Project CDBG 2020-PF-11 (Project A) and Main St. Non-Motorized Street Improvements, Federal Project TAP-9901(538) (Project B)", addressed to the City of Warsaw, Missouri, 201 W. Main St., Warsaw, Missouri 65355, will be received by the City of Warsaw until 2:00 p.m., Prevailing Local Time, on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025, at the Warsaw Community Building, 181 W. Harrison St. in Warsaw, Missouri and at that time will be publicly opened and read aloud. A non-mandatory prebid meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12th, at the Warsaw Community Building, 181 W. Harrison St. in Warsaw, Missouri. The proposed work for Project A, designed by LePage Engineering generally includes the following: Grading and Embankment, a Concrete Bike Lane, Street Lighting, Sidewalks, Asphaltic Pavement Widening, Aggregate Base, Curb and Gutter, Curbing, Storm Sewers, Box Culvert Extension, Driveways, Pavement Markings, and Signage. The project is located along the north side

of Main Street, extending from west of Hackberry Street to Gunstock Drive and is approximately 1,552 feet in length. Questions about Project A should be directed to LePage Engineering. The proposed work for Project B, designed by Own Engineering generally includes the following: Construction of 5' wide concrete sidewalk and 4' wide concrete bike lane, access connections, culverts, and any incidental work related thereto, including street improvements within the project area in accordance with the plans and specifications. The project is generally located along the north side of Main Street between Illinois Street and Hackberry Street and between Gunstock Drive Walnut Drive. The length of the improvements is approximately 1,100 feet of sidewalk and 2,300 feet of bike lane. Questions about Project B should be directed to OWN Engineering. Plans and specifications for both projects may be obtained from the City of Warsaw at 201 W. Main Street, Warsaw, Missouri 65355, (660-438-5522) or from either of the engineering firms. A non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$50.00 for each set of plans and specifications is required. Additional shipping and handling expenses are applicable and the responsibility of the bidder. Contact LePage Engineering, LLC, at 71 Post Oak Drive, Blue Eye, Missouri 65611, (816) 729-2134 or charles@lepageengineerin.com. Contact OWN Engineering, formerly Anderson Engineering, at 3213 South West Bypass, Springfield, Missouri, (417) 866-2741 or mneal@weareown.com. All labor used in the construction of this public improvement shall be paid a wage no less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages of work of a similar character in this locality as established by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (Federal Wage Rate), or state wage rate, whichever is higher. Missouri Annual Wage Order No. 31 is currently in effect. Federal Wage Rate: General Decision Number: MO20240001 modification number 16, issued 12/20/2024 is currently in effect. The City of Warsaw hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award. The bidder will insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will have the opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract and or any subcontracts. Goals for the amount of work to be awarded to DBE's will be 0% on Project A and 3% on Project B. All bidders must be on MoDOT's Qualified Contractor List per Section 102.2 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, latest edition, including all revisions. The contractor questionnaire must be on file seven (7) days prior to bid opening. Bidders are informed that all contractors are subject to full compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Act and it is not the intent of the

owner to arbitrarily dismiss any authorities. Each bidder shall file with his bid a bidder's bond in the amount of 5 percent of the contract price as indicated per the contract documents. The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond on the forms provided, payable to the City of Warsaw, and in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price in conformity with the requirements of the General Conditions. All bidders shall verify that they have considered all written addenda. Neither the City nor the Consulting Engineer shall be responsible for oral instructions. Any written addenda issued during the time of bidding shall be covered and included in the bid. There will be no clarifications or exceptions allowed on the Bid. Bids are for a total bid package, total contract price. Proposals must be on forms provided and all unit price bids, extensions and totals provided thereon shall be completed fully. The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder complying with the Conditions of the Contract Documents and within the Owner's budget. The Bidder to whom the awards are made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The City of Warsaw, however, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informality in Bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in his interest. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Contractors and subcontractors who sign a contract to work on public works projects must provide proof of participation in a 10-hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project. No 2nd tier bidding will be allowed on this project. Special Needs: If you have special needs addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify Randy Pogue, at (660) 438-5522, or through Missouri Relay System, TDD, at least five (5) working days prior to the bid opening you plan to attend.

Date(s) of Publication: January 30 and February 6, 2025

Care Connection Requests Public Comment On FY26 Area Plan



Care Connection for Aging Services is soliciting public comment on its Area Plan for July 2025 - June 2026. The plan includes detailed data, specific goals, and actionable strategies designed to expand and sustain the agency's services, ensuring the agency meets the needs of the growing older adult population. The plan also ensures compliance with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) guidelines and the Older Americans Act, while prioritizing those with the greatest social and economic needs. The Area Plan can be found at https://goaging.org/area-plan/ Printed copies are available upon request, call 800-748-7826. All public comments are welcome and should be directed via email to information@goaging.org with Area Plan in the subject line, or mailed to P.O. Box 1078, Warrensburg MO 64093. All comments should be received no later than February 24, 2025. Comments will be included and addressed in the final copy of the plan.

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Lora Anstine
Broker/Owner

660-438-7000
1649 Commercial St., #4
Warsaw, MO 65355

Debra Anderson
Sales Assoc.
(660) 233-3673

MLS #98293 – This lovely 3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath home in popular STERETT CREEK VILLAGE backs up to CORP GROUND and sits just up the hill from wonderful Beyond Marina on TRUMAN LAKE! If you are looking for easy lake living, this low maintenance home is for you. This wonderful home has beautiful hardwoods on the main level, vaulted ceilings in the living room and beautiful custom cabinets in this wonderful kitchen. The front dining room would also make a great office. Main floor master is expansive with full bath, including jetted tub & walk-in closet. Large lower-level family room with access to back patio. Two more nice size bedrooms and full bath. Tons of storage in this home. Great deck off the back. An extra carport & 2 large storage sheds in the back. Come and sit a spell on this lovely front porch or jump on the golf cart and head down to the marina. \$349,900. Call Debra Anderson for a showing today!

Lora Anstine
Broker/Owner
(660) 525-9914

MLS #97321 - What a great property on one of Truman Lakes busiest highways!! Hwy 7 frontage road with a 2200+ square foot finished building. This property sits on 3.5 acres - timbered and cleared with a gravel path. This would be an excellent opportunity for future development of a home, or campground. A perfect chance to develop how you want!! Inside has multiple bathrooms, large kitchen, a huge open area as well as a privacy fenced area to the side. What a perfect time to make it your own!!! Call Lora for a showing!

Cathy Wilson
Sales Assoc.
(816) 898-7645

MLS #99092--Vacant lot close to Lake of the Ozarks, located not far off paved road on Stag Drive in Edwards, MO. A timbered lot, great for a small cabin! Electricity and COMO internet at road. Motivated seller. PRICED TO SELL! \$5000.00

Danielle Baker
Broker/Sales
(816) 918-3657

MLS #98848 - Gorgeous building lots with a view of the Lake of the Ozarks! Located in Oak Ridge Acres and listed for only \$50,000. Call Danielle today for more details.

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Featured Property!

Endless possibilities!! Bordered by Corps land on three (3) sides, this 36x64 building with covered porch is just outside Warsaw city limits! The finished interior boasts a stone/gas fireplace, partial commercial kitchen setup, 16 foot ceilings in the main room, 3 bathrooms, ceramic tile floors and an alarm system. Additionally it has 2 wells, and is minutes from Truman Dam!

MLS# 97002 \$249,900

Kingsville Livestock Auction
Kingsville, MO

Located 45 mi. S.E. of Kansas City, MO. On 58 Hwy. East at Modern Kingsville Livestock Auction Center in Kingsville, MO

Market Report: **Kingsville Livestock Auction Tuesday, January 21, 2025** Sold 3,431 head.

Last Week: 4,150 head. Feeder cattle, 600-800lbs sold steady, 800-1000lbs steers & heifers sold \$3-\$8 lower. Light green grazing cattle sold fully steady. Slaughter cows & bulls sold steady-\$2-\$3 higher.

Steers	300-400	\$340-\$465
	400-500	\$320-\$430
	500-600	\$289-\$380
	600-700	\$270-\$323.50
	700-800	\$255-\$309
	800-900	\$250-\$277.50
	900-1000	\$220-\$253.50
Heifers	300-400	\$330-\$410
	400-500	\$300-\$367.50
	500-600	\$268-\$334
	600-700	\$240-\$294.75
	700-800	\$240-\$267
	800-900	\$220-\$244.75
	900-1000	\$205-\$231

Load Lots of Yearlings & Feeders

Steers	787lbs@ \$278.50
	843lbs@ \$257.85
	868lbs@ \$252.00
	915lbs@ \$250.85
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	667lbs@ \$274.85
	816lbs@ \$244.75

Slaughter Cows

High Yielding	\$128-\$138
Medium Yielding	\$120-\$127
Low Yielding	\$100-\$119
Slaughter Bulls	\$130-\$171

Every Tuesday Feeder Sale @ 10:30 am
Special Cow & Bull Sale - Saturday, February 15th @ 11am

****Feeder Cattle that are short weaned or new crop calves that have not had shots or are lesser quality will be lower than the reported amounts.**

Kingsville Livestock Auction

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information, please contact Achieving Lifeskills at (660) 438-3488 or apply in person at 129 Tower Dr. Warsaw, MO. EOE B-PU-TFN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Due to retirement the Lutheran School Association is seeking a highly qualified administrative assistant. This position is full-time and reports directly to the building principal. Responsibilities include the day-to-day operations of the building office. Start date would be June 1, 2025. However, summer hours for June and July are on an as needed basis. Full-time hours would begin the first week of August 2025. For more information, please

contact Dr. Michael Scott, K-8 Principal, at (660) 668-4614. B-PU-2/7

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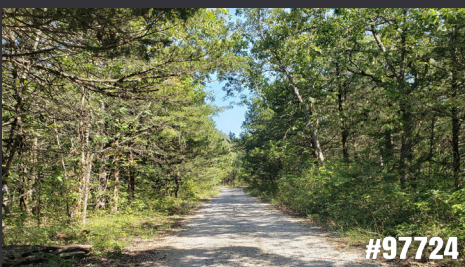
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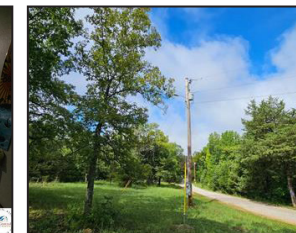





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WEEKEND GETAWAY! MLS #99313 \$55,000



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NEW KITCHEN! MLS #99255 \$249,900



BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME in Warsaw. Large lot with circle drive and fenced in back yard. 3 spacious BR and 2 1/2 baths. All new kitchen cabinets, counter tops and appliances in 2024. Beautiful hardwood floors, new laminate flooring in all bedrooms, roof installed mid- 2023, new windows thru out home and newer siding. 2 car attached garage. Full basement can accommodate extra bedrooms, family room or workshop!

FULL BASEMENT! MLS #99230 \$247,500



NEWLY RENOVATED HOME IN WARSAW. Over 1900 sf of living space with a full unfinished basement. The bonus room on the east side of the home is a must see. Fitted with 14 new windows, this space is a great place to start your day or gather with friends & family. New windows, lighting, flooring, paint, kitchen upgrades, and two completely renovated bathrooms with laundry service on the main floor.

BOAT RAMP! MLS #99314 \$37,000



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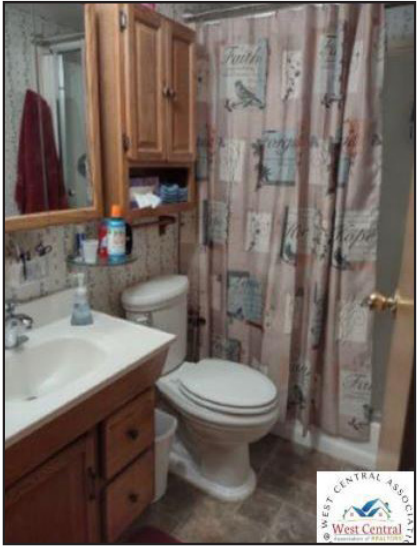


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27926 Kreisel Street, Warsaw, MO

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REMARKABLE TIMBERED ACREAGE - 96+/- acres is one of the nicest tracts you'll find on the market in a long time! Mostly timber, with some pasture areas scattered about, tract has electricity onsite, a solid road into the property and many trails throughout. Deer, turkey and other wildlife are abundant. Make this your part-time retreat, or build your dream home, or do whatever you please with this fabulous parcel - the possibilities are endless! Just don't wait to do it, because this one won't be waiting around for long! Call Heath to schedule a showing of this beautiful property today! \$408,000 – MLS #98839



Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath Lake home with Lake of the Ozarks View. Nice, privately owned slip in a community dock. Located on a nice lot with chain link fence for your pets. Would make a wonderful full-time home or weekend retreat. This one is a must see! Call Julia to schedule your showing today! \$195,000 – MLS #99298



Former Hardee's Restaurant! Situated in a high-traffic area and bordering 65 Hwy, this prime commercial property ensures maximum exposure and sign visibility. With 3 private rooms/offices already established, this versatile space is ideal for restaurants, auto dealerships, office or retail business. Boasting 1.5 +/- acres in concrete, the large parking lot is ideal for accommodating customer and employee parking, a 36'X30' fenced patio which is perfect for outdoor dining or display space, separate men's and women's restrooms for convenience, counter, grease trap, a separate space for easily receiving large deliveries, and plenty of storage. This property offers a unique combination of amenities and a prime location, making it an excellent opportunity for a variety of business ventures. Sellers are open to owner financing with approved credit. Contact Katie today to schedule a viewing and explore the potential of this space! \$549,900 – MLS #98002



Impressive all brick custom home in great Truman Lake subdivision over 4600 sq. ft. tastefully finished & decorated. Full finished walkout basement, huge custom kitchen with tons of granite, large master suite with custom shower and walk-in closet. 45 foot long all concrete safe room/storm shelter. 42-foot covered deck, 48-foot patio, 2 attached 2-car garages and a 40x30 detached garage for your boat and toys. This house & property is as nice as it gets! Call John today to schedule your showing! \$850,000 – MLS #97641



Affordable cabin at the Lake! Waterfront cabin on Lake of the Ozarks at the 77 mile marker. Ideal location on the KC side of the lake in calm waters! Completely remodeled and ready to play with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, all new kitchen appliances and what a captivating view! The wood burning fireplace adds warmth and charm. Nearby Marina/restaurant/bar adds to the lake fun! Add in deep year round water under your half of a 2 well covered dock to finish off the perfection! MLS#99305



What a view! Don't miss out on this waterfront home just 10 minutes from Warsaw. Large great room with sliding glass doors out to your covered porch to take in that amazing Lake of the Ozarks view. Large living and dining area with fireplace. Attached garage with upper room for plenty of storage. Call Crystal for your showing today!! \$132,000 - MLS #99290



What a nice lake cabin! Big enough for a full-time home, or the perfect size for a weekend retreat. Just 4 miles from Warsaw, and just a few minutes from 2 boat ramps. This home will give you the feel of a traditional cabin, with lots of upgrades in the past 5 years. There will be plenty of room for lake toys and off-road vehicles, featuring a 24'x21' detached garage, and a 30'x40' shop with a 10' lean-to. Call Hansel or Lane to schedule your showing today! \$199,500 – MLS #98414



Benton County Area Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Warsaw Assembly of God: 703 Elm Road, Warsaw, 65355. 438-6244. Rev. Chad Banfield - Pastor. SS 9:45 AM, WS 10:45 AM, Sunday Worship 6 PM & Bible Study Wed. 6 PM.

Climax Spring Assembly: 345 Climax Ave corner of Park and Main. Pastor Jason Moppin. Sunday School 10 AM, Worship service 10:45 AM & 7:00 PM, Wednesday 7:00 PM. 573-345-0791

Encounter Church: 549 Highway 65, Lincoln, MO, Sunday morning worship at 10:45AM, Pastor Chris Mabry

Ozark Bethel Chapel Assembly of God Church: J Rd. 9 miles E. of Climax Springs and 7 miles W. of Greenview, 573-347-2237. Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM Wednesday family night 7:00 PM Sunday evening 6 PM Pastor A.L. Thomas

BAPTIST

Cedar Grove Baptist: 31766 Cedar Grove Ave., Warsaw, MO 438-5675, Barry Edwards, Pastor. Worship services at 8:30 AM, and 11:00 AM; morning bible fellowship at 9:45 AM; Wednesday night programs (children, youth & adults) at 7:00 PM.

Church Of Living Water: Warsaw - Sunday worship service 10:00 AM. Adult study 9:00 AM- 9:50 AM, Children/Youth study 9 AM- 9:50 AM. Children church and nursery 10 AM. Pastor Daniel Yoder. 660-723-1776.

Concord Church: Sunday and Wednesday night services 7:30 PM and Sunday services at 11:00 AM. Pastor Gary Conway, One mile south of Fristoe on 65 to Raven Rd, then 2 miles west.

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Church: Sunday School 9:45 church worship services 10:45, Wednesday night services 7:00 PM Pastor Terry Gentry 417-998-6889. Rt 1 Box 1436 Cross Timbers, MO 65634

Edmonson Baptist: 27109 Hwy. H, Lincoln, MO. 660-668-4662. SS 9:45 AM WS 10:45 AM & 6 PM, Wed. 7 PM Evening Bible Study. Bro. Rex Green.

Colony Baptist: (Forthview & Elk Drive), Edwards, MO 573-345-3513. Sunday 9:30 AM and 10:40 AM, Wednesday 4 PM Services. Dr. Wayne Miley, Pastor. 225-337-3449, cell.

First Baptist/Lincoln: 660-547-3781. Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM, Sunday Worship Service 6:00 PM, Wednesday Youth Fellowship 6:00 PM, Bible Study/Prayer 6:00 PM 121 E. Locust, Lincoln, MO. Jesse Klaiber, Pastor.

Finney Baptist Church: Finney is located 1 miles west of the Benton/Henry county line on Z Hwy. Sunday School is a 10 AM & Worship is at 11 AM Wednesday bible study & singing is at 7 PM Everyone is welcome to our fellowship.

First Baptist/Climax Springs: Hwy. 7 - Worship 10:00 AM, Sunday School 9:00 AM. Phillip Orick, Pastor.

First Baptist/Cole Camp: F Hwy., Cole Camp, MO. (660) 668-3413. Pastor Rodney Baumgarden, Sunday School 9:30 AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM.

Fredonia Baptist Church: 4.3 miles down MM Hwy, 438-2038.

Freedom Missionary Baptist Church: 83 Hwy. to EE & follow EE for 2 miles to Smithview Rd and exit to the right. 1st & 3rd Sundays: S.S. 10 AM, Worship Service 11 AM, 2nd & 4th Sundays: S.S. 10 AM, Worship Service 11 AM and 6 PM Bro. Wayne Duncan, Pastor.

Fristoe Missionary Baptist Church: 38126 Antwiler Ave., Fristoe. SS 10 AM Worship Service 11 AM Every Sunday. 6 PM Sunday evening. Pastor Bro. B.J. Payne.

Good Hope Baptist Church: 7 Hwy. & U Hwy. 660-477-9430. 660-890-1639. Pastor Bryce Kristofferson. Sunday School 9:45-10:40 AM. Worship Service 10:45-11:45.

Green Ridge Freewill Baptist Church: Green Ridge Rd., 3 mi. south of Climax Springs. 573-345-0281 or 573-347-2966. Sunday School 10 AM, Worship 11 AM.

Harbor Fellowship: Sunday School: 9:30 AM • Morning Worship: 10:45 AM. Wednesday Evening, Worship Team: 5:30 PM, Bible Study: 6:30 PM. Email: harborfellowshipwarsaw@gmail.com. Website: harborfellowshipwarsaw.com Facebook: Harbor Fellowship 305 W. Jefferson, Warsaw, MO 65355. (660) 438-6161.

Hopewell Baptist/Quincy: 1 mi. E. of Harper on Hwy 82, follow sign. SS 10 AM, WS 11 AM, Sun. Bible Studies for all 6 PM.

LP Union Missionary Baptist: Pastor Mark Beyer, Every Sunday morning. Sunday School. 11 AM Worship

Lakeside Chapel SBC: West off 65 on T Hwy. to TT Hwy. 1/4 mi. to Mack's Camp Ave., 2.5 miles to church. Pastor Phil Fisher. 9:30 AM Sunday School, Worship Service 10:30 AM. Wed. night Worship Service 6:30 PM. Every Thurs. 9 AM Community-wide Breakfast. 660-723-2739

Mt. Pleasant Church: 3 miles south of Lincoln to McDaniel Rd. and follow signs, about 1 1/2 miles to church. Sunday School at 10 AM, Church Service at 11 AM.

New Life Baptist: 2 1/4 mi E of St Rte B on State Route W, S. of Cole Camp.

New Home Baptist: 34457 Hilty Ave. PO Box 1474 Warsaw, MO 65355. 5 miles south of Warsaw on Hilty Ave.

Poplar Baptist: 25819 Poplar Church Ave., Warsaw. 1 mi E of 65 of BB then 1/4 mi S. Pastor: Bro. Van Mellen. (660) 438-3050 Sunday School 10 AM, morning worship 11 AM, Evening Service 5:00 PM, Wed. Evening Service 6:30 PM.

BIBLE CHURCH

Warsaw Bible Church: Sunday-Interactive Bible Teaching 8 AM, Worship Service 10 AM. Wednesday- Interactive Bible Study & children's ministry 6:30 PM. Take West Dam Access Rd, turn into Shawnee Bend Rd(next to Shawnee Cemetery), turn right on Waggoner Rd, & go 1/4 mile. www.warsawbiblechurch.org

CATHOLIC

St. Ann Church: Mass: Saturday's 6:30 PM, Sunday's 8:30 AM. Father Ben Nwosu. (660) 438-3844

Sis. Peter & Paul Catholic Church: Cole Camp, Missouri. Sunday Mass 11 AM. Father Ben Nwosu. (660) 285-0107

CHRISTIAN

Warsaw Christian Church: Richard Bowman-Pastor; Tom Gee-Associate Pastor. 320 State Street. Worship 10:00 AM 438-5312. warsawchristian.church

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ/Lincoln: Hwy. 65 South at city limits, Lincoln. 547-3523 Sun. 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM, Wed. 7:30.

Warsaw Church of Christ/Warsaw: 726 E. Main, Warsaw, MO. 10 AM Sunday Services, 1:30 PM Sunday afternoon Services., 7 PM Wed. night Services.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: 18 Hwy. Kitchart Rd., Clinton. Ward Building 660-885-6839, Missionaries 660-885-9290.

Cross Timbers Restoration Branch: 29320 Dogwood Preston. Worship 9:30 AM Service 11:00 AM. Prayer Service Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Christopher Wiseman (417) 298-4004.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

Turkey Creek Church of the Brethren: 1/2 blk. west of Fristoe on CC Hwy. Sunday School at 9:30 AM.

EPISCOPAL

St. Paul's Episcopal Church: Adult Bible Study 9 AM, Worship Service, 10 AM/Mid-week Service 5:30 PM Wed./Handicap accessible/1.6 mi east of 13&7 Jct., Clinton.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Grace Baptist Church: 31046 Hwy MM, 660-281-4775. Johnie Logue, Pastor. SS 10 AM, WS 11 AM & 4 PM, Wed. 4 PM. Fundamental KJV.

Victory Baptist Church: 14216 Hwy 7, Warsaw, MO, Morning Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday Service 7:00 PM, Pastor Richard Roberts, 816-898-7856

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN

Cross Timbers Christian Church: Jack Davis, Pastor. Sunday School 10 AM Morning Service 11 AM Wednesday, Bible Study at 7 PM. Let us be your family church.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

Black Oak Community Church: 1 mile south of Lincoln & 9 miles east on H. (660) 647-2371.

River Church: Hwy. 65 & Truman Dam Rd., Rev. Sam Hinkle, Pastor. 660-438-5749.

First Church of Nazareth: 32877 MM Hwy., Warsaw. Rev. Ivan Joe Bradley Jr. 660-723-4931. Sunday 10 AM, 3:30 Sunday, 7:00 Tuesday & Thursday.

LUTHERAN

Faith Lutheran (LCMS)/Warsaw: 1201 Dogwood Dr., 438-6948. Worship Service Sunday 10:00 AM. & Wednesday 6:30 PM. Sunday School 9 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran/Lincoln: North of Lincoln on 65 to HH and follow signs. Worship service 8:00 AM.

Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church (LCMS): 22303 Mt. Hulda Ave, Cole Camp. 668-9981 Divine Service 10:00 AM Sunday Rev. Allen Braun, Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran Church: Pastor Stephen Zeller, 705 S. Hickory St., Cole Camp, MO 65325. Worship Service 10 AM, SS 9 AM, Sat. Evening Service 5:30 PM.

Trinity Lutheran (LCMS)/Cole Camp: 104 E. Butterfield Trl., 668-2364. Worship Service 9 AM, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 AM. Sat. Evening Service 6:30 P.M. Rev. Dr. Gregory R. Truwe, Senior Pastor.

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MENNONITE

Evening Shade Mennonite: 4 Mi East of Dell on Hwy. 7. 438-6084 or 438-3924.

Fountain of Praise Mennonite Fellowship: Pastor Truman Yoder. Sunday School 9:30 AM Church service 10:30 AM, 23479 Hwy H, Lincoln, 660-547-3716 or 660-723-3516.

METHODIST

Cross Timbers Independent Methodist: Located on the square in Cross Timbers, MO. Worship service each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Bro. Carl Ginnings, pastor.

Hickory Chapel United Methodist: Located at C Hwy and Hickory Chapel Rd. Nine miles west of Lincoln on C Hwy. Sunday worship is 9:00 AM followed by Sunday school at 10:00 AM Pastor Renae Watt, (660)547-2223.

Ionia United Methodist: Pastor Harvey J. Beach. Located at 5th and Main. Worship time is 9:00 AM.

Lincoln United Methodist: 217 W Main St. Sunday worship and kids church is at 10:50 AM, Sunday school, 9:30 AM for adults. Pastor Renae Watt, (660)547-2223.

Mt. Pleasant Church: 3 miles south of Lincoln to McDaniel Rd. and follow signs, about 1 1/2 miles to church. Sunday School at 10 AM, Church Service at 11 AM.

New Hope United Methodist Church: DD & DD3 - 32912 Spry Rd., Edwards. Pastor Michael Cole, 918-914-1198. Worship at 9 AM.

Warsaw United Methodist Church: 660-438-6261 Sunday Worship; 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM. Youth IGNITE 6-12 grade 5-7 PM. Rev. Loren Whetsell. Come join us to change lives! www.firstchurchwarsaw.org

NAZARENE

Church of the Nazarene: 660-641-2957 712 Elm St., Pastor Carl Lavender, SS 9:30 AM, WS 10:45 AM. Wednesday service at 6:00 PM.

PENTECOSTAL

Ozark Tabernacle Church: End of AE Hwy., Cole Camp, MO. Pastor Rev. John Medlock, Sun. Worship 11 AM/6 PM Sunday School 10 AM 660-668-3996.

Victory Temple Full Gospel: State Road U & Hwy. 65, Cross Timbers, MO 573-347-2467. Non-Denominational.

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church of God: Fowler & Dehony St., Cole Camp, MO 660-668-3497.

Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse: Sunday School 10 AM, Morning Worship 11 AM, Wednesday Bible Study 6 PM

House of Prayer: 804 E. Main St., Warsaw. Pastor Dan Portfield. Sunday Morning Worship 10 AM, Sunday Evening Service 7 PM, Wednesday Evening Service 7 PM.

Abundant Life Christian Center: Pastors Herbert & Renee Robertson, 547-2455, 15423 Centerline Rd., (Cole Camp Jct.) Cole Camp. Sun celebration 10 AM Children's church 10 AM Wed evening 7 PM with Bible Study for all ages.

PRESBYTERIAN

Climax Springs Presbyterian: Pastor Myron Keith Hall. 227 Simpson Dr., Climax Springs. WS 11AM. Pastor number 417-852-4111.

OTHERS

Community of Christ: 130 Lillie Lane, Warsaw. Church School at 10:0 AM, Worship at 11:00 AM Pastor Sue Stevens 660-473-1624. Our doors are open to all. Come join us!

Golden Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church: 2000 N. Community Drive, Clinton, MO 64735. www.gvsda.com. Services: *Saturday*, Sabbath School 9:30 AM, Worship Service 10:50 AM. Vegetarian pot luck following service.

Unity of the Lakes: Member of Association of Unity Churches; affiliated with Unity School of Christianity, publishers of the Daily Word. 34949 Hwy. 65, PO Box 1336 (8 miles south of Warsaw), 65355. Sunday Service at 11 AM. 660-438-6235.

Shiloh Community Church: 83 South 18 miles to EE 1 1/2 miles down EE to church. Worship service begins at 10:15 AM.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Grace Fellowship of Cole Camp: 107 N. Boonville Rd., Cole Camp, MO, Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00 AM, Children's Sunday School during Worship, Youth Group 4:30 PM, Tues Bible Study 6:30 PM, Pastor Tanner Wiley, (660) 223-0198, www.gracefellowshipcc.com

Tri Lakes Cowboy Church: South 65 highway & State Road U, Cross Timbers. Thursday evening worship service at 5 PM. 573-347-2467. Pastors Francis and Cathy Cline.

Waypoint Ministries: 1827 E. Main St., Warsaw, MO (Next to Valley Transmission) Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday 6:30 PM. Pastor Randy Rushing, 660-223-2700. www.waypointministries.org



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Stephen L. Barb



Stephen L. Barb, age 69, of Warsaw, Missouri passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at his home, surrounded by his family and friends. He was born on March 5, 1955 the son of John and Rosemary (Bybee) Barb. He grew up in Warsaw and graduated from Warsaw High School in 1973.

Steve had a long and dedicated career in civil service, beginning with summer work relocating graves affected by the construction of the Truman Dam. He went on to serve for thirty-six years with the United States Postal Service, initially as a postal clerk in Warsaw for nine years before moving to Sedalia as a letter carrier.

Steve was united in marriage to Pam Hedrick on December 31, 1982, and together they had one daughter, Ashley. They made their home in Warsaw before relocating to Sedalia. On April 22, 2006, he married his wife Debbie, who survives of the home. Steve was a devoted father, granddad, brother, and husband, and was a cherished friend to many.

Steve was a proud member of the National Association of Letter Carriers and had a variety of interests. He loved fishing, hunting, golfing, and was a member of the Warsaw Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. An avid Kansas City Royals fan, Steve rarely missed a game. He even enjoyed traveling to their spring training sessions in Arizona. Steve had a love for antiques. He spent his retirement years traveling all over to auctions and sales, buying and selling antiques.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, John & Rosemary Barb.

He is survived by his wife Debbie Barb, four children; Ashley Raetz (Nathan), of Sedalia, Missouri, Brandon Grable, of Sedalia, Missouri, Rebecca Mausbach (Scott), of Omaha, Nebraska and Jenna Deibel (Corey), of Carthage, North Carolina, nine grandchildren; Calloway, Georgia, Caroline, Thomas, Ty, Reid, Parker, Camden and Tanner, a sister, Leah Clarke (Brad), of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, a nephew Landon Meyer (Jaclyn), of North Kansas City, Missouri and two great nephews, Lucas and Bennett.

Funeral Services for Stephen L. Barb will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Reser Funeral Home in

Warsaw, Missouri with Pastor Jason McCray officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral from 1:00 until 2:00 P.M. Interment will follow at the Shawnee Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorial contributions can be made to Benton County Hospice % Reser Funeral Home, P.O.Box 910, Warsaw, Missouri, 65355.

Jesse J. Case



Jesse James Case, age 39, of Edwards, Missouri passed away January 15, 2025 at his home. He was born on January 5, 1986 in Clay County, Missouri, the son of James Fredrick Case and Tammy Ann Dickerson.

Jesse grew up in the North Kansas City area and attended Liberty High School in Liberty, Missouri. From the age of 15 until he was 21, he worked at Waffle House. In 2011, he moved to Edwards, Missouri, where he worked for Anglers Port Marine before discovering his true passion for well drilling, working alongside his stepfather and close friend, Mike Barnes.

Jesse loved camping in the motor home, floating the river, and getting out on the pontoon with family and friends. He was also an avid Chiefs fan but his most enjoyable time was that which he spent with his daughters. He loved picking them up from school, playing with them at the park, and making a special stop at Dairy Queen to complete their outings.

Jesse was preceded in death by his father, Jim Case, and his grandparents, Phillip and Darlene Dickerson.

He is survived by his mother, Tammy Barnes (Mike), of Edwards, Missouri, his daughters, Laceigh and Annistyn, two brothers, Levi Dickerson (Rachele), of Overland Park, Kansas, his twin Joshua Case, of Sedalia, Missouri, two stepsisters, Mandi Lewis (Tommy), of St. Louis, Missouri and Sandra Barnes, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw. Visitation will be held one hour prior from 2:00 until 3:00 P.M.



Margie Jane Weaver



Margie Jane Weaver, age 75, of Warsaw, passed away Friday, January 24, 2025 at the Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Missouri. She was born on September 9, 1949 in Warsaw, the daughter of Melford and Mabel (Cline) Ash. She grew up and attended school in Warsaw, and on August 28, 1965 was united in marriage to Robert Weaver. They made their home in Warsaw, and unto this union three sons were born.

Margie was a loving and devoted wife and mother, supporting her family in their endeavors throughout her life and cooking lunch for the family during the week. Margie was a faithful member of the Warsaw Church of Christ and enjoyed every opportunity to spend time with the Lord and fellowship with her church family. She also enjoyed baking, canning, sewing, gardening, shopping, and most of all spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Margie is preceded in death by her parents and her young son, Jerry Lee Weaver, as well as her siblings: Margret, Virgil, Clifford, Ernest, John, Walter, Donald, Melford Ash, Bernice, Anna, and stepbrother and sisters, Larry, Fern, and Evelyn.

She is survived by her loving husband Bob Weaver of the home, two sons; Brian (& Debbie) and Scott (& Jennifer) of Warsaw, six grandchildren, Brandon (& Cheyenne), Heather, Erica (& Landon) Smith, Mackenzie, Chase, and Jenna. Three great grandchildren Paisley, Presley, Graysan, and one on the way. Brothers Arnold Ash, step brother Bill Keeton of Washington.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, January 30, 2025 at the Reser Funeral Home, with Evangelist Malcom Kniffin officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening, January 29th from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Interment will follow the funeral at the Shawnee Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Frosty Weaver, Robbie Weaver, Brandon Weaver, Jason Cline, Byron Morrison and Mike Ross.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Warsaw Church of Christ c/o the Reser Funeral Home P.O. Box 910 Warsaw, Missouri 65355.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JOHNIE J. LOGUE

The Monster Within

There Is None Righteous, No Not One

-Romans 3:10

I often hear people say that they have a temper. Duh, we all have the choice to become angry, some just contain it better than others.

We all have the sin nature, or as it is sometimes refer to as the flesh to contend with.

We are suprised at times when we hear of someone committing a sin as if we thought they were incapable of that.

As Christians, it is still there; this abilitby to sin. Through much prayer and restraint, sometimes we are able to subdue a particular sin to a point, but there are other sins that we deal with on a daily basis. God changes our want to but the struggle is still very much alive and well.

By the way, if you could lose your salvation through sin, then you have already lost it. Either Christ died for every sin: past, present and future, or He didn't. Then we are all men most miserable.

I am not a sinner saved by grace. I am a born again believer who lives in this body of sin. Classified sinners are doomed for Hell; Christians, yes, saved by grace are promised a home in Heaven.

As some know, I have been down in my back and it has been very frustrating to say the least. I cannot do what I would. Spiritually, it is Romans 7, the ongoing struggle with sin.

We are very flawed creatures, but I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. What about you?

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Good morning neighbor from Warsaw first Church of the Nazarene. Last week I shared how God has always sought to have commune or be in fellowship with us, every day, every moment, and every second. The most powerful being to ever be, the great I AM, wants to hang out with me. WOW! On the flip side, humans have the tendency to seek an audience with

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famous, powerful people just because. You can insert the reason for they are too numerous to list here. Something seems wacky to this approach of who is important to us. Fame lacks substance because it is extremely temporal while placing God first in our life is eternal because placing Him first in our life is obedience in perfect love. What does this have to do with knowing your neighbor?

Jesus was a respecter of everyone even the one who crucified him for they did not see Him as their neighbor but saw him as a threat to what ‘order’ they placed people in society. John 13:34-35 speaks directly to the manner that Jesus treated everyone. ‘I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.’” Please note that it says “all people” to include church members, lawyers, drug dealers, and hate filled bitter individuals. I sometimes struggle with this as well but the solution is not found in you or me. My Savior, your Savior, did not leave us without the ability to overcome ourselves. Listen again to his words to us, the children of the Creator of the world, ‘I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; 17 the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you. 18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.” -- John 14:16-18

The word ‘orphans’ seems rather strange in the last line of the above passage. Here is another verse to consider for our greater understanding “Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” --James 1:7. In the time of ancient Israel and even when Jesus walked the earth, an orphan and widow were individuals without

a name. In our time, we would call them outcasts—no family—lacking community—no neighbors. They had no name by which to do business or complete transactions in their culture. It is amazing how little we think about the power or relationship attached to a name. Can you tell me the name of your neighbors? There is something about knowing a person’s name that opens doors allowing another person into their success, celebrations as well as struggles and brokenness. Jesus made it clear that all people are our neighbors and there is a gift for all people that still needs carried into the neighborhoods. That gift is his name, for there is no name above the name of Jesus. Now, that’s a person I want to hang out with every minute of my life, so as he blesses me, I can bless my neighborhood with an abundant life.

Andy Lavender, Pastor Warsaw First Church of the Nazarene (660) 641-2947

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