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'It's About How We Get Back Up': Drug Court Graduate Shares Story

By
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In Benton County's core, a luminary of change glows with promise for souls caught in addiction's clutches and the justice system's snares. This beacon, Treatment Court, celebrates the strength of second chances and the dawn of new beginnings for those wrestling with substance abuse and mental health challenges.

Imagine embarking on a journey where new beginnings are not just a distant dream but a tangible reality. Treatment Court is more than an escape from incarceration; it's a comprehensive support system designed to foster genuine, long-lasting recovery. At its heart, the program is a meticulously structured journey that commences with a thorough assessment, ensuring a tailored array of services to meet each participant's unique needs, from treatment and counseling to job training and housing assistance.

Participants are then immersed in a rigorous treatment regimen, supported by evidence-based services aimed at addressing the root causes of their addiction. The path is challenging, marked by continuous monitoring and random drug testing, yet



DRUG COURT GRADUATES GO FROM ADDICTS TO ADOVOCATES, including Mary Elliott who recently completed the program in Benton County. Elliott celebrated the occasion at the courthouse with Judge Jim Kjar.

it's paved with incentives to encourage progress. The profound benefits of the Treatment Court are undeniable, offering a beacon of hope that significantly reduces recidivism rates, curbs substance misuse, prevents overdoses, and enhances public safety.

Funded through a blend of local, state, and federal

sources, the Treatment Court represents a sustainable model for justice intervention, addressing the complex needs of individuals with substance use disorders and mental health issues. The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) plays a crucial role, in guiding communities to identify resources and gaps

in services and developing strategic action plans to divert individuals away from the justice system and into treatment.

Mary Elliott recently graduated fully completing all requirements of Treatment Court.

Her path to Treatment Court began in a moment of desperation. After leaving

her husband due to his drug use and hitting rock bottom herself, Mary was caught with drugs in her possession. It was at this low point that the opportunity to join the treatment court program appeared—an olive branch that she eagerly grasped. Mary's motivation was clear: she was determined to do everything in her

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A Nichols Worth Of NATURE
By **Donnie Nichols**

If you had coffee, tea, milk or juice with your doughnuts, toast, cereal, yogurt or bacon and eggs this morning, it was all made possible by the sun. Through photosynthesis, plants harvest energy from the sun allowing animals to eat sunlight which is the foundation of nature's web of life.

Insects pollinate 87.5% of all plants and 90% of all flowering plants which turn energy from the sun into food that we and an unimaginable diversity of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and freshwater fishes need to exist.

Insects also provide much of the planet's pest control in the form of millions of species of predators, parasites and parasitoids that keep food webs in balance. It is remarkable then, that our cultural relationship with insects is not one of awe and appreciation but one of disgust and animosity. We have declared war on all insects and taught our children to fear every insect they see.

Many of our ecosystems are in great peril because loss of habitat, over use of fertilizers, pesticides, and insecticides and the introduction of non-native species (which have little or no benefit to our native ecosystem and often are very harmful).

The Monarch butterfly population has decreased 90% in the last two decades.

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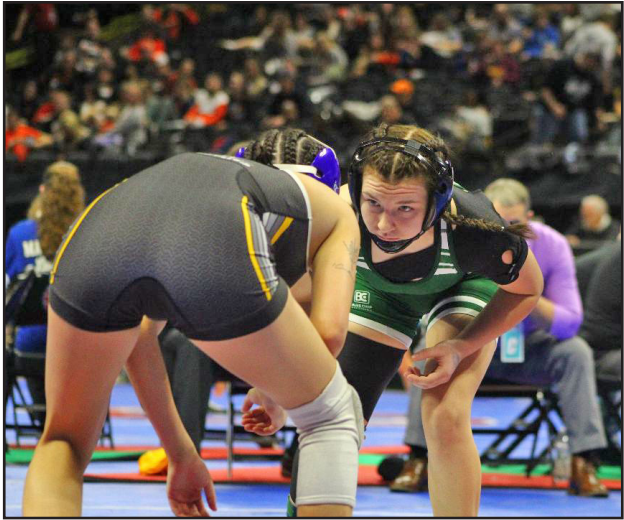
Benton County Boasts Some Of Wrestling's Best At State Tourney

By
Adam Howe
Editor

The 2025 MSHSAA Class 1 Wrestling Championships introduced some of the best wrestlers that the state had to offer last Wednesday and Thursday in Columbia on the campus of the University of Missouri.

After two days of wrestling, and after the smoke had cleared, the Warsaw Wildcats saw 4 of their own take the podium, including their first-ever female, while the Cole Camp Bluebirds saw their first-ever state medalist awarded.

Warsaw freshman Emmersyn Miskell (33-12) medaled for the Wildcats when she won by a 7-0 decision over Nevada's



ONE FOR THE BOOKS, Warsaw freshman Emmersyn Miskell became the first-ever female state medalist for Warsaw when she took the podium in the 5th place spot at the 2025 MSHSAA Wrestling Championships.

Sydnee Baldwin (38-10) in the 115 pound fifth place match, marking her place in program history.

"Emmersyn upset the #1 seed at the district tourney and carried that confidence

onto the biggest stage of her career," 'Cats coach Justin Wisdom said. "She avenged 2 losses at the state tourney on her way to a 5th place medal and is the first-ever medalist for

Warsaw wrestling for our girls."

In the 113 pound weight class, defending state champion, Warsaw junior Jayce Estes (41-1) was upset in a semifinal match by Trenton's Jacob White (48-3) before battling his way through the back side of the bracket to take the third place spot with a win by fall (1:52) over Fatima's Tucker Tune (39-5).

"Jayce knew he was going to be in everyone's crosshairs," Wisdom commented. "He managed that really well. Jayce showed great maturity and overcame a difficult position by coming back to take third place in dominating fashion, claiming his second state medal."

At 165, 'Cats senior Drake Murrell (47-5) took his second consecutive medal

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Aaaand, ACTION! Old Hollywood Is A Hit At 2025 Ozark Echoes Ball

OLD HOLLYWOOD was alive and well at the 2025 Ozark Echoes Ball on Saturday night where seniors Samantha Harr and Jaxson Deckard were crowned queen and king, and Hazel Uelker and Tyler Fajen were announced as princess and prince.

By
Anita Campbell
County
Reporter

WHS students were rocking the night away on Saturday as they gathered for the 2025 Ozark Echoes Ball hosted by the Echoes yearbook staff. The middle school multi-purpose room was decorated in red, gold and black as a salute to Old Hollywood. Students walked through the doors and down the red carpet that welcomed them to the 2025 edition of the annual Ozark Echoes Ball. Halfway through the evening, the Ozark Echoes

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Community Calendar

MARCH 6, 2025: There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 6 at 5:00 PM at Back In Time Headquarters located at 234 Main Street in Warsaw where the topics of medicare and social security will be discussed. The guest speaker will be Mr. Moon from Jefferson City.

MARCH 6, 2025: The Benton County Republican Central Committee will meet on Thursday, March 6, at 6:00 PM at the Warsaw Library. Topic for this meeting is finalizing plans for the upcoming Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner, to be held April 5 at the Warsaw Community Building. All meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

MARCH 11, 2025: Benton County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Breakfast meeting will be held at the Warsaw Senior Center on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 8:30 AM. All retired educators are encouraged to attend. For further information, please call (660) 438-5978.

MARCH 13, 2025: Local Author's Night-Meet, Greet and Celebrate local authors Richard Houston, Beth Halsey, Leslie Grace and Daniel Meyer on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Warsaw Boonslick Regional Library from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Warsaw Library.

MARCH 14, 2025: Friends of the Library Fundraiser: Walking Taco & Game Night at Missouri Made Shop & Comfort Café, starting at 5:00 PM; 5:00 PM-6:30 PM is kid-friendly fun and 6:30 PM until late is adults-only gaming, no cover charge but free will donations are accepted, sponsored by the Cole Camp branch of Boonslick Regional Library.

MARCH 22, 2025: Beginning Beekeeping Workshop hosted by Pomme de Terre Beekeepers Association, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, doors open at 8:30 AM, McCarty Senior Center, 19482 Us-54, Wheatland, MO, \$40 pre-registration is required and closes on March 14, Questions may be directed to (417) 745-6767.

MARCH 22, 2025: Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness 5K Run/Walk, 1:00 PM-9:00 PM at Drake Harbor in Warsaw, Entertainment, Guest Speakers, Games, Food Trucks, Face Painting and more! 5K - \$25, General Admission - \$10, Special Appearance by KC Wolf! Be the light, Walk to fight!

APRIL 3, 2025: The Benton County Historical Society will host their annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Doors will open at 5:30 PM and dinner service will begin at 6:30 PM. For further information please contact any Historical Society board member.

APRIL 12, 2025: 4th Annual Hope5One 5K Run For Hope, 9:00 AM at Drake Harbor in Warsaw, Register to run/walk at www.hope5one.org. Register by March 21 for a t-shirt guarantee!

APRIL 12, 2025: Discover the fascinating world of rockets as we discuss how they work and learn how to build them, hosted by the Pettis County Civil Air Patrol, Saturday, March 1, 10:00 AM, Boonslick Regional Library-Cole Camp, Join us for an exhilarating rocketry workshop and launch! Registration is required by February 24, Please call (660) 827-READ, option 2 for more information.

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 AM-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 breakfast rice recipe is quick and delicious and a great way to use up leftover rice. Easy to adjust amounts according to how hungry you are; and you can use either white or brown rice.

The following is a guide for one serving but you can add more of each to adjust for your taste.

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup cold rice

- 1 egg
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 2 teaspoon soy sauce
- Heat oil in a large skillet over medium high heat, spread the rice in a flat layer in the hot oil, cook until crispy on the bottom; 2-4 minutes. Stir in the egg and scramble about 2 minutes more. Sprinkle onions on top, season with soy sauce.

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TREATMENT

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power to get clean and lead a happy, healthy life.

Throughout her recovery, Mary faced numerous challenges, particularly in balancing the demands of the program and also working.

Establishing a manageable routine emerged as her biggest hurdle, yet it became the cornerstone of her success.

Contrary to her initial expectations, the treatment court provided Mary with a structure that significantly aided her recovery. The simple act of adhering to a schedule, including waking up to an alarm, played a crucial role in her journey.

A pivotal moment for Mary came during a meeting with fellow members of Narcotics Anonymous (NA), where she encountered individuals who had maintained long-term sobriety. One person, clean since Mary was two years old, inspired her with hope and belief in the possibility of change.

As Mary progressed in her recovery, she learned the importance of setting healthy boundaries and saying no, which allowed her to maintain and even strengthen her relationships with friends and family who supported her sobriety.

To maintain her sobriety, Mary has relied on self-care and meditation, practices that keep her focused and on track. Overcoming addiction has profoundly changed Mary's outlook on life and her future. She now lives for her children and grandchildren, embracing healthy boundaries and a healthier lifestyle.

For those struggling with addiction and considering treatment court, Mary's advice is clear: the program is designed for success. She appreciated the treatment court's approach, which allowed her to be herself—a better version of herself—within a supportive and structured environment.

Looking forward, Mary is committed to continuing her involvement in NA, and AA and is excited about pursuing a prosperous career. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of treatment court and the resilience of the human spirit.

Completing the Treatment Court program is a testament to courage, commitment, and resilience. It's a journey that demands confronting the underlying trauma that contributed to addiction. Yet, the significance of this accomplishment extends far beyond the individual. Successful graduates are living proof of transformation, reminding us of the power of community support and the importance of giving individuals the opportunity to rewrite their stories.

As we celebrate the successes of Treatment Court participants, we also celebrate the broader impact on our community. These individuals are not just overcoming personal challenges; they are contributing to the healing and growth of our society, proving that with the right support, change is possible.

The success of Benton County's Treatment Court is a clarion call to recognize and support those fighting to overcome addiction. It's a reminder of the hard work and dedication required to grow beyond labels and become productive members of society. Let's rally behind these individuals and the Treatment Court program, acknowledging their efforts to heal not only themselves but also our community. Together, we can foster an environment of compassion, understanding, and change, making Benton County a beacon of hope for all.

In an enlightening conversation, Judge Jim Kjar shed light on the intricacies and mission of Benton County's Treatment

Court. He emphasized that this program demands a high level of commitment and is intensely supervised to ensure success. The essence of the Treatment Court lies in its role as an alternative to the traditional prison system, offering individuals battling addiction a chance to transform their lives through alternative opportunities.

The goal, as outlined by Judge Kjar, is ambitious yet profound: to retrain the brain towards non-criminal thinking, aiming for a recidivism rate lower than traditional prison or probation systems. This retraining is facilitated through a structured regimen of counseling and recovery sessions, providing a comprehensive support system for participants.

Perhaps the most unique aspect of the Treatment Court, highlighted by Judge Kjar, is the level of personal interaction between the judge and the participants. Meetings with the Judge occur weekly, allowing for an unparalleled opportunity to build a personal and professional connection. This approach is not only about monitoring progress but also about establishing a rapport that transcends the courtroom, understanding the individuals behind the cases, their struggles, and their victories.

Observing Judge Jim Kjar in action within the Treatment Court reveals a comprehensive approach to addressing addiction and criminal behavior. The eligibility criteria for participants are stringent, focusing on individuals assessed as high-risk and high needs. This assessment ensures that the program does not mix individuals with varying levels of risk and needs, which could potentially hinder the effectiveness of the treatment.

To qualify, participants undergo a thorough assessment to determine if they fit the program's matrix of high-risk and high needs. An application process is followed by a staff meeting to decide on the suitability of the candidate. While the program does not exclude individuals based on their criminal history, it carefully considers the implications of admitting someone with a history of selling drugs, to avoid introducing a customer base into the recovery environment.

Treatment Court does not operate in isolation. It collaborates with various organizations, including Compass Health, probation and parole services, and the prosecuting attorney's office, county clerk, and currently has a vacancy for a defense attorney. This multidisciplinary team approach ensures a holistic support system for participants.

Participants face numerous challenges, notably transportation issues, which are a significant barrier within the criminal justice system. The intensive supervision required by the program, coupled with the need for regular counseling and drug testing, makes securing employment a significant hurdle. The court actively seeks employers willing to accommodate the unique needs of participants, highlighting the ongoing struggle to balance recovery with societal reintegration.

Treatment Court leverages the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) to facilitate collaboration between law enforcement, mental health professionals, social services, and other community resources. This model helps identify service gaps and resources at various intercept points, aiming to divert individuals with mental and substance use disorders away from the criminal justice system and towards appropriate care.

The program, initiated by Judge Larry Burditt in 2004, has seen Benton County

become one of the pioneers in implementing Treatment Court. Community support is crucial for the success of this program. Judge Kjar encourages the community to maintain an open mind, offer flexibility in employment, and consider donating gift certificates or gift cards. These donations are used as rewards for participants who reach milestones in their recovery, fostering a sense of achievement and encouragement.

Judge Kjar's insights into the Treatment Court highlight the program's comprehensive approach to rehabilitation, emphasizing the importance of eligibility criteria, multidisciplinary collaboration, and community support. By addressing the challenges participants face and leveraging community resources, the Treatment Court aims to transform lives and reduce recidivism, offering hope and a positive outlook for graduates.

ECHOES

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2025 royalty was crowned. Queen was Samantha Harr; King Jaxson Deckard; Princess Hazel Uelker and Prince Tyler Fajen.

The royalty court consisted of juniors Ayden Burdick, Isaac Henderson, Naomi Yoder, Kaleby Stevenson and seniors Ashlynn Adams, Hazel Thompson, Mason Anderson and Gabriel Wassman.

This is the 75th anniversary of the Ozark Echoes yearbook which was first published in 1950. In this day of email, Facebook and other forms of social media, the printed yearbook has almost become a thing of the past in many schools across the nation; however, WHS has continued to publish it's Ozark Echoes for 75 years.

The first Ozark Echoes was a class project by the WHS Class of 1950. William Brooks was the editor and Mrs. Louise Campbell was the advisor. (Mrs. Campbell was a relative of the present advisor Amanda Campbell Adler). The yearbook was only 35 pages and, of course only had black and white photography. Mahlon White (father of the present Enterprise publisher, James) was one of the photographers.

Sophomore Amy Ann Scott was the first Echoes queen and her attendants were freshman Lois Ann Bybee, junior Ruth Houseworth and senior Marcine Tally. The queen was then selected based on how many yearbooks the class sold. That year the sophomores won. In later years, paper ballots were used with a candidate from each high school grade level and this year the candidates and winners were voted by students on the internet. At first only queens were selected and then in 1998 princess candidates from the junior class were selected and the queen candidates were all from the senior class. Then in 2011 king and prince candidates from the senior and junior class were added.

Some of the other past Echoes queens include: Carolyn Martin, 1963; Patricia Gorham, 1964; Sharon Robb, 1966; Marceline Gregory, 1967; Patty Button, 1968; Cheryl Robb, 1969; Karen Hughes, 1970; Debbie Martin,

1971; Patty Carroll, 1972; Elaine Harper, 1973; Malea Greer, 1974; Brenda Parks, 1975; Janie Durham, 1976; Kathy Roellig, 1977; Kathy Simons, 1978; Rhonda Clark, 1979; Robyn Hessefort, 1980; Jill Eldred, 1981; Kathy Breshears, 1982; Doris McCullough, 1983; Annette Smith, 1984; Tracy Tanner, 1985; Cassandra Walker, 1986; Alyssa Newberry, 1987; Tracy Grubb, 1988; Heather Lynch, 1989; Christine Hazel, 1990; Kim Nolte, 1991; Pam Claycomb, 1992; Jennifer Smallwood, 1993; Carey Sieve, 1994; Heather Heier, 1995; Amanda Lane, 1996; Emily Lane, 1997; Megan Glenn, 1998; Abigail Campbell, 1999; Jana McMurtry, 2000; Angeline Schremser, 2001; Ashley Boul, 2002; Jonna Pickens, 2003; Stephanie Eason, 2004; Lysnie Carroll, 2005; Leah Hansen, 2006; Mary Swearngin, 2007; Chelsea Kaezmarek, 2008; Allison Cocke, 2009; Brandy Kellner, 2010; Taryn Kohn, 2011; Rachel Umlauf, 2012; Ganelle Reed, 2013; Antonia Herbst, 2014; Melissa Pierce, 2015; Alexis Riga, 2016; Mikayla Mais, 2017; Zoe Eledge, 2018; Madie Gardner, 2019; Kiersten Grobe, 2020; Gabrielle Porter, 2021; Karlie Jones, 2022; Brieanna Fenlon, 2023; Autum Walton, 2024.

In the first Ozark Echoes yearbook the copy was typed on typewriters and then sent along with the pictures to the publisher to be printed. All pictures were black and white until 1972 when spot color was used on a few pages then the yearbook went full color in 1995. All pictures were developed in the dark room at WHS until 1995.

The yearbook included all grades of Warsaw R-9 until 1992 when the yearbook staff created elementary books for North and South. Now both schools have their own yearbooks. The middle school remained in the Ozark Echoes until 2006 when they started publishing their own yearbook.

Until 1993, the yearbook was created by the cut and paste method in which the copy was typed and then pasted on the page. The journalism department received two Mac computers in 1993 to take the yearbook and newspaper into a new technology.

Presently, the Ozark Echoes staff downloads digital pictures to their layouts which are created on computers.

The 2025 edition of the Ozark Echoes is on sale now at WHS. Contact Mrs. Amanda Adler at (660) 438-7351 to reserve your copy or go by the yearbook room.

NICHOLS

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Many scientists suspect the Monarch is now quasi-extinct meaning the population may be near the point of no recovery. Most of our native bird species are also in decline, some perilously so.

Native plants and insects have evolved together through millennia creating a system of checks and balances. If we use native plants in our yards and gardens, we will attract native insects and other native wildlife. For example, if you plant native milkweed it will attract many species of butterflies and other pollinators, especially the Monarch whose life cycle is tied to milkweed.

We have two native plant gardens in our yard. They are easy to establish and once established require very little maintenance. We never have to fertilize or use any chemicals and even during last year's drought we never had to water our plants.

Kim took a video last summer of our butterfly milkweed plants. As she approached, it was as if a cloud of butterflies exploded.

Native plants are also host plants for many species of caterpillars which are the mainstay of most bird species in North America, particularly when they are rearing young.

Caterpillar skin is thin and flexible like soft bags filled with food. If you have ever watched a bird feed its nestling, you know it is not always a gentle process. Many birds forcibly stuff the food item down the nestling's throat using their beak as a plunger. Insects with sharp edges can injure delicate little chicks during such feeding bouts.

Caterpillars are more nutritious than most other insects. They are high in protein and fats and are the best source of healthy carotenoids for birds. They stimulate immune systems, improve color vision and sperm vitality and serve as antioxidants that protect proteins and DNA from oxidative damage. It takes 9,000-13,000 caterpillars to raise a brood of four

bluebirds.

In birds, carotenoids provide yet another benefit: they are a major component of colorful feather pigments. Brightly colored feathers are a signal of good health. In many species, females identify strong males based on the color vibrancy of their feathers.

Doug Tallamy, author of Nature's Best Hope, counted 430 caterpillars (19 different species) on one of his native oak trees. He then checked a Bradford Pear tree (an invasive species) in his neighbor's yard and found one caterpillar.

I encourage you to plant some native plants around your home this spring. You will enjoy the beauty and be surprised at the wonderful things they attract.

Here are some websites that you can check out. These options will suggest what native plants will do well in your area:

National Wildlife Federation Native Plant Finder: nwf.org/nativeplantfinder
Audubon Plants for Birds: audubon.org/nativeplants
Missouri Prairie Foundation's Grow Native: grownative.org

A great local place to buy native plants is Missouri Wildflowers: mowildflowers.net

Go online and look at Merv's catalog . It shows you what each plant looks like, color, height, sun/shade requirements, etc. I've dealt with Merv for years and he is excellent.

Also check with Kevin Ricke at Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Lincoln. There may be some cost sharing money available for establishing pollinator gardens.

Insects, the little things that run the world. -E.O. Wilson

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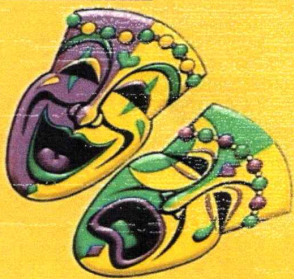
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Cardinals Advance With Close Class 2 Sectional Win Over St. Paul



FLYIN' HIGH, the Cardinals' Riley Sanders drove to the basket during a hard fought sectional game at Lincoln on Monday night. Lincoln won 47-46 over St. Paul Lutheran.

By
Johnie Logue
Sports
Reporter

Lincoln defeated St. Paul Lutheran, 47-46 at home on Monday night in a MSHSAA Class 2 Sectional matchup. The game was everything that a 21-4 team against a 21-5 team should be.

Junior Dawson Parrott hit a free throw, the biggest of his career, with 9.3 seconds left to seal the win at 47-46. St. Paul inbounded the ball from under the basket to half court with 2.7 seconds left and Parrott leaped into the crowd of players, and came down with the ball for the win as time ran out.

Cardinals coach Tyler Burke, a bit of prophet on this particular night, told his team before the game that they wanted to win 46-45.

Lincoln couldn't hit from the outside in the first half. It was 8-7 after one for the Cardinals, but Lincoln trailed 15-12 at the half.

Chance Koll hit two quick threes in the third and a trade of buckets tied it at 20 all.

Lincoln fouled a three

pointer at the end of the third and Kaden Gallop made all three free throws with no time on the clock to make it 27- 25 in favor of St. Paul.

Lincoln fell behind 34-28 but Ben Eckhoff made a layup with three players on him to make it 30-34. St. Paul played a zone and doubled down on Eckhoff the whole game.

At the 4:25 mark, Brayden Benham drove the baseline, dropped the ball in the lane, fought off defenders and made a bucket to make it 32-34. From there, Lincoln caught fire setting up the heroics by a host of Cardinals in the end.

Coach Burke commented, "This was awesome to host a game played like this in this new gym. It was physical on both ends."

He added, "We've been in a lot of close games this year and won most of them. I told the kids at halftime that we needed some two's but we needed to hit our shots from the outside."

He went on to say, "We knew they would be athletic and have good size. I am very proud of our defense tonight."

Riley Sanders, who made some big buckets down

the stretch and led Lincoln with 14 points, commented, "They are a good team. We missed some shots, but we got the win."

Lincoln will travel to Gallatin on Friday to play in the Class 2 Quarterfinals.

LINCOLN (47): Sanders, 14; Parrott, 6; Koll, 10; Benham, 12; Eckhoff, 5.

ST. PAUL (46): Gallop, 17; Kriesel, 12; Moenkhoff, 3; Sheets, 8; McGinnis, 6.

Lincoln Takes The Crown In C2 District 13

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

Last season, the Lincoln basketball team had high expectations. However, a slew of injuries to key players derailed their plans and they ended up with a 7-18 record. This season started with a similar problem with a few injuries on mend. Three starters returned to the lineup after the tournament in Warsaw back at the beginning of the season, giving Lincoln it's strongest bench in years.

Friday night, the Lincoln Cardinals won the Class 2 District 13 championship with a 56-43 victory over Rich Hill in Osceola to improve to 21-4 on the season.

Lincoln coach Tyler Burke did some homework and found that this is only the ninth time since 1960 that the Lincoln boys have won 20 games in a single season. This, their third district title in five years, is pretty impressive as well.

However, the title game wasn't easy. Top seed

Lincoln led 12-7 after the first quarter and 30-18 at the half. The Cardinals used backdoor cuts to the basket all night long for easy layups to build the lead.

However, the 24-5 second seeded Rich Hill team made a comeback in the fourth. It was still a nice lead after three at 42-31, but things changed before Lincoln put the game on ice in the final minutes. Rich Hill cut the lead to five at 44-39 at the 6:09 mark. A trade of buckets and it was 46-41 before Riley Sanders hit two free throws to gain a little breathing room at 48-41. Rich Hill, in desperation, fouled several times in the last minute. Dawson Parrott put the game away with 25 seconds left with two free throws to make it 56-43. Coach Burke cleared his bench and the rest was history.

The towering 6'6" Dillon Koonce had 14 points to lead the Tigers. Brayden Benham had 15 to lead the Cardinals.

LINCOLN (56): Benham, 15; Parrott, 12; Eckhoff, 8; Koll, 8; Everhart, 2; Srader, 2.

RICH HILL (43): Koonce, 14; K. Black, 5; Gillis, 6; Hardin, 4; C. Black, 1; Becker, 13.

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On Wednesday night, the Cardinals defeated Weaubleau, 53-43 in their semifinal after receiving the first seed and the first round bye. Ben Eckhoff, who struggled shooting against Sacred Heart a few days back, was on his "A" game with a team leading 19 points. Riley Sanders had 12 to help the cause Lincoln trailed 11-8 before taking charge in the second quarter to lead 24-15 at the half and 37-30 after three.

Behind Galliant Effort From Mellen, Lady Cards Season Ends In District Loss

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

The fourth seeded Lincoln Lady Cardinals lost 45-40 to fifth seeded Pleasant Hope on Tuesday in the Class 2 District 13 basketball tournament.

Lincoln finished at 14-10, their highest win total since the 2006 season.

The Lady Cards graduate two-time BCE Lincoln Athlete of the Year in Aylssa Mellen. She will be missed, but her little sister, freshman Lily Mellen, who had a breakout season, will try to fill the gap.

Lincoln fell behind 14-8 after the first quarter to the taller Pleasant Hope team. With no one over 5'8", size inside has been a problem all year for coach Brett Bryant's club.

Lincoln came back and trailed 23-20 at the half. They trailed 38-33 after three but gained the lead in the fourth 39-38 briefly on a steal and layup by Emarie Eckhoff. Kezie Bade hit a free throw to give Pleasant Hope the lead and then Lilly Mellen would tie it a 40 all with a free throw of her own. Both teams pressed in the final minutes and both turned the ball over several times.

Lexi Perryman hit two

free throws to make it 42-40 and three more three throws by Pleasant Hope ended Lincoln's season as they couldn't make a basket in the final seconds.

Perryman had 20 points and was a thorn in Lincoln's side all game long. The elder Mellen finished with 17 points to end her career.

The BCE will give a follow up story next week. So stay tuned.

LINCOLN (40): A. Mellen, 17; L. Mellen, 9; Helland, 6; Harvey, 3; Eckhoff, 3; Strozewski, 2.

PLEASANT HOPE (45): Perryman, 20; Bader, 10; Williams, 5; Alexander, 6; Rogers, 2; Miner, 2.



LINCOLN senior Alyssa Mellen drove the lane while pulling up for a jumper in her last game as a Lady Cardinal. Lincoln lost 45-40 to Pleasant Hope in district play.

Cole Camp Pulls First Round Upset Before Bowing Out In Semifinals

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

Never count Cole Camp coach Kevin Shearer's team out of a playoff matchup. The seventh seeded Bluebirds upset second seed Sherwood at Windsor in Class 3 District 13 play, 47-44 in overtime on Monday night.

It was nip and tuck all the way as it was 11-10 after one, 23-23 at the half, 33-31 after three and 40-40 at the end of regulation.

Both teams were only average from the free throw line in the extra period as Cole Camp was 3 for 6 and Sherwood went 2 for 4. However, the Bluebirds prevailed for the sweet victory.

COLE CAMP (47): Dieckman, 15; Kaiser, 2; Bovey, 2; Phillips, 4; Abey, 6; Bohon, 8; Peterson, 10.

SHERWOOD (44): Murphy, 2; Kanzler, 2; Jimbaugh, 3; Mainard, 8; Pelzin, 10; Riffle, 17; Mueller, 2.

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On Wednesday, third seeded Windsor defeated Cole Camp, 54-42 to end the Bluebirds season at 5-17.

Cole Camp got off to a slow start and never recovered. It was 10-4 after one, 26-14 at the half and 41-25 after three.

Junior Kolton Dieckman had 13 which may be a good sign for next year.

COLE CAMP (42): Dieckman, 13; Peterson, 1; Kaiser, 5; Clark, 5; Phillips, 6; Abey, 5; Bohon, 7.

WINDSOR (54): Cox, 11;

Burkhart, 12; Millington, 18; Hearn, 4; Barnes, 9.

Lady Bluebirds Season Ends In Loss To Tipton

By
Johnie Logue, Sports

After fifth seeded Cole Camp knocked off fourth seed Eugene, 54-47 in the Class 2 District 8 first round game in overtime, the Lady Bluebirds played superpower Tipton (22-4) at Tipton in the semifinal only to lose, 82-25 to end their season.

Cole Camp girls coach Derald Henderson commented, "We finish the season 8-18. We ended the season winning 3 of our last 4. We had a very competitive game with Eugene in the district quarterfinal. Our kids showed a lot of grit and toughness to claw back into that game and force overtime and eventually win in overtime (we hit 8 3's against Eugene which is a season high as well)."

He went on to say, "We were very competitive this season in our losses, 6 of those games were decided by 9 or less. We graduate 2 seniors, Emma Thayer and Mackenzie Moellman. They were great leaders and teammates for us. I feel like we have seen a lot of growth and improvement from our entire roster this season and look forward to seeing continued growth for our program."

Madilyn Ogle had 17 in the win over Eugene to lead the Lady Bluebirds. Leah Allison had 12 and Emma Thayer had 12. Ogle also led against Tipton with 9.

Cole Camp had nine freshmen on their roster so they should be much improved in the seasons to come.

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After First District Title In 20 Years, Wildcats Eliminated In Class 3 Sectional Loss



OFFENSE WAS AT A MINIMUM on Monday night for the Wildcats when they ran up against a much bigger and physical team in the KIPP Legacy Gators in the MSHSAA Class 3 Sectionals.



By
Adam Howe
Sports Editor

For the first time in twenty years, the Warsaw Wildcats found themselves in the sectional round of the MSHSAA basketball playoffs, but in a day and age where public schools are still expected to contend with the likes of the private entities, Warsaw was no match for the KIPP (KC) Legacy Gators in a 64-20 loss at home, ending their season at 17-10.

A much taller, longer and physical Gators team kept the Warsaw offense in check from the opening tip. The Wildcats managed just one field goal in the first quarter, a 3-pointer from Garrett Ferguson, and trailed 22-4 at the end of one.

Three 2-point field goals in the second period, two from Noah Siebert was all the Wildcats offense could muster up as they trailed 36-10 at the break.

"We needed to tighten up our help defense and not rely so much on the dribble, offensively," Warsaw coach Matt Brownsberger said.

Another slow start for Warsaw to begin the second half saw the Gators take advantage and extend their lead off of several forced turnovers. Just two more field goals in the third for the Wildcats and the scoreboard read 55-14.

With the clock running in the fourth and time winding down on Warsaw's most successful season in many years, benches began to empty and the visitors from Kansas City went on to secure the 64-20 win, bringing the Wildcats run to an abrupt halt.

"They did a great job of forcing us out of what we wanted to do," Brownsberger commented. "Defensively, there wasn't much space and, offensively, they hit shots and were great at getting to the rim. Our kids played hard and competed. I have no complaints at all about our effort."

Siebert, who had to play "amongst the trees" all night, led Warsaw with 9 points.

WARSAW (20): S. Poyser, 0; G. Ferguson, 3; R. Fajen, 0; L. Henderson, 0; B. Henderson, 0; B. Slavens, 0; L. Gemes, 0; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 0; L. Gemes, 6; T. Downing, 2; N. Siebert, 9; E. Siebert, 0; R. Reser, 0.

KIPP LEGACY (64): L.J. Torrence, 13; V. Moss, 12; K. Smith, 14; Q. Flagg, 0; J. Kimmons, 2; C. White, 6; X. January, 7; A.J. Hatch, 5; C. Chatmon, 0; A. Willingham, 2; J. Grigsby, 3.

The Wildcats advanced to the sectional round by claiming their first district championship since 2005 with a 64-51 win over Windsor on Friday night.

Warsaw jumped out to an early lead but saw that dwindle towards the end of the first when the Greyhounds used a surge to jump ahead, 15-12.

In the second, Logan Gemes found his stroke and nailed three 3-point shots to put Warsaw back in the lead

end of the first and stretched their lead to 28-20 at the half. An 18-17 margin in the third kept Stover close at 46-37 but a strong fourth for the Wildcats closed out the Bulldogs with the 62-47 final.

Ferguson led Warsaw with 19 points while Siebert and Gemes added 16 and 14, respectively.

WARSAW (62): S. Poyser, 0; G. Ferguson, 19; R. Fajen, 0; L. Henderson, 4; B. Henderson, 0; B. Slavens, 0; L. Gemes, 0; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 0; L. Gemes, 14; T. Downing, 10; N. Siebert, 16.

STOVER (47): Narin, 0; Sawyer, 0; Thompson, 0; Brodersen, 0; Simon, 4; Black, 0; Heman, 0; Viebrock, 4; Karstens, 18; Nardi, 0; Hollingsworth, 0; Brown, 0; Wedtke, 0; Welpman, 18; Nardi, 0.

Ladycats Season Ends With District Semifinal Loss

By
Adam Howe, Sports

The Ladycats eclipsed the highest win total for the program in several years, finishing 15-11, but their season ended in the Class 3 District 13 girl's tournament held at Lone Jack when they suffered a 55-51 semifinal loss to Stover on Thursday night.

Warsaw led 13-11 at the end of the first but a strong 17-10 advantage for the Lady Bulldogs put them in front at the half, 28-23.

Stover took the third period as well but three big 3-point shots off the hands of Tanna Howe kept the game within striking distance for the Ladycats as they trailed just 43-37.

Warsaw made another push in the fourth when Howe and Sara Miller both nailed late 3-pointers and a steal and bucket for Howe cut the Ladycats deficit to just 2, but Stover held on and knocked down free throws to send Warsaw home for another off-season with the 55-51 final.

Howe led Warsaw with 22 points. Miller and Keira Mostaffa both contributed 9.

WARSAW (51): K. Mostaffa, 9; I. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 4; R. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund, 0; T. Howe, 22; S. Miller, 9;

at the half, 30-25.

"We just needed to clean up some mistakes we were making," Brownsberger said. "We felt that if we did that, we would eventually be able to stretch the game to double digits."

Another third quarter run by the Windsor squad kept them close at 44-42 with three periods in the books, but a rally by the Wildcats in the fourth allowed them to pull away late, using a 20-9 advantage in the final frame to take the 64-51 win.

Gemes popped off for 29 points, including six 3-pointers to lead the Wildcats.

"Watching our guys hoist the district trophy is an experience that I can't put into words," Brownsberger commented. "Warsaw has waited a long time for another district championship and it was amazing to be a part of it."

WARSAW (64): S. Poyser, 4; G. Ferguson, 12; R. Fajen, 0; L. Henderson, 8; B. Henderson, 0; B. Slavens, 0; L. Gemes, 0; C. Davis, 0; J. Newell, 0; L. Gemes, 29; T. Downing, 5; N. Siebert, 7; E. Siebert, 0; R. Reser, 0.

WINDSOR (51): Burkhart, 18; VanWagner, 0; J. Millington, 2; R. Millington, 9; Pipal, 0; Cox, 12; Heany, 0; Craig, 0; Brito, 0; Schoeps, 0; Scott, 0; Barnes, 10.

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After using the first round bye as the number one seed, Warsaw earned their trip to the championship game with a 62-47 win over Stover in their semifinal.

The 'Cats led 16-11 at the



BACK TO THE PLAQUE, Warsaw captured their first district title since the 2005 season with a 64-51 win over Windsor on Friday night in the Class 3 District 13 championship game. Coincidentally, coach Matt Brownsberger was the Wildcats coach in 2005 as well, in only the second year of his first stint at Warsaw.

J. Bilderback, 0; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 1; J. Gerken, 6.

STOVER (55): G. Sidebottom, 7; N. Conklin, 0; J. Coon, 0; A. Pinzke, 25; M. Rowland, 9; L. Manning, 0; B. Black, 2; K. Viebrock, 0; T. Morris, 12; K. Simon, 0; M. Walker, 0; A. Hodges, 0; B. Kauffer, 0; C. Dills, 0; M. Worthley, 0.

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The Ladycats earned their trip to the semifinals with a 45-30 win over Windsor in the opening round of the tournament on Tuesday.

A dominant 17-2 first quarter for Warsaw got them going early and the Lady Greyhounds never really threatened the rest of the way.

A 14-5 margin in the second period gave the Ladycats a 31-7 halftime lead.

The Warsaw offense sputtered in the third, giving the Lady Greyhounds false hope, but a 9-7 advantage extended their lead to 40-14.

With substitutes into the game in the fourth and final frame, Windsor cut into their deficit, but it wasn't enough as the Ladycats held on for the 45-30 win.

Jenna Gerken led a fairly balanced offense for Warsaw with 12 points while Tanna Howe kicked in 10.

WARSAW (45): K. Mostaffa, 6; I. Schwartz, 0; M. Slavens, 4; R. Henderson, 0; M. Reimund,

4; T. Howe, 10; S. Miller, 5; J. Bilderback, 2; H. Velker, 0; A. Yoder, 2; J. Gerken, 12.

WINDSOR (30): O. Wolfe, 9; D. Brooks, 0; A. Padron, 0; N. Blythe, 6; M.

Varner, 0; L. Betworth, 2; J. Ashby, 4; E. Rohde, 0; D.

Ashby, 9; T. Luetjen, 0; S. Ebeling, 0; B. Hawkins, 0; E. Herrardiz, 0.



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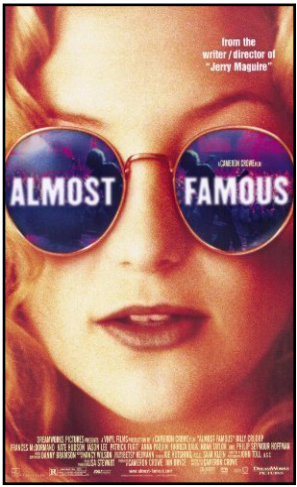


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BIRTHPLACE: Harrisonville, MO
YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY: 5 years
FAMILY: Fiancee, Charlie; Sons, Charlie, Austin, Ethan & Malaki
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN BENTON COUNTY IS: The lake.
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: Counselor
FIRST JOB: Server at a cafe
OCCUPATION: Guest Relations at Beyonder Marine, Cook
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Fishing with my dad
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I was growing up. I had a perfect childhood.



MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: Tripping in front of a customer
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Loyalty
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Outliving my children.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Jump out of a plane.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Go to Bali.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Build a huge activity center for children.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Greece.
HOBBIES: Bowling, playing cards, pranks
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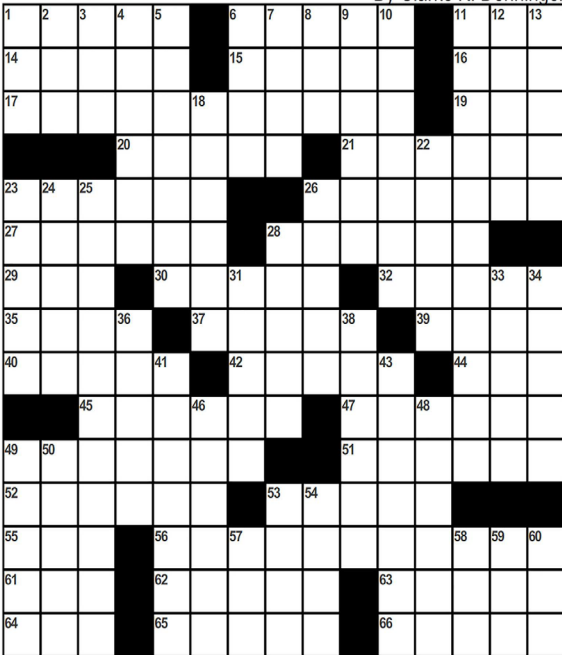
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- 19) Small hotel
- 20) Ski hill
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- 23) Bora Bora neighbor
- 26) 100-meter runners, e.g.
- 27) Hardly melodious
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- 39) Cram into the overhead
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- 47) River horses
- 49) Stretcher at the gym?
- 51) Casts out from the body
- 52) Alarm bell
- 53) Giving the once-over
- 55) "Arabian Nights" name
- 56) Like a good police witness
- 61) Go against God
- 62) Skylit hotel lobbies
- 63) From around here
- 64) Big pig
- 65) Freeloader
- 66) Dust particle

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- 1) Front of a semi
- 2) Hawaiian neckwear
- 3) What you'll find in a museum
- 4) Jams with the band
- 5) Audible dance step
- 6) Right away, in memos
- 7) Back of the neck
- 8) Org. or assoc.
- 9) Dips for chips
- 10) They believe in God
- 11) Three-horned dinosaur
- 12) Adjective for sanctum
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- 18) Agitated
- 22) Debt markers
- 23) Chinese weight units
- 24) Dined at home
- 25) Sport with betting
- 26) Jeans fabric
- 28) Less frequent
- 31) Manuscript volume
- 33) Mechanical worker
- 34) Watch word?
- 36) Hammer ends
- 38) Beneficiary's brother, perhaps
- 41) Moderate's opposite
- 43) Herald
- 46) Symbolize
- 48) Wooden spinning toy
- 49) Hidden supply
- 50) Salk vaccine target
- 53) Film with many extras
- 54) "Okey-dokey"
- 57) Valuable rock
- 58) Hockey surface
- 59) Wet-dry ___
- 60) Broad-antlered animal

CHAPTER OF HISTORY

By Clarke K. Denninger



By Pat Arnett
Contributing Reporter

Finally the weather changed toward the warm side. It begins to look like spring and makes garden planting come to mind.

We received word that Lewis Retherford passed away this week. We have not heard about the funeral arrangements but he will be buried in the same cemetery as Judy, we are sure.

Prayer requests for this week are; first, Gail Mann is home but still requesting prayers after her fall; Dean's aunt, Dorothy Tomas; Brenda Jackman is home but still keep her in mind; Kathy First, Bud Hatch, and Gladys Harris, and all please keep the Climax Springs school and whole community in prayer as they continue to recover from the trauma of those three beautiful young ladies who were killed in an awful car accident!

Happy birthday to anyone celebrating this next week!

Dean and I went to the Lincoln Health Care and Rehab to visit our friend Gail from church and while there we visited some others also. We noticed John Fairweather but didn't get to talk to him but stopped by Larry Walthall's room and had a nice visit with him,

and bless him, he said he sure enjoyed reading *The Fristoe News*. Wish more people would send me their Fristoe News items because people enjoy reading it.

The Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church was back to numbers that they usually are. Larry Meeks was back, along with Mary and Manfred, Delores and Claude and a couple more. Connie and Dave led song service along with Sue and Bryan, and did a fantastic job. Dave sang a special also and it was wonderful. The adult Sunday School class started a new unit and it is the study of Minor Prophets. Today's study was Jonah Habakuk and Amos. Br. Smith's message was from the book of Judges, covering the story of Deborah! Br. Smith brought forth a wonderful sermon!

There is work around the church yard that needs to be done and once the weather begins to stay nice, several will begin to pick up and clean. They will begin to move the fence on the south a few feet to make more room in the church yard. God has been so good to Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church. The community is going to see wonderful things happening!

Thought for the week: Which are you; the person who complains because God put thorns on roses, or one that praises Him for putting roses among the thorns. If there be any praise, think on these things! Philippians 4:8

Wanting everyone to have a wonderful week!



Lodge #2783
By Betty Mewszel
Contributing Reporter

Dining at The Lodge

March 6, Meatball Subs or Philly Cheesesteaks w/Fries \$8, Noon-2:30 PM

March 7, Ribeye steak w/Baked Potatoes, Salad and Roll, 8oz \$15 or 14oz \$20, additional \$1 for Mushrooms, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Sign-up sheets at lodge-recommended

March 12, Tenderloin Sandwich w/Fries \$8, Portabella Mushrooms \$4, Homemade Onion Rings \$4, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 13, Tenderloin Sandwich w/Fries or Steak Sliders w/Fries \$8, Noon-2:30 PM

March 14, Seafood Boil w/Potatoes and Corn on the Cob, Shrimp \$15, Shrimp and Crab Legs \$25, Corned Beef w/Potatoes and Cabbage \$12, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Sign up-sheets at lodge-recommended

March 19, Build your own Pizza w/Breadsticks \$10, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 20, Build your own Pizza w/Breadsticks \$10, Noon-2:30 PM

March 21, Burgers w/Fries \$8 or 1/4 pound Hot Dog w/Fries \$6, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 26, Tacos - Chicken or Beef \$2 each, Taco Salad \$6, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 27, Tacos - Chicken or Beef \$2 each, Taco Salad \$6, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 28, Taco Bar, \$10, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

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Wednesday-Darts at 6:00 PM

Thursday- The Lodge Boys play at 1:00 PM

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Note: CHANGE OF DATE-Golfers save the date of May 18, 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. Cost per team is \$300. Team sign-up sheets are available at the lodge. Volunteers for preparation and activities during the scramble are still welcome and needed. Please contact Pattie at (660) 221-4230 to volunteer or for more information.

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And with Trump's blessing, Medicaid is now on the chopping block. In 2025, Missouri is supposed to receive \$12.7 billion from the federal government for Medicaid. This funding is critical for Missouri's healthcare, providing coverage for low-income children and adults, pregnant women, seniors, and people with disabilities. It also helps pay for two-thirds of nursing facility residents. Healthcare would vanish for 19% of the Benton County population and 13% of senior citizens.

I urge you to call your US Representative and Senator and tell them to preserve Medicaid funding so that you and your family's health care isn't jeopardized.

Jacqueline Farr
Chair
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A Message
FROM THE
MAYOR

By
Diana Burdick
City of Cole Camp
Mayor

We survived Snowmageddon with flying colors thanks to our fantastic Public Works crew. Most of them are new to this job, but all have lots of experience. My thanks to all of them for making our streets safe.

We have also filled the part-time clerk position so our City Clerk will no longer have quite so much work to do by herself. Jamie Davis is the name of our PT clerk.

The Municipal Court will be held in Warsaw beginning in April. We do not have enough cases to justify even a part-time court clerk and that seems to be the logical answer to the problem. All files will be transferred to Warsaw and court will be held there. Fines will continue to come to the city. Getting this completed will be the major activity at City Hall until the transfer is completed.

Enjoy the warmer temperatures and remember to stay safe. When it freezes again be sure to walk like a penguin to prevent slipping on ice.

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Have I Got A Line For You!

By James Mahlon White



Well, President Trump and President Zelenskyy had a real rabble-rouser at the White House. The conversation became heated and some believe The Donald was disrespectful to Zelenskyy. I don't see where the President was anything except brutally honest with the man. He DOESN'T hold any cards and is sending conscripts to act as cannon fodder for a war he can't win. Zelenskyy reminds me of a panhandler

at the off ramp, making a demand from a motorist for cash and being dissatisfied that it's not enough. Why did The Donald allow this exchange to be televised? Bet it was because the last time he spoke to the Ukrainian President in private, impeachment charges followed.

What else....Clint Hill died last week. He was the Secret Service Agent who jumped onto President

Kennedy's car after the President was shot. I've watched interviews with him over the years. You could feel the deep pain he carried from that day. Each time this gentleman spoke about the events in Dallas, it brought tears to his eyes. He was as an example of what the public desires in a Secret Service Agent. They don't make his kind anymore. When JFK died, 90% of the Nation mourned his death. What if the same thing happened to today? Would some people celebrate? Society has changed for the worse. May Clint Hill's soul finally be at peace from that awful day that changed this country forever.

Let's make a jump back to the present. Read an article about a Georgia teacher who stepped out of the classroom and left her phone on the desk. One of her students accessed it and found Mrs. Jones' nude selfies. He posted them on the internet. Mrs. Jones lost her job but vows to sue the district claiming it was theft and an invasion of privacy. I'm with the school board on this one. She was irresponsible to leave an unlocked phone with pictures like that around students. If she had such hard copy photos of herself in an unsealed envelope on her desk, wouldn't the school have the right to fire her? That is essentially what she did. Maybe it's just because I went to school in the stone ages, before the internet, but it seems like a lot less learning goes on these day.

Hang in there Old Buddy. Sometimes the stuff going on is just too much to comprehend.

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After working for decades, you may have been looking forward to retiring. But what if you decide to "reverse" your retirement?

You could rejoin the workforce for any number of reasons. You might need the added income to help pay for your living expenses, but you also might miss the social interactions with co-workers, or simply desire more purpose or stimulation in your life.

And if you do un-retire, you'll have plenty of company. More than 13% of previously retired baby boomers returned to the workforce in 2023, the highest level in five years, according to data from LinkedIn, the online career networking platform.

When pondering the decision to go back to work, you'll want to evaluate the advantages and the possible drawbacks.

First, let's look at the benefits of rejoining the workforce. By improving your cash flow, you may be able to do more of the things you enjoy, such as traveling. And you might also be able to reduce your debt load, which can free up even more cash. You might also use the extra money for other purposes, such as contributing to a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan for your grandchildren.

Furthermore, depending on where you're returning to work, and whether you go back full- or part-time, you might gain access to your employer's benefits programs. If you aren't already enrolled in Medicare, you could find it financially advantageous to sign up for your employer-sponsored group medical plan. And you may also be able to contribute to your employer's 401(k) or similar plan. Even if you're not eligible for an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can contribute to an IRA if you have any earned income.

And here's something else to think about: By bringing in income from employment, you may be able to take less out each year from your existing 401(k) and IRA, giving them a chance to potentially grow more. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you'll have to start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and 401(k). With a Roth IRA and 401(k), you're not

required to take withdrawals at any age.)

Now, let's consider some potential areas of concern about returning to the workforce. If you've been taking Social Security, your 2025 benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned above \$23,400 if you haven't reached your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. In the year in which you do reach your full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 earned above \$62,160. Starting in the month in which you reach your full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without losing benefits. (Also, Social Security will then recalculate your payments to give you credit for the months in which your benefits were reduced due to your earned income.)

Another area of concern might be your Medicare premiums. Because these premiums are based on your income, they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, if your income increases enough, you might be pushed into a higher tax bracket.

Ultimately, you'll want to weigh the pros and cons of returning to work. If it seems the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you may well enjoy embarking on your "second act" in the working world.

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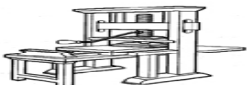
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The next day the hare's carcass would be bleached as white as the snow it was nestled in. The rabbit was then fried and served with cream gravy or marinated and prepared as hasenpfeffer. More than once I have heard dad say we were having "Hoover Pork" for supper. A term I didn't understand at the time but in later years learned it was lingo left from the "dirty thirties" and hard times in the great depression.

The great depression affected almost every American in one way or another and here in the Ozarks it was marked with inescapable heat and a parching drought. A dry heat that often prevented most garden plots from producing and thus left families facing a winter with no food preserved in the fruit cellar. No crops had been raised so there was no food to sustain the stock through the harsh winter months. It was reported that in the summer of 1936 some farmers on the Osage had witnessed their cattle actually consuming smart weeds along the river banks. Vegetation that had never been eaten by livestock before was now ravenously utilized.

As strange as it may sound, live rabbits were actually a good "cash" crop in the Ozarks in those hard times. One example was Vol Brashears who started a lumber mill in Berryville, Arkansas in 1935. He began making wooden traps for children to catch cottontail rabbits. He would pay kids thirty-five cents per live rabbit and then he shipped the little critters to parts of the country bereft of rabbits. He received anywhere from one dollar to two dollars and fifty cents per head. Despite the fact that the children were only receiving thirty-five cents they were making more money catching rabbits than their parents earned at the lumber mill.

The rabbit exporting business brought in much needed money during the lean years and continued to thrive afterwards. Until their railroad went out they were the largest shipper in the United States of wild, live cottontail rabbits. A shot rabbit only brought ten cents as the real money was for the live rabbits.

But across the state line in Oklahoma and Kansas, the only good rabbit was a dead rabbit. It was the days of the dust bowl and the black blizzards of dirt that plagued Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. Marginal land had been plowed during World War one when wheat was bringing two dollars per bushel and when the rains stopped the land lay bare, plundered and eroded. The residents of sturdy pioneer stock had experienced drought and crop failure before but they had never seen their land in danger with the topsoil blowing away. The land had always been the one stable thing

when everything else was a big "roll of the dice."

The only way to explain the amounts of earth moved in a dust storm was made by Kansas State College. They said: "A 96 mile line of 1 ½ ton trucks could be put to work hauling 10 loads apiece daily, it would take them a year to haul back to western Kansas the dirt that was blown over to the eastern half of the state.

If blowing topsoil, sweltering heat and zero prices weren't enough, Kansas was plagued by jack-rabbits. They could be compared to grasshoppers that had plagued the early settlers. The rabbits ate everything in their path, including the roots of plants. The few farmers who had minimal crops watched as rabbits demolished their last hopes for a livelihood. In early years rabbits had been a blessing, providing meat for the settlers.

The warm dry weather had eliminated the conditions that killed young rabbits. By 1935 it was estimated there were 8,000,000 rabbits in 30 western Kansas counties. The rabbits were eating what few crops had survived and depriving cattle of badly needed feed.

Drives to control rabbit population was organized and were often held on a Sunday afternoon. The size of a drive varied from one or two sections to massive efforts covering several square miles. One drive involved 10,000 people in an eight square mile area. They killed approximately 35,000 rabbits. People would line up every 20 feet along four sides of a square and make noise as they walked. A fenced area in the center was the object of the drive. The size of the enclosure varied. People closed in toward it, coming closer all the time. By the time they reached the enclosure, people were shoulder to shoulder which blocked the rabbits escape. The rabbits were then clubbed in the fenced enclosure.

People across the country were outraged and didn't have a clear concept of the destruction created by the rabbits. Farmers tried to ship live rabbits to eastern states but game and wildlife officials realized how destructive jackrabbits were and put a halt to the plan.

Despite the criticism cattlemen estimated that feed for 200,000 cattle had been saved by the drives. Rabbit drives were a means by which farmers could directly improve their economic conditions in the 1930's. This all sounds gruesome by today's standards but the drives offered an outlet for frustration and anger brought on by forces the farmers could not control. Drought and extreme temperatures were felt here in the Ozarks too but we

escaped the dust storms. Here rabbits were a blessing not a problem, which taught us all, there was certainly a difference in hares.



The Gift of Growing Old

I didn't think it would happen so soon, but here I am, an old man. Fortunately, I don't feel my age. That isn't a boast, but rather a thank you to the one who created me. Many of us, as we journey through a busy life, prefer not to think of ourselves as one who will not be in this life forever. Unless we've been reared in a stricter belief system, we gravitate to a comfortable philosophy of our own making. That's natural; but in fact, we live in a supernatural world, whether we like it or not. Some one else is calling these shots. Some of us may not like it but we're stuck with it. Enter God!



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The Bible says that every one of us is "given a measure of faith." God is holding each of us responsible for how we react to His revelation of His existence to us. Only God can sit on His Supreme Throne, look down on us and smile a genuine smile of love and say to us, "Let's do it my way." If you want to go deeper with Him, open His Word and start reading. It's all there.

Just remember that He really does love you, but He has the right to call all the shots. Pick up a Bible. It's all there. God gives each of us a broad field of operation in which to enjoy life and make choices. Life is good. His boundaries are for our eternal good. That's fair enough for me.



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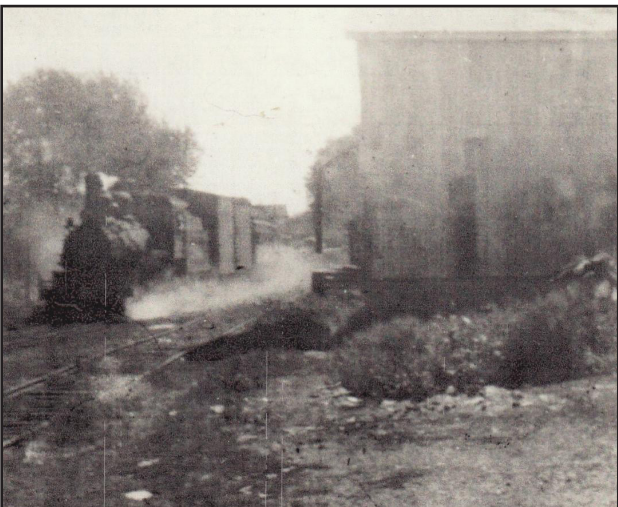
Over the years an interesting folklore story has evolved about the naming of the Rock Island stop, known locally as Nay, which was approximately a mile north of Cole Camp, Mo. The story goes that the railroad wanted free right-of-way and donations to build their tracks to Cole Camp but the merchants all said "nay" to the proposals.

By diligent research, a local railroad devotee, Ken Bird, has discovered some hard dollar and cents reasons of why Cole Camp was by-passed and it has nothing to do with the City fathers saying "Nay." The town of Cole Camp seemed determined to not repeat Stover's mistakes and according to a 1902 Cole Camp Courier news item, sent a delegation to St. Louis and they met with Rock Island executives. They offered to secure the right-of-way beginning at the Benton County line. Mr. Bolte, a former Lt. Governor, and then a spokesman for the railroad, along with other company officials, told the Cole Camp delegation that an engineering study did not favor a route directly through Cole Camp and the plan they had chosen, for economic reasons, would by-pass the town to the north. Mr. Bolte did assure the Cole Camp group that the railroad would build a spur into Cole Camp, if future business warranted it.

Mr. Bird also discovered in his research that a chief executive for the Rock Island was a man named Robert Nay. There was a railyard in Texas named for him. It's quite possible the local "Nay" received its name in this manner.

The name Nay was not always used on the time tables. A 1904 time table lists the stop as Cole Camp, not Nay. Also one in 1905 says Cole Camp but a 1906 Courier (local paper) article mentions the Rock Island depot as Nay.

As to the economic reasons cited for by-passing Cole Camp. There were four routes from Versailles being considered. Route #1 went northwest from Versailles to Sedalia and would cost \$550,000. Route #2 went west from Versailles, then veered northward toward Dumpville (about half-way between Cole Camp and Sedalia) and on toward Windsor. \$240,000 Route #3 From Versailles west through Cole Camp to Windsor, costing \$155,000. Route #4 Versailles west, bypassing Cole Camp on the north and then through Ionia to Windsor. This final plan would cost \$55,000. The fourth plan was chosen based on the cost of grading.



The Railroad Engineers did not recommend coming through Cole Camp and company management agreed.

Four men, Henry Tonjes, George Brauer, August Wehrman and Jacob VonHolton held land in the vicinity of Nay and expected to see the existing Cole Camp move to the new railroad stop. They platted what they believed would be "New" Cole Camp. The area covered 50 acres with platted streets and blocks divided into building lots. An actual dedication of North or "new" Cole Camp was held on October 6, 1904. The new town never materialized probably because the Missouri/Pacific train on the north to south Sedalia/Warsaw line had upgraded to wide gauge track and thus brought freight directly into Cole Camp. As history noted; no lots were ever sold at Nay and the proposed town faded into oblivion. There was no repeat of Stover's plight. That Sedalia/Warsaw line when it was first built in 1880 had already caused Cole Camp's main business district to move northward a few blocks to meet it, leaving the old business district behind. That old District is still referred to as "Clabbertown" yet today. The name came into being when all the saloons were operating on Battle Row. If a man was seen leaving his house with a small pail, people would watch. If he headed north to new town, he was going for a pail of beer. If he headed south, he was going for a pail of milk, thus calling that part of the village "Clabbertown."

Just because the train

bypassed Cole Camp did not make the town immune to a large change in lifestyle. At least while the tracks were being laid. Here, and all along the line, large numbers of workmen were needed to fill the around the clock shifts and contractors were "under the gun" to meet projected completion dates.

The present day, pristine Maple Street was once justifiably dubbed Battle Row for all the bar fights and attempted killings. The street was also referred to as Rock Island Venue by the Windsor Review with a clear reference to the patrons of the various saloons.

First beer hall north of what today is the Citizens/Farmers Bank, but was the Citizens Bank in 1904, was the Binder Saloon. The upstairs had been a dance hall but was currently a pool hall. In the front window area of the downstairs was a barber shop, operated by Henry Bode.

According to Father Gilbert Esser's book of memories, two doors down was a saloon which connected through a doorway to a pool room next door. Opened by Schwartz & Blockberger, they sold to G.W. McKinney. There were other saloons adding to the odiferous atmosphere of tough characters and foul air from the numerous drinking establishments, all this mingled with the stench of horse manure in the streets. Between the buildings were spaces that the drinkers used as urinals. As Father Esser recorded: "The malodorous streams flowed down hill toward the jail and the gully."

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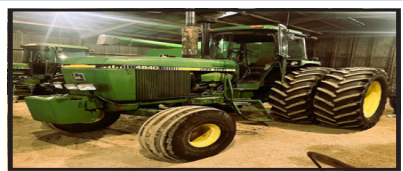
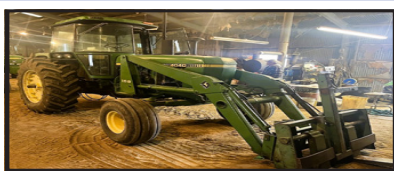
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1974 Chevrolet C-60 truck 5spd split shift, grain truck, tarp,

1967 Ford Stub Nose grain truck,

1964 International 1600 flat bed truck,

1960s International 1600 grain truck,

1984 Ford 12 passenger van,

Brentt 420 gravity wagon (450bu), **Parker 2600** gravity wagon w/tender auger,

2016 MKX AGI 10-73 Westfield grain auger,

2022 MKX 10-73 Westfield grain auger,

1997 MK-80 8" grain auger,

2 - 6" galvanized grain augers,

15' grain bin sweep,

EQUIPMENT

2001 John Deere 1790 - 24 row planter,

1997 John Deere 1560 no-till 20' grain drill,

John Deere 7000 - 6 row planter

Bush Hog 12815 batwing rotary mower,

1997 Case IH 4300 - 28' field cultivator,

Case IH 3950 - 28' disk harrow,

55 International chisel plow 11 tall shanks,

IH 14' pull type vibra-shank,

International 16" four bottom 3pt plow,

Unverferth UM Zone Builder 132 4-shank subsoiler,

Old 3pt. anhydrous applicator,

John Deere 3pt. 10' rotary hoe,

John Deere 3pt. RM 15' cultivator,

8' Farmall quick attach blade,

12' pull type tandem disk,

3 - John Deere 3pt quick attach,

8' chain field drag, 3pt. header carry-all,

TRAILERS

30' homemade tandem axle equipment trailer (NT)

16' tandem axle bumper hitch trailer w/side boards & ramps,

16' Starlite tandem axle bumper hitch trailer w/ramp gate,

40' MoPac semi-trailer for storage (NT),

4'x8' utility trailer (NT),

20' HD tandem axel bumper hitch trailer,

2 - 16' hay wagons,

16' HD hay wagon,

New Holland side delivery rake,

Rocky Mountain 8 bale Bale Sweep,

Sidewinder 6' pull type rotary mower w/foam filled tires,

Lot JD suitcase weights, 3pr **International** rear wheel weights, 3 - tractor duals,

front loader hay stinger, **Eclipse** seed cleaner, 1,000gal fuel tank w/newer electric pump,

2 - fuel tanks on stands, 1950s pickup bed trailer, 14'x8' truck box for storage,

2500gal propane tank (non-certifiable), lot heavy cable on spools, 2 - grain bin fans, Misc. milk cans,

milk crates, live trap, roto-tiller hood, lot used truck & implement tires, 3 - pallets electrical supplies,

24'x10' water tank leaks, 9600 Combine technical manual & 9600 parts book, 4640 / 4840 parts book,

4440 technical manual, 2 - 4440 parts books,

HOUSEHOLD & FARM ANTIQUES

Lg lot (1,000+) 1970s to early 80s Comic books. (Marvel, DC, Justice League, Conan - the Barbarian, Master, Shadow Spiderman, Daredevil, Captain America, the Thing, the Hulk, Disney & MANY others.

21" cast iron rendering pot w/stand (no cracks or holes), lot steel implement wheels, hay spear & trolley,

Lot wash tubs on stands (2 - doubles & single), vintage wooden rabbit traps, fish trap, metal gas cans,

Lot "Lincoln Echoes" 1950's school newspapers, Two old tackle boxes w/lures & tackle, Pyrex bowls,

canning jars (some blue), soda pop bottles, crock bowls, knee hole desk, shooting bench, iron baby bed,

iron bed & springs, **Hiawatha** girls bicycle, metal garden gate, walk behind garden plow, house jack,

misc. wooden boxes, wooden soda pop crates, lot milk cans, lot old hub caps, milk crates, pipe clamp,

Kerosene stock tank heater, misc. lanternes, steel traps, **David Bradley** walk-behind tractor hood,

windmill blades, lot deer antlers, turkey fryer, log chains, alum step ladder, 2 - squirrel cage fans,

Ele. hot water tank (worked when removed), cheese box, Bonanza tin cup, misc. long handled tools

Auctioneer Note: All tractors & combine are on very GOOD Michelin rubber, owner has Service records available on large equipment from local John Deere Dealer .

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Check out this amazing lot that presents a great get away opportunity! This lot has a beautiful view of Lake of the Ozarks and is located near a pay to use boat ramp that also has dock slips available. This lot would be perfect for your camper and has lots of possibilities for you to put your own touch on! Call Brandon to schedule your showing today! \$19,900 MLS#99523



You don't want to miss out on this beautiful home in a great neighborhood! Walking into your large living room with vaulted ceilings and open layout kitchen, dining area, you will feel right at home. Glass double doors open into the enclosed back porch area where you can enjoy the outside inside. Step outside onto your big deck with pergola and refreshing pool, with a new wooden fence and shed just built. This home is plenty spacious with 4 bedrooms and one unconventional bedroom, 3 full baths, and large family room in the fully finished basement. There is one more thing that sets this home apart, the solar panels with a backup battery, not only will you save dramatically on your electric bill, but you will also never be without power when there is an outage. Call Crystal today for your private showing of this great home!!! \$250,000 – MLS #98667



4 bedroom home just outside of town with LakeView and boat ramps to either lake close by. Home features walkout basement, new metal roof in April, 2020, new Central Heat & Air in 2021. Large lot. Priced to Sell!!! Call John to schedule your showing today! \$139,000 – MLS #99181



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 int 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! \$165,000 – MLS #98414



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



Spacious 4 Br, 3 Ba home with 2 car detached garage. Full finished walkout basement. Home sits on 2.8 acres. Custom built cabinets with newer appliances. Over 3,400 sq ft. Covered decks with walkways throughout. Many more amenities. Gated subdivision. Seller is motivated, bring an offer! Call Kennie to schedule your showing today! \$269,900 – MLS #98552



Rare opportunity! Check out this beautiful home located in Pom-O-Sa Heights boarding Corp ground. Imagine living just down the road from the community boat ramp on Truman Lake, where days on the water are practically at your doorstep. Not only do you get a stunning residence, but the property also features a large, versatile shop that's perfect for storing your boat, tools, or even creating your personal workshop. Enjoy the serene setting and abundant natural light that makes this home a true retreat, while still benefiting from being located just under 20 minutes from Warsaw and under 2 hours from Kansas City. With a blend of modern comforts and rustic charm, this property offers the ideal balance between peaceful living and convenient access to city amenities. Don't miss out—call Brandon today to arrange your private tour! \$284,900 – MLS #99525

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MLS #99399 - Adorable, remodeled cabin in the wonderful Truman Lake community of STERETT CREEK VILLAGE! Open floorplan & wood floors in the cozy home. Kitchen has been beautifully done with cabinetry & appliances. Gorgeous slider door on the pantry. Just down the hall a main floor bedroom, remodeled bath with walk-in shower & stackable washer & dryer. Up the stairs to the airy loft, where guests can have their own private deck. Expansive wrap around deck for entertaining after a long day on the lake. Plenty of room on this large lot for a garage or outbuilding. Jump on your golf cart or walk down to Beyond Marina, campground & restaurants. Fish year round on beautiful Truman Lake, known for its great fishing & boating. This fantastic community boasts of swimming pool, shelter house for events, paved roads & new pickleball court. Hurry at this price, these homes do not last in Sterett Creek Village!! \$219,900. Call Debra Anderson for your showing!

MLS #99527 - Wow, what great highway frontage with so many opportunities! This is for the real estate only, however buyer would sell the Power Sports business and merchandise separately. Great opportunity to purchase an amazing location right on highly traveled Hwy 7. The building is very spacious with commercial workshop space, retail space, office space and storage space. \$375,000. Contact Lora Anstine for more information!

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MLS# 98416 - Take a look at this nice 3 bedroom / 3 bath home located inside the city limits of Warsaw. \$149,000

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14087 US Highway 65 - Cole Camp, MO

Corner lot, mature trees and horseshoe drive! This 3 bedroom / 2 bath manufactured home with established flower beds and defined walkways outside, has a wood burning fireplace inside! Plenty of space, to include a detached 24 x 36 garage with concrete floors, electricity, and heat. It is in the Truman Lake area and ready for its new owner! Come and see :) **MLS#99563 \$186,000**

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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, February 25, 2025 Sold 2,480 head.**

2 Weeks Ago: 4,136 head. Compared to the last sale two weeks ago, steers under 550 lbs sold 15.00-25.00 higher with spots 30.00 higher on the 4 weights, 550-750 lbs 3.00-10.00 higher with spots 15.00 higher and those over 750 lbs sold steady. Heifers sold steady to 3.00 higher except for those weighing 550-600 lbs selling 10.00-20.00 higher. Slaughter cows & bulls sold 2.00-6.00 higher.

Steers	300-400	\$350-\$442.50
	400-500	\$330-\$442.50
	500-600	\$300-\$400
	600-700	\$278-\$349
	700-800	\$275-\$309.50
	800-900	\$253-\$272.50
	900-1000	\$230-\$258
Heifers	300-400	\$320-\$405
	400-500	\$290-\$380
	500-600	\$270-\$351
	600-700	\$240-\$300
	700-800	\$236-\$279.50
	800-900	\$220-\$244
	900-1000	\$200-\$230

Load Lots of Yearlings & Feeders	
Steers	680lbs @ \$325.00
	827lbs @ \$271.75
	885lbs @ \$259.75
Heifers	676lbs @ \$285.50
	678lbs @ \$285.75
	742lbs @ \$264.25

Slaughter Cows	
High Yielding	\$146-\$165
Medium Yielding	\$137-\$145
Low Yielding	\$110-\$136
Slaughter Bulls	\$128-\$195

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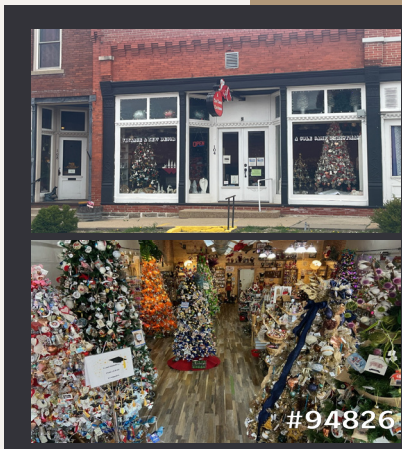
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The Christmas Store, a charming 1900 historic building in Central Missouri, is a turn-key business with loyal customers across multiple states. Featuring a 1,500 sq. ft. showroom, a 500 sq. ft. studio/office, and ample storage, it's fully restored with modern upgrades. As an authorized "Old World Christmas" dealer, it offers festive themes in a picturesque German-heritage town with year-round events.



\$165,000

Located in Cole Camp's downtown district, this historic building, home to Back In Time Toys, has been completely remodeled with a bathroom, office, and full basement for versatile use. Featuring stylish storefront windows and car siding, it exudes charm and warmth, while the spacious basement offers ample storage for inventory.



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\$209,000

This beautifully restored historic building in downtown Cole Camp features a charming storefront with hardwood floors, car siding, and large display windows. Behind the main area are a kitchen, office, bathroom, and laundry. The spacious two-story apartment includes a main-level living area and kitchen, with a loft-style bedroom and sitting area upstairs. Ample parking as well as a back patio.



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Level 1.6 acre lot om Truman Lake development. Scattered trees are situated around beautiful building sites. Less than 3 miles to nearest boat ramp and less than 10 miles to Warsaw.



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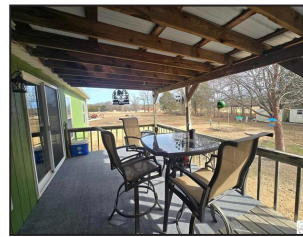
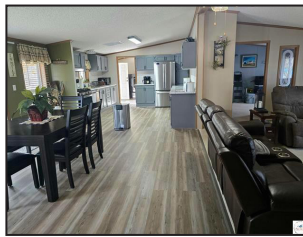
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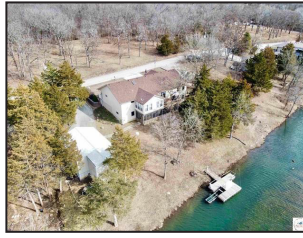
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COVERED DECK! MLS #99548 \$240,000



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED HOME, just minutes from Truman Lake, Truman Dam, and all the recreational opportunities the area has to offer. Featuring an open-concept layout, the spacious interior boasts brand-new flooring in the kitchen and dining areas, along with a recently remodeled kitchen, equipped with new appliances, and a reverse osmosis system. Each oversized bedroom offers walk-in closets for storage. Updates also include the newly constructed 26'x35' garage. Step outside to a covered back deck, perfect for summer barbecues or peaceful evenings. Nestled in a quiet, well-maintained neighborhood just a couple of miles from Warsaw, this home offers both tranquility and convenience. Don't miss out—schedule a showing today!

ON THE WATER! MLS #99547 \$429,900



WONDERFUL RANCH HOME located on Gatliff Lake with over 200 ft of water frontage. So many new updates on the property. Very close to Lake of the Ozarks & Truman Lake, 4 BR 3 BA Home with upper level and lower level family rooms, Sunroom overlooking the Lake, Kitchen with skylight, lovely wood cabinets, Quartz Countertops, Beautiful Hardwood Floors, Geo-Thermal Ground Source Heat pump, Air Conditioning & Hot Water Tank Heating System, Reversed Osmosis Water Filter System, 2 Pellet Stoves, Storm Safe Room, 24x30 Detached Garage, Fenced Back Yard and 12x12 Garden Shed, all on a well maintained lot with amazing landscaping. This is a Must See Home close to town, Lake of the Ozarks & Truman Lake.

NEW APPLIANCES! MLS #99539 \$159,900



ALLURING 3 BR/2 BA HOME with everything on one level. Large, spacious living room with inset ceiling. Kitchen has been recently remodeled with all new appliances. Fresh paint inside and out, new carpet and many upgrades throughout the home. Large covered front porch and deck on the back of the home. Community boat ramp just down the hill into Lake of the Ozarks. Just a mile from town!! Call for more details!!



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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 John Hansen, Sunday School 9:30 AM, Morning Worship 10:40 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.

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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 DAYS 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

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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. Bible Study 9:15 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, 205 W. Jefferson 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.

Zion Lutheran/Lincoln: Worship service 10:30 AM, Bible Study/Sunday School 9:15 AM. 547-3399.

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.

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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.

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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, waypointministries.org





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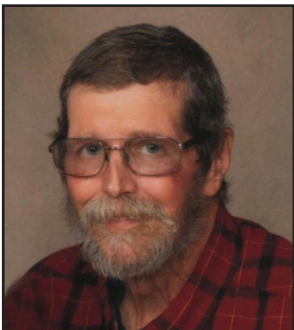
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Ronald Lee Logan



Ronald Lee “Ronnie” Logan, 72, of Cole Camp, passed away Sunday, February 23, 2025, at his home in Cole Camp. He was born on November 23, 1952, in Sedalia, Missouri, a son of Ryland and Wanda (Rothenberger) Logan.

Ronnie was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Springfork. He attended South Side School for two years before going to Cole Camp School. While in school, he worked on the farm, was a member of FFA, played basketball and was one heck of a baseball pitcher. After his graduation in 1970, Ronnie pitched for a slow-pitch softball team during the summers.

On June 8, 1973, in Cole Camp, he was united in marriage to LaDonna Bormann. This union was blessed with the gift of two children, Brent and Natalie.

Ronnie moved to Lee’s Summit and worked for Kreisel Construction. He moved back to Cole Camp in 1978, where he worked for Oral Schnackenberg doing heating, plumbing, and electrical work. In March of 1988, he went to work for the Cole Camp R-1 School District as a custodian and then moving up to maintenance and was also a bus driver. He was known for cooking pork for school dinners, weddings, and every occasion in between. He retired from school maintenance in 2012; and in 2021, he turned over his bus keys so he could spend more time raising bees, fishing, and playing cards.

He was always willing to help when and where he was needed, serving on the Cole Camp Rural Fire Department and Cole Camp Fair Board, helping build the Cole Camp Swimming Pool, and many other projects. He was an exhausted rooster and past president of the Cole Camp Jaycee’s. Being involved in the community didn’t go unnoticed, as Ronnie was voted into the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1984 by his fellow Jaycee’s. In his spare time, he loved to fish, especially teaching his grandkids "the joy of fishing". Many fish were caught! Which made for many good meals.

He is survived by his wife, LaDonna Logan of the home; son, Brent Logan and Karissa of Sedalia; daughter, Natalie Paxson and Marvin of Cole Camp; brothers, Gale Logan and Shirley of Cole Camp, Marvin Logan and Kay of Sedalia, and

Jeff Logan and Sharon of Sedalia; grandchildren, Ethan, Madison, Anna, and Lilly; mother-in-law, JoAnn Bormann; and brother-in-law, Burton Bormann.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Ryland and Wanda Logan, grandson, William Tyler Paxson, and father-in-law, Delbert "Shorty" Bormann.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Cole Camp with Pastor Stephen Zeller officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Cemetery near Cole Camp.

Pallbearers will be Dale Logan, Cody Clemons, Kendrick Logan, Ethan Veit, Ethan Paxson, Darin Harms, and Gary Viets.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to Cole Camp R-1 Lunch Fund for Children, Cole Camp Swimming Pool, or Cole Camp Rural Fire Department in care of the Fox Funeral Home, Cole Camp. Online condolences may be left at www.foxfuneralhomecolecampmo.com.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
JOHNIE J. LOGUE

*The Prayer Of Faith
Shall Save the Sick*
-James 5:15

Like you, I feel helpless at times when dealing with the sick. You do what you can, but you can't really fix anything. I hear people say 'at least we can pray' as if prayer is a last resort. I hear people say there is nothing we can do about the weather. I hear people say that when it is your time to die, there is nothing you can do about it.

First, prayer is the first thing you should do. Secondly, God can change the weather, and thirdly, Hezekiah received 15 more years of life after he was told indirectly by God, the God that cannot lie, that he was going to die. Why? Because he prayed.

Sickness and death are part of life and so is the weather. Needless to say, evidently, the prayer for healing will fail and the person will one day die.

My best friends in all of the world are sick. So this week, I am asking for prayers for them. Please pray for Judy Forth, Jo Ann Winsauer, Peggy Riley, Sherry Gettle, Martin Lane, and probably a few more that my feeble mind cannot remember at the moment.

Paul Estes passed away last week and I went to his funeral. Daniel Yoder preached the funeral and did a great job, in my opinion. I was also at Armalee Walker's funeral a

week back and the cowboy preacher did an excellent job.

On Sunday morning, it has been said that we have 30 minutes to raise the dead. Well at a funeral, we have thirty minutes to talk about the dead; not that long really and people complain the funeral went too long. They deserve the best funeral we can give them.

Please pray.

LINCOLN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Today was a beautiful day. We had a lot of people in attendance today for worship. It is good to see the church full of people who love the Lord. Happy birthday to Gabby and happy anniversary to Gloria and her husband. It is great to see so many children in church. They are the future of the church. We had a fellowship lunch after church with sandwiches, soup and dessert. Many stayed to enjoy the food.

Cornerstone was the subject of Pastor Jesse's sermon. There are many references in the Bible that speak of a cornerstone. Ps 118:22, Job 38:6, Luke and many more. When building a structure it starts with an anchor or cornerstone. Being raised in church Jesus should be your cornerstone. Men should be the cornerstone of the home. It's God first, then fathers and then mothers.

If people aren't raised in Christ you have no cornerstone. Without Jesus you're nothing. Jesus should be your cornerstone. May everyone have a blessed week.

WARSAW FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Good morning from First Church of the Nazarene! The big question these days is what do you identify with in your life? I believe as you get older you take this question a bit more seriously as we pray and hope what we have held onto in our lifetime has value. The recent presidential election is an example of identification as people joined a political party. Joining means to become part of another thing to believe and stand for what others value. The greatest example throughout history is the covenant of marriage that was established by God for the purpose of the continuation of vibrant life not only with a human life span but in a manner that would bring blessing to the entire world. From marriage, families would bring to the world abundant life with the goal of carrying blessings (goodness) down through the generations. How do I know this to be true when others may not? Knowing the source of truth (it is not social media) helps

the source become apparent. What is that source? Our Heavenly Father is the source of all truth. Anything that diminishes the truth in a believer’s life is not from the Father. Why do those who do not believe in God attempt to make scripture seem out dated, almost worthless in guiding a person through life. Those individuals, from all walks of life, are seeking to become our source of truth.

God, the truth, the life and the way (John 14:6), is not elusive, but it takes steps of faith to discover the Way. One such step is identifying with the savior of the world, Jesus (John 3:16-21). The Heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are the picture of identifying as one in perfect love for the purpose of another. Yes, it does sound a lot like marriage. Was Jesus not called a groom and are we also called to be His bride? When you marry someone, you are taking steps of faith by placing yourself in relationship with another person for the purpose and fulfillment of life that God has ordered. John 3:16-18 explains this relationship for you, me and anyone who reads it. You must read the ‘whole’ passage of John 3:16-18 to see the ‘holy’ picture. Younger generations are turning back to Jesus because they realize that colleges, online influencers, and other so-called friends of humanity are using illusions to trap their hearts. What is an illusion? An attempt to make something seem real when it is not, and they often appeal to pleasures of the flesh. Sounds a lot like a lie and the work of selfish motivation. The Father wants the best for you, yet many individuals hold to what they believe to be the best when truly it is only good. A person who does not have spiritual belief in the one true God will never receive the best, just good and this is why Jesus prayed John 17:22-23 over us. Please consider “... The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me.” If you believe this for the first time that Jesus is salvation, welcome to the family of God!

Andy Lavender, Pastor

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1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Paul talks about spiritual maturity and how the church in Corinth is acting in ways they shouldn't be acting. Why is the church teaching things not of God - because of spiritual immaturity. They were still just drinking spiritual milk when they should be eating spiritual meat. They want to pick and choose different leaders. The one who plants and the one who waters have a purpose, but God makes it grow. Faith is not about human beings; faith is about Jesus Christ. If our faith is not in Jesus, we have a problem. Humans will always let us down, but Jesus doesn't make mistakes. Paul isn't saying they don't have the Spirit because they are struggling. Spiritual maturity does not come with age and Paul never questions their desire to follow Jesus. Some day we all have to grow up. It's not always perfectly simple, we have to listen when Jesus is prompting on our hearts. Sometimes we have to be willing to listen to an idea that is not what you are accustomed to. How will faith develop if we're not challenged? Growth in Christ doesn't happen overnight, and it won't happen if the question isn't asked.

All the New Testament authors are encouraging but tell them they have things to work on. Just because someone challenges us, does not mean they don't have good intentions. Paul is willing to say the hard things. It's about making a difference for Jesus. Our world tends to want to walk away from church due to a bad experience. Paul had so much patience. How often do we have no patience with unbelievers. It's far too easy to ignore or cast off than to work through what needs to be worked through. All of us need more spiritual maturity. Jesus never stops trying to get us to grow in Him. Ask God the question

every day - God, what do You want from me today? Where God leads us, we're supposed to follow. We have to be willing to listen. Pray, ask God what He wants from us, pick up His word and read it!

Join us weekly for Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m., Children's program and Bible study at 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Program at 6 p.m.

UNITY OF THE LAKES

Reverend Dr. James Gaither will speak this Sunday, March 9 at 11:00 AM on: The Most Important Question.

All sane people want to experience good, to have good lives, to be good. Therefore, the most important question we can ask and answer is: what is good? Everyone probably has ideas of “goods” but we know there is disagreement about what good really means. Understanding the meaning of good is the key to ethical living, spiritual healing, and a prosperous life.

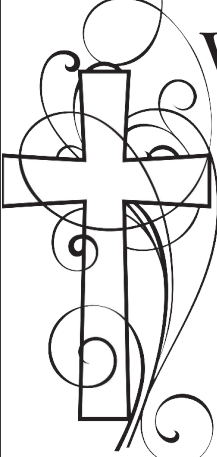
In this lesson we will look at a few philosophical and mystical concepts of good, including words of Jesus, which help illuminate the true nature of the good and how to manifest greater good in our lives and our world.

Rev. James Gaither, Th.D., was ordained a Unity Minister in 1979, has a M.A. in Philosophy and Doctorate in Theology. He has taught in Unity Ministerial and Spiritual Education for over 30 years and has been Minister in Unity churches for over 12 years. He has been a regular contributor to Unity Magazine for over 35 years. In addition, Jim was co-host of one of Unity. FM's first weekly internet radio programs. He is a recipient of the “Charles Fillmore Award for Visionary Leadership” from Unity Worldwide Ministries.

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\$19,900

2020 EXPEDITION LIMITED



A03389

\$36,900

2017 SUPERDUTY F-350 DRW



D67010

\$51,900

2019 FORD ESCAPE SE



A47347

\$18,900

2018 FORD F-150 XLT



C45686

\$28,500

2015 FORD FOCUS SE



201134

\$10,900

2018 FORD FOCUS SEL



287146

\$11,500

2019 EXPEDITION MAX



A15764

\$26,900

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT



D90578

\$18,900

2022 FORD EDGE SEL



A33351

\$25,900

2018 LINCOLN MKC



L29321

\$17,900

2013 FORD TAURUS SHO



154083

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2022 BRONCO SPORT



D39579

\$25,500

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C39688

\$32,900

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C86825

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