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175 Years! First United Methodist In Warsaw Marks Major Milestone

By
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County
Reporter

The First United Methodist Church of Warsaw will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary on March 30.

From mission trips to food drives, disaster relief to youth ministries, FUMC has always believed in putting faith into action.

First UMC recorded history began with a land purchase in Warsaw on January 8, 1850. Christians affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church South organized the congregation on the new river village of Warsaw. They then bought a lot on Washington Street near the present Christian Church and built a small building. Services were held then intermittently due to the Civil War. Services were also held occasionally in union with the Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ churches until May 28, 1885, when an undivided half interest in the building was sold to the STL conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The two Methodist groups joined with a Presbyterian congregation and used the building jointly until 1895, when the Presbyterians constructed a church of their own on Warsaw's town square. The Presbyterian building was later purchased by the Methodists.



AN ANGELIC ANNIVERSARY, Warsaw's First United Methodist Church celebrates 175 years in 2025. Founded in 1850, the congregation is one of the longest standing church organizations in the community. Looking back through the years were church members (L to R): Kim Nichols, with granddaughter Adaline Rowles; Shawn Miller, Randy Eaton, Vicki Schroder and Warren Schroder.

Warsaw was founded in 1837 but not fully incorporated until 1843, making the church body one of the first and longest standing church organizations in the community.

On October 1914, the church's original site was sold and the Presbyterian structure on the square was purchased. Three

congregations worshipped together, preaching services held monthly and Sunday School on a weekly basis.

All three congregations merged to form one Methodist Episcopal body.

In 1915, a basement was constructed beneath the church building. In 1918, a church station was

established and preaching services were held each Sunday. Rev. W.W. Garrett was the first full time minister. In 1938, a small room was constructed at the back and the right of the chancel as a study for the minister and the room beneath was the first modern rest rooms.

In 1950, funds willed to

the church by Mrs. Maude Bagby Robbins were used for another addition on the left side of the chancel. This was used for kindergarten class and on the basement level a more modern kitchen.

On a Sunday morning in December, 1950, disaster struck when fire broke out and caused great damage

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City Of Warsaw Improves Benefits For Employees

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The March 17 meeting of the Warsaw City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Eddie Simons. City Alderpersons present included: James White, Eric Flores, Lou Breshears and Adam Howe. Alderman Rob Coskey was absent. City Clerk Jessica Kendall recorded the meeting.

Upon approval of minutes and bills presented, the council passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract by and between the Warsaw Police Department and the Benton County Commissioners CentralSquare Technologies to benefit all law enforcement agencies in Benton County to provide enhanced hardware and software capability to replace current vehicle dispatching/tracking system in the E-911 Dispatch Center. The City of Warsaw agrees to pay the Benton County Treasurer the City of Warsaw share of software integrations, core licensing and share of server purchase and installation. CentralSquare, LLC System should be fully activated mid-2025.

The council also passed an ordinance giving full-time employees in the City of Warsaw a total of 8 hours of sick leave per month, being

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Trajedy Comes Alive With Mock Drunk Driving Crash

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Cole Camp High School FCCLA members organized a mock crash in the CCHS parking lot to focus on the danger of drunk driving. CCHS junior Madison Paxson was in charge as part of her FFCLA STAR event.

Corporal A.J. Silvey, Sedalia Police Department, and Fire Inspector Jamie Volk, Sedalia Fire Department, assisted in planning and completing the docudrama mock crash.

The mock crash was presented to the CCHS student body on March 12. The students attended the crash, the ER scene and a guest speaker Corporal J. D. Howard, public information officer of the Missouri State



A REALITY CHECK, as part of the FCCLA's mock crash last week, Cole Camp junior Grant Rodriguez came to terms with the consequences of drunk driving.

High Patrol.

Students involved in the mock crash depiction included: junior Grant Rodriguez, who portrayed a drunk truck driver; Payten Shoemaker, a fatality in

the drunk driver's truck; sophomore Riley Rietz, fatality ejected from drunk driver's truck; freshman, Keyra Stewart, critical injury ejected from truck; sophomore Grace Harms,

minor injury, passenger car; teacher Darian Rusk, fatality at ER scene, driver of car.

Make-up artists included: Robyn Schroeder, teen driving safety coordinator Missouri Department of Transportation; sophomore Grace Harms, junior Danica Luetjen, sophomore Riley Rietz and junior Kaitlyn Whitworth.

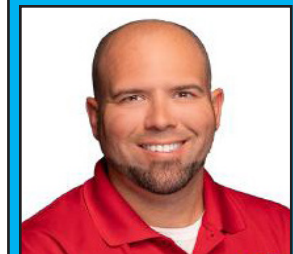
Student photographers included: junior Kaitlyn Whitworth, junior Alivia Haase and junior Danica Luetjen. Drone photography was provided by FFA advisor Jake Montemayor.

Cars were provided and placed by InMotion Towing.

Organizations involved included: Cole Camp EMS, Cole Camp Fire, Cole Camp Police Department, Benton County Coroner, Benton County Dispatch, Bothwell Hospital, Fox Funeral Home,

ACCIDENT Page 3

Cole Camp School Board Candidates Sound Off On Important Topics



ZACH LUTJEN



PAMELA ECKHOFF



The Cole Camp R-1 School District has three candidates running for two open seats on their School Board. Each seat will be for a three-year term.

Incumbents Marty Doogs and Zach Lutjen have filed to run, as has newcomer Pamela Eckhoff.

Each school board candidate was asked about why they wished



MARTY DOOGS

to run for office, what they see the role of the board as, and what their vision is for the school and Cole Camp community.

What motivates you to want to become a board member?

Marty Doogs: When my kids were young, I

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Truman Lake 708.10, 2.10 feet above normal pool. Lake of the Ozarks at Warsaw's Joe Dice Swinging Bridge: 654.45, 5.55 feet below normal pool. Surface water temperature of Truman Lake is approximately 48 degrees.

Community Calendar

MARCH 19, 2025:

The Benton County Democratic Party's monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, at 6:00 PM in the Warsaw Library meeting room. We will be participating in the MO Democratic Party Rural Caucus Virtual Town Hall. Light snacks will be available, and everyone is welcome to join!

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!

MARCH 29, 2025:

Cole Camp Museum annual Olde Tyme German Breakfast will be on Saturday morning, March 29 from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Cole Camp Senior Center on Junge Street. Free-will donation. Dine-in or carry-out. Sausage locally produced and everything cooked from scratch.

MARCH 31, 2025:

The Clear Creek Cemetery Board will hold their annual meeting on Monday, March 31 at 6:00 PM at Clear Creek Baptist Church on Dick Road west of Lincoln. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

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 informa)on please contact any Historical Society board member.

APRIL 8, 2025:

Benton County Retired Teachers and Support Staff will have a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 8:30 AM. All Retired educators are encouraged to attend. For further information, please call (660) 438-5978.

APRIL 8, 2025:

The Warsaw Friends of the Library will meet Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at noon, in the small meeting room at the Warsaw Boonslick Library. Come help us plan for our upcoming book sale. For further information, please call (660) 437-5211.

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.



By Lonnie Gandara Taylor



Pizza Pockets

super-simple version with a few basic ingredients; starting with a tube of flaky crescent roll dough, and bakes up with just enough sauce and lots of gooey, melted mozzarella. It can be as simple as a little pizza sauce and mozzarella cheese. I like a few slices of pepperoni, too. But that's far from the only option. You can use up leftover meat, bits and bobs of veggies hanging out in the fridge. Just be sure not to overstuff the pockets — it can cause them to split open or leak during baking. -1 (8 ounce) tube refrigerated crescent rolls, such as Pillsbury -1/4 cup pizza sauce, plus more for serving, if desired -1 cup shredded low-moisture mozzarella cheese (about 4 ounces) -8 pepperoni slices (about 1/2 ounce), optional Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat to 400°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Unroll 1 tube crescent roll dough on a work surface and separate into 4 rectangles (2 triangles each). Use your fingers to press on the seams in each rectangle to seal. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet. Spread 1 tablespoon pizza sauce over half of each rectangle, leaving at least a 1/2-inch border around the edge. Top the sauce on each rectangle with 2 tablespoons cheese, followed by 2 slices pepperoni (if using), then another 2 tablespoons cheese. Brush a thin layer of water around the border of each rectangle. Fold the dough over the filling and tightly seal the edges with a fork. Pierce the top of the pocket several times with a fork. Bake until the tops are lightly browned and edges are crisp, 13 to 15 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes before serving. Serve with additional pizza sauce for dipping, if desired.

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to the church sanctuary. Heroic efforts account for the saving of a substantial part of the structure. Church services were held in the theatre until the sanctuary was rebuilt.

The rebuilt and newly decorated church was dedicated on May 12, 1951.

“350 people heard Bishop Ivan Lee Holt at the dedication service on Sunday evening. Bishop Holt assisted by district superintendent E. W. Hartley and Pastor Wesley Hampton conducted the formal dedication. The building was presented by John Reser, chairman for the building committee. In acceptance Bishop Holt said ‘Construction of a new building is not the end, it is only the beginning.’ Special music was under direction of Mrs. Maurine Hart.” (Benton County Enterprise May 25, 1951.

In 1959, a growing membership indicated a need for more space and in April of that year with a bequest from the estate of Jim Rayn, an educational building fund was started. It was not until 1962 that the educational addition was completed on the west side of the building which provided eight classrooms, a pastor’s study and expanded kitchen facilities.

In 1963, the first floor of the education building was airconditioned, a new communion rail was installed in memory of Mrs. Ella Keefer and the sanctuary was air conditioned.

In 1970, the old church was torn down and a new church was built with ground breaking on September 3, 1972.

Pastors who served the First United Methodist Church in Warsaw from 1850-2025 included:

William Walton Jones, 1851; James J. Hill, 1898-1899; Smith Gambrel Welborn, 1900-1901; James Alexander Jared, 1902-1903; John W. Patison, 1904-1905; Thomas M. Cobb, 1905; Herbert J. Rand, 1905-1908; Benjamin Vancamp Alton, 1909-1910; Robert J. Kyle, 1910-1911; Charles F. Pryor, 1911-1912; James Russell Brown, 1913-1914; Rev. Green, 1915-1916; Henry Harrison Slaten, 1916-1918.

William Wilbur Garrett, 1918-1919; William Henry Comer, 1919-1920; George Earl Hargis, 1920-1921; John Gilliam Haynes, 1922; John S. Henley, 1922-1926; Herman Daniel Huffine, 1926-1929; Clifford B. McCormick, 1926-1933; Alvin C. Stormont, 1933-1936; Earl Francis Dillon, 1936-1938; Joseph A. Wagner, 1938-1943; Charles S. Roe, 1943-1945; Perry Albright Rowland, 1945-1947; William Rex Dalton, 1947-1948.

H. Wesley Hampton, 1948-1951; Walter E. Sparks, 1951-1952; T. W. Hinchee, 1955-1956; W. H. Hall, 1956-1958; Rihard L. Burgess, 1958-1959; Lloyd Edward McKemey, 1959-1965; George L. Ryder, 1966-1967; J. D. Little, 1966-1977; William W. Moore, 1978-1984; Asher William McDaniel, 1985-1991; Roger Dale Metscher, 1992-1998; Diana Louise Loomis, 1995-2005; Harvey Grayum, 2006-2007; D. Eric Derks, 2007-2016; Dr. Loren Preston Whetsell, 2016-2025.

Methodism has a long history prioritizing the teachings of John Wesley who set the example for the church in his teaching that prioritize service and emphasize doing good through social justice, giving, grace and loving God and neighbor.

FUMC Pastor Loren Whetsell serves as the president of the Benton County Youth coalition and oversees the annual Easter Egg Hunt as well as Fifth Quarter events during football season.

The Warsaw FUMC has supported both youth and adult mission trips beyond the local area. Most recently the IGNTe youth group completed a mission project at Show-Mne Christian Youth Home in LaMonte, MO.

“Growing up in the Methodist Church I learned how important it is to have faith in God. I made so many friends along the way that I will treasure for life,” said FUMC member Tracy Martin Spry.

For many years, FUMC has prioritized creating a safe and welcoming space for kids to grow in their faith. This included the preschool, after-school program IGNITE youth group, Vacation Bible School and community events like Truck or Treat and 5th Quarter and Out. Church members are also actively involved in the BCYC (Benton County Youth Coalition) program.

Jonna Arnett, who serves as the Warsaw R-IX Social Services Coordinator, commented on how the Warsaw FUMC aided in the school district. “Pastor Wetsell, United Methodist Church and BCYC have been incredibly generous to the students of Benton County and have made so many projects to benefit our students to meet the needs of students, or an opportunity to volunteer, the parishioners of United Methodist Church have jumped right in to help. I am forever grateful for their support and their amazing presence in our community,” said Arnett.

The Warsaw FUMC has also sent groups to help with disaster relief efforts such as a group that traveled to Joplin to help with cleanup efforts after the devastating tornado. The church also participated in sending groups to Colorado in the wake of forest fires and Houston in the wake of a hurricane.

“First United Methodist Church raised me in the faith,” said former Warsaw resident Leanne Thixton Donaldson. “They empowered me to use my gifts at a young age. Their investment in me led me to attend seminary and serve teens in the local church. I am who I am today because of the people of First Methodist. I recall First Methodist as a congregation who invested deeply in youth for the long haul. I have fond memories of adults who led Sunday School and youth choir, helped organize activities, and who simply paid attention to and took a consistent interest in young people. That investment in the next generation is simple but powerful for a community,” said Donaldson.

Founded by First United Methodist Church members, the Soup and More Community Kitchen provides free meals to anyone in need every Thursday. All are welcome.

The Boy Scouts of America and the All Arounders 4-H Club both meet in the fellowship hall of the church each month.

“We appreciate having a safe place for our club to meet and provide our members with the opportunity to learn and grow,” said 4-H project leader Gary Roberts.

Every summer, FUMC serves as a host site for the Salvation Army’s free meal program.

Church members read to elementary school students once a month and provide each child with a free copy of the book.

FUMC serves as a host site for the Parents as Teachers program which is a part of the Warsaw R-IX School district.

“I guess the best part of growing up Methodist in Warsaw was the group of kids I became good friends with. I always enjoyed Mrs. Sander’s 5th/6th class,”

said Dawn Elmore “Marty Tippin, Jason Sanders, Michael Kauffman, and sometimes Nicole Brunner attended. I have pictures from when we went to the beach. I also enjoyed Leslie Hill’s high school class. Keith & Kelly Whitaker, Nicole Brunner, Richard Kreisel. I also participated in UMYF on Sun afternoons. We played a lot of volleyball. Becky Cobb was a constant at church. My mom taught the kids’ choir. We walked from North School, once school was out, down the big hill, passed in front of the jail (which could be scary since the inmates tried to talk to us) and into the church. I sang solos and duets (with Michael) in front of the congregation. One year, UMYF took a trip to Colorado. That was memorable!! I have a picture of the group of us. My first memory of attending WUMC was of me cutting shapes out of the front of my dress in Mrs. Schroder’s pre-K class. I believe that was my very first visit, and I would’ve been four. Mrs. Still was my Sunday School teacher, then Wallace, then Sanders, and finally, Hill. I remember VBS and playing Red Rover on the courthouse lawn. I had a lot of fun with all the Methodist youth, and to this day, I’m still friends with them. I think my interactions with the majority of the congregation helped to form the person I am today. I also loved the potluck. They spoiled me for the churches I attended in other areas as I moved around. Warsaw UMC also has the beautiful stained-glass window. No other church can compare.”

The FUMC regularly hosts blood drives to support those in need.

The Church also operates a Blessings Box outside the church door so those in need can “take what you need, give what you can” basis. A dedicated team helps keep it stacked for anyone in need including those who are unhoused or struggling to make ends meet.

The church also takes a monthly food donation for local organizations as well as giving community assistance for gas vouchers, food assistance and limited help with utility bills. Anyone needing assistance or wanting to donate can contact the church office or give online.

Dr. Loren Whetsell has been the minister of the First United Methodist Church of Warsaw since 2016.

“The congregation welcomed me and my family, since my appointment in the summer of 2016. Over the years the congregation has provided me with opportunities to become much more involved in the community. They have encouraged me in my efforts to reach out beyond the church walls to the youth in the community through the Benton County Youth Coalition and through our early reading program with the Warsaw schools. They afforded me the time to serve as a substitute teacher during the COVID year, and were instrumental in my decision to serve on the Warsaw R-IX Board of Education.

“The congregation encouraged and supported me as I pursued my Doctorate in Ministry in Cambridge, England. This strengthened my call to ministry and opened up the possibility of fulfilling a long-time dream of serving the Lord in the UK.

“By serving First Church, I have learned much over the years about caring for older congregation and helping families during the difficult times of mourning the loss of loved ones. Perhaps this has been my greatest mission in Warsaw. It has allowed me many opportunities to offer hope to hurting families and offer the message that through Christ death does not have the last word,” said Whetsell.

A special celebration will be held March 30 at 10:30 AM in the FUMC sanctuary to celebrate 175 years in Warsaw. Following the church service there will be a meal and celebration in the Fellowship Hall. Missouri Bishop Robert Farr will be preaching at the celebration. Everyone is invited.

ACCIDENT

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RiOak Western Designs, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Cole Camp School District Administration, and Cole Camp Maintenance.

WARSAW

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a total of twelve days per year. Employees may now accumulate up to 90 days of sick leave instead of 60 days per year.

An ordinance was also passed to approve changing the benefits for covered city employees of the Missouri local government employee’s retirement system (LAGERS). The fiscal officer of the City of Warsaw is authorized to deduct from the wages or salaries of each employee member, the employee contributions and to promptly remit such contributions to LAGERS along with the employer contribution.

The council then passed an ordinance adopting the Police Officer Bill of Rights. The city shall be required to follow the same for all disciplinary action taken by the Warsaw Police Department.

Warsaw City Council members also passed an ordinance to amend the 2024 estimated operating budget to actual adjusted ending balance for all funds within the City of Warsaw, Missouri.

The council also passed a resolution for the City of Warsaw to apply for federal financial assistance from the United States of America for the purpose for Warsaw water storage study. The city is seeking financial assistance acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

City Administrator Randy Pogue notified the council of estimated completion and start dates on several ongoing projects throughout the city as well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Meetings of the Warsaw City Council are typically held on the first and third Monday’s of each month and are open to the public.

Commission Accepts Bids For Fuel And Cold Mix

By
Jennifer Jackson
County Reporter
Presiding Commissioner

Steve Daleske called the Benton County Commission meeting to order at 9:00 AM on March 10 in the Board Room of the Benton County Courthouse. Those present included District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms and David Malecki, guest.

Commissioner Berry made the motion to accept the bid for red diesel fuel for Road District #1 from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.68 per gallon. Commissioner Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed. Other bids were received from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.90 per gallon and from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$2.85 per gallon. The Commissioners accepted the low bid price.

Commissioner Berry made the motion to accept the bid for unleaded gasoline for Road District #1 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.55 per gallon. Commissioner Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed. Other bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$2.585 per gallon and from MFA Oil Company

at a cost of \$2.68 per gallon. The Commissioners accepted the lowest bid.

The Commissioners reviewed the bids received last week for cold mix asphalt. Commissioners Harms made the motion to accept the bid from Leo O’Laughlin at a cost of \$59,69 delivered to the Lincoln and Warsaw sheds. Commissioner Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with the Commissioners to present her monthly report of economic development efforts within the county.

County Treasurer Rick Renno presented his weekly financial report and County Clerk Susan Porterfield submitted bills for approval and payment.

County Collector David Brodersen presented his annual settlement report, noting receipts and distribution for the 2024 fiscal year. County Clerk Porterfield will verify his information as required by Statute.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Birthday Blessings To Host Donor Match Event

Birthday Blessings filled nearly 100 requests from Bates, Benton, Henry and St. Clair County foster kids in 2024. Focusing on providing needed resources to kids in care, the non-profit will be holding an annual Birthday Bash Donor Match Event March 28-April 1. An anonymous business will match up to \$5,000 in donations during this event.

“Our Birthday Bash is a huge opportunity for people to double their impact in the lives of at-risk children,” said Shannon VonAllmen, Executive Director of the 501(c)3 organization. “The cost of operations is increasing, and grant funding opportunities are decreasing. This event will help us continue to meet needs in the foster community.”

Last year Birthday Blessings filled more than 2,200 requests from kids in 30 Missouri counties. This included birthday party bags with gifts targeting physical and emotional needs, care packages for struggling teens, bedding sets, household goods, baby care items, graduation celebration bags and Easter baskets.

“Kids in care aren’t used to people doing special things for them. Many have never owned new items or received a gift of any kind. When we send new bedding to promote healthy sleep, we are also letting children know we value their existence. When we send a birthday party bag

with supplies to bake a cake, we are letting kids know we celebrate them. Our donors become part of that support team.”



VOLUNTEERS Sharon Ogle and Marsha Crutchfield prepare customized Bunny Blessings Baskets for kids in care. Birthday Blessings filled 115 requests from children in need of some Easter cheer. Emotional support is an important part of their mission.

Birthday Blessings is supported in part by the Truman Lake Area Community Foundation. Warsaw Christian Church hosts a monthly volunteer event led by Marie Bowman that serves kids in the Truman Lake area.

To take advantage of this event, online donations can be made at birthday-blessings.org. Checks can be mailed to Birthday Blessings, 429 Aid Ave, West Plains MO 65775. For more information about this campaign or how to support foster children year-round, contact VonAllmen at (417) 372-5306.



Dates:
Preschool Screening for the 2025 - 2026 school year will be held on April 8th, 9th, & 10th of 2025.

Location:
The Warsaw United Methodist Church
154 W Washington St, Warsaw, MO 65355

Preschool Eligible Students:
Who is or will be turning 4 years of age by August 1st, 2025.

Items to Bring to Screening:
Immunization Records, Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, and two Proof of Residency items (ex. utility bill, rental agreement, property tax receipt, etc.)

Please contact the South Elementary office at 660-438-5965 to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions.

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Cardinals Will Hang Banner After Taking Fourth Place Finish At Class 2 Final Four



A STORYBOOK SEASON came to an end for the Cardinals last week at the MSHSAA Class 2 Final Four. After making their first trip in 40 years to the season's-end event, Lincoln suffered losses to Eugene and Puxico to finish fourth in the state tournament. Nonetheless, their season ended with an impressive overall record of 23-6.



The dream of going to the MSHSAA Class 2 Final Four in Columbia, Missouri to play at Mizzou Arena came true for the Lincoln Cardinals boys basketball team last week. The town gave the team a superior sendoff and the players were able to enjoy the splendor and grandeur of playing in a huge arena in front of thousands of fans. However, the game against powerhouse and eventual state champion Eugene in the semifinal matchup on Wednesday was a nightmare. The Eagles jumped out to an 8-0 lead,

led 22-6 after one and 37-13 at the half. A slew of turnovers and 71 percent shooting from Eugene in the first half proved fatal for the Cardinals from Lincoln. Lincoln had lost to Eugene back on January 3 in Lincoln by a final score of 62-27 so they were well-aware of their formidable opponent. Coincidentally, the Eagles (28-4) defeated Canton 72-61 on Thursday to win the state championship in Class 2. **LINCOLN (33):** Sanders, 4; Kriesler, 3; Everhart, 2; Koll, 5; Srader, 7; Benham, 2; Harms, 4; Eckhoff, 6. **EUGENE (67):** Busch, 4; Allen, 18; Hart, 6; Wunderlich, 15; Belt, 7; Richard, 6; I. Busch, 5; Englebright, 2; Carrender, 2; Dorchoff, 3.



games, they will hang a banner soon. Tyler Burke commented, "We had a couple of tough one's in Columbia against two really good teams. I was proud of our kids. We played hard. We didn't play our best, but when you're playing the state champion and another team of that caliber, it's tough. I think the guys enjoyed the experience and it's one they will certainly never forget. We deserved to make it to the Final Four. We won the games and beat the teams in front of us to get there." He went on to say, "I'm happy for our boys, they got to play in Mizzou Arena, and at that, we got a chance to get all of our guys in to experience it. Our fan and community support was outstanding and it was cool to see so many friends and families up there. We had a great season and a great



turnaround going from 7 wins last year to the Final Four". Coach Burke added, "Now we get to hang a banner with our kid's names on it that will hang on the wall forever and that's pretty cool. Hopefully it won't be 40 more years until it happens again." Lincoln finished their

2024-25 season at 23-6. **LINCOLN (38):** Sanders, 6; Cole, 3; Kriesler, 2; Everhart, 2; Koll, 3; Srader, 5; Benham, 12; Harms, 3; Gossen, 2. **PUXICO (61):** Burchard, 9; Steward, 2; Parsley, 9; Powell, 5; Long, 10; Hancock, 15; Zimmerman, 8; Ward, 1; Dry, 2.

GIRLS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

GIRLS FIRST TEAM

Ashlyn Pinzke--Stover
Gabby Meyer--Northwest
Lilly Mellen--Lincoln
Mary Walker--Northwest
Dani Ashby--Windsor



GIRLS SECOND TEAM

Emma Thayer--Cole Camp
Mia Rowland--Stover
Callie Goss-Smithton
Elyse Cooley--Green Ridge
Morgan Hall--La Monte

GIRLS HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

Mackenzie Moellman--Cole Camp
LC Box--Green Ridge
Sophia Parton--La Monte
Alyssa Mellen--Lincoln
Elaina Buckley--Northwest
Paisley Carl--Sacred Heart
Kenna Simmons--Smithton
Teagan Morris--Stover
Nevaeh Blythe--Windsor

KAYSINGER CONFERENCE GIRLS COACH OF THE YEAR-

CALEB CROOKER--NORTHWEST



BOYS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

BOYS FIRST TEAM

Ben Eckhoff--Lincoln
Conner Brown--Sacred Heart
Max Van Leer--Sacred Heart
Riley Sanders--Lincoln
Tanner Johnson--Northwest



BOYS SECOND TEAM

Braedyn Eads--Otterville
Ryan Millington--Windsor
Ryan Pond--Smithton
Gavin Welpman--Stover
Rowan Cox--Windsor

BOYS HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

Kolby Bohon--Cole Camp
Jack Hoos--Green Ridge
Ryan Anderson--La Monte
Braydn Benham--Lincoln
Clay Crooker--Northwest
Cameron Krause--Otterville
Grant Goodwin--Sacred Heart
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KAYSINGER CONFERENCE BOYS COACH OF THE YEAR-

TYLER BURKE--LINCOLN



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MBCA All-District is voted on by member coaches within the district. All-District is not an all-district tournament team; it reflects the entire regular season. The top 10 players from each district receive All-District honors (no first or second teams or honorable mention). Ten players receive these honors unless: there is a tie for 10th place (no tiebreakers; all

receive honors), the district lacked 10 nominations from coaches, or head coaches chose not to be MBCA members and did not nominate players. The player receiving the most points is named District Player of the Year. Coaches within the district also vote on Coach of the Year. Players are listed by school in alphabetical order.

Cole Camp Schools Ask Voters To Approve No Tax Bond Issue



Cole Camp R-1 School No Tax Bond Issue

The Cole Camp R-1 School District will be asking voters to approve a no tax increase bond measure at the April general election. When passed, this would allow the district to extend current bonding opportunities with no additional tax burden placed on patrons. It would generate approximately \$3.5 million in additional funds that could be used for capital improvements to district facilities.

According to Superintendent Christina Hess, the District’s Strategic Planning Committee worked last summer to establish capital project goals and the plan was approved by the Board of Education. “The Cole Camp R-1 Board of Education approved the potential Phase Two of the district’s building project that would add facilities for industrial arts/shop classes as well as relocation of music programs,” said Hess. “The proposed new addition would be tucked into the area on the west side of the campus,,” she continued. This approximate 8,700 square foot addition would only happen if the no tax increase bond issue is approved.

According to Hess, “The community has expressed a strong desire for our students to have access to more hands-on, career education type classes.” She continued, “The proposed

shop and classroom space would be ample to house larger building and construction projects as well as the technical support classes that are needed to operate and maintain state of the art equipment.”

Plans call for an 8,400 square foot shop and classroom space as well as remodeling funds.

“Moving music classes would provide more standardized space, increased, convenient storage and help mitigating the noise these programs generate,” said Hess.

“The Board of Education is committed to supporting the District’s mission of preparing our students to be successful at whatever they do, once they leave our hallways,” said Hess. “Using no tax increase funds to build these facilities is a giant step to fulfilling that mission.”

Other projects included in the no tax increase bond could include parking lot drainage and surfacing work.

Voters go to the polls on Tuesday, April 8.

CLASS 3 DISTRICT 13			
NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH'S NAME
ADALYN CAMPBELL	HOLDEN	JR	TODD SHANKS
DELANEY RICHARDS	LONE JACK	SR	DUSTIN MOUNCE
LAUREN ROTH	LONE JACK	JR	DUSTIN MOUNCE
MILEY WARD	LONE JACK	SR	DUSTIN MOUNCE
TEAGAN MORRIS	STOVER	FR	JAKE REARDON
ASHLYN PINZKE	STOVER	SR	JAKE REARDON
MIA ROWLAND	STOVER	JR	JAKE REARDON
TANNA HOWE	WARSAW	JR	MATT HENDERSON
KEIRA MOSTAFFA	WARSAW	SR	MATT HENDERSON
DANIELLE ASHBY	WINDSOR	SR	ANTHONY BALBIRNIE
DISTRICT PLAYER OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
ASHLYN PINZKE	STOVER		
DISTRICT CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
DUSTIN MOUNCE	LONE JACK		
JAKE REARDON	STOVER		

CLASS 3 DISTRICT 13			
NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH'S NAME
KOLBY HILL	HOLDEN	JR	NATHAN MARTIN
COOPER SHULL	LONE JACK	JR	CRAIG EUBANK
LUKE MAINARD	SHERWOOD	SR	MIKE BAKER
VINCENT KARTENS	STOVER	JR	TOM WARD
GAVIN WLEPMAN	STOVER	JR	TOM WARD
LOGAN GEMES	WARSAW	SR	MATT BROWNSBERGER
LUKE HENDERSON	WARSAW	JR	MATT BROWNSBERGER
CONNER BARNES	WINDSOR	JR	DAVID HESSE
ROWAN COX	WINDSOR	SO	DAVID HESSE
RYAN MILLINGTON	WINDSOR	SO	DAVID HESSE
DISTRICT PLAYER OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
LOGAN GEMES	WARSAW		
DISTRICT COACH OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
MATT BROWNSBERGER	WARSAW		

CLASS 2 DISTRICT 13			
NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH'S NAME
IRELAND FOSTER	MARION C. EARLY	SO	SETH LASH
KINLEY REED	MARION C. EARLY	FR	SETH LASH
LILLY THOMPSON	MARION C. EARLY	SR	SETH LASH
GRACE COLBY	OSCEOLA	SR	KIM WOHLERS
LANEY UCHTMAN	OSCEOLA	SR	KIM WOHLERS
LEXI PERRYMAN	PLEASANT HOPE	SR	LAURA LASALLE
AUTUMN BALDWIN	SKYLINE	SR	KEVIN CHEEK
KENZI CHEEK	SKYLINE	SR	KEVIN CHEEK
ASHLEN GARRETT	SKYLINE	SR	KEVIN CHEEK
SADIE REDD	SKYLINE	SR	KEVIN CHEEK
SOPHIA WEAVER	WEAUBLEAU	JR	SUE ANN GINNINGS
DISTRICT PLAYER OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
ASHLEN GARRETT	SKYLINE		
DISTRICT COACH OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
KEVIN CHEEK	SKYLINE		

CLASS 2 DISTRICT 13			
NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH'S NAME
MICHEAL SMITH	APPLETON CITY	SO	ALEX HARDIN
LOGAN MORAN	LAKELAND	SR	ADAM COLLINS
BEN ECKHOFF	LINCOLN	JR	TYLER BURKE
RILEY SANDERS	LINCOLN	JR	TYLER BURKE
DEVIN BLOOM	OSCEOLA	JR	SETH COLLINS
PRESTON LISTERUD	OSCEOLA	SR	SETH COLLINS
ZANE BECKER	RICH HILL	SR	LYNN MORGAN
DILLON COONCE	RICH HILL	SR	LYNN MORGAN
GUNNER FREEMAN	WEAUBLEAU	SR	BLAKE ALLEN
CLAYTON GINNINGS	WEAUBLEAU	SR	BLAKE ALLEN
DISTRICT PLAYER OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
DILLON COONCE	RICH HILL		
DISTRICT COACH OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL		
TYLER BURKE	LINCOLN		

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NAME: Sebastian Rosales
BIRTHPLACE: Venezuela
YEARS IN BENTON COUNTY: I moved here 3 months ago. I'm a newbie!
FAMILY: Mom, Luna; Father, Daniel
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN BENTON COUNTY IS: It's very peaceful and there's no pollution. The night sky here is beautiful!
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: World renowned professional music producer.
FIRST JOB: Detailing cars
OCCUPATION: Student
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Going to the bike park in Ourense,



Spain
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I was born!
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: It's not fit for print.
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Loyalty, honesty and transparency
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Not taking advantage of my time on earth.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Look back and say that I wasted time.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Do a cartwheel.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Be super happy!
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Formentera, Spain.
HOBBIES: Making music

is my favorite pastime.
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Finneas
FAVORITE MOVIE: Lord of the Rings
FAVORITE SNACK: Dark Chocolate
FAVORITE CANDY: See above.
FUTURE GOAL: To be financially free.
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: There are two actually; my mom and dad.
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Don't waste time.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Move out of your comfort zone. Be open minded and never stop learning.



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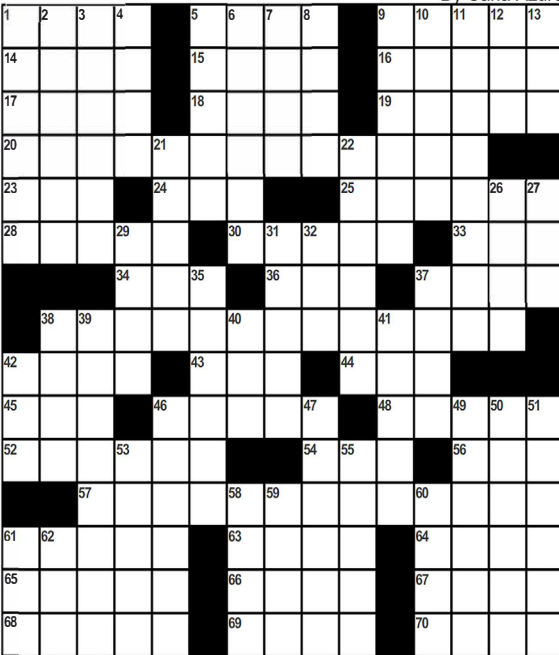
- 1) Native of Novi Sad
- 5) Sassy, like a shampoo brand?
- 9) Riding costume
- 14) Cafe ____ (black coffee)
- 15) Gray-matter creation
- 16) Freezing home
- 17) Birdbath organism
- 18) Godmother, sometimes
- 19) Senator who made the rounds?
- 20) Bird-brained baseball instructors?
- 23) Snacked on
- 24) Army bunk
- 25) Initial start
- 28) Pain spasm
- 30) It's canceled when it's accepted
- 33) It puts you off-course
- 34) Chat
- 36) Keg contents, sometimes
- 37) Like average grades
- 38) Result of a bird-brained dissection?
- 42) Feature of some modern stadiums
- 43) Model, originally
- 44) Sphere
- 45) Cousin of an ostrich
- 46) One submitting a 1040
- 48) Anything of material value
- 52) A Rockefeller
- 54) Have something
- 56) In the style of, on menus
- 57) Bird-brained posterior?
- 61) Practical
- 63) Java can be found in it
- 64) Ready to be picked
- 65) Strongboxes
- 66) Talese and Goldin
- 67) Aphrodite's husband
- 68) Pharaoh's land
- 69) Buttocks, in slang
- 70) Nag, e.g.

DOWN

- 1) Speak irritably to
- 2) Stone Age tool
- 3) Square-____ (sailing ship)
- 4) Highlands hill
- 5) Key instrument?
- 6) Chemical extractions
- 7) You may get a hand here
- 8) "Bye now!"
- 9) Loftily situated
- 10) Shoelace end
- 11) Response to a sneeze
- 12) A positively charged atom
- 13) Amount of bricks?
- 21) Cousteau's bailiwick
- 22) Certain facial blemish
- 26) Opposite of west
- 27) "____ can play that game"
- 29) Jack's giant, for one
- 31) One of the five senses
- 32) Kentucky boxing legend
- 35) It has two pieces on the beach
- 37) Cries openly
- 38) Scholarly reference book
- 39) Disperse oil in water
- 40) Nada
- 41) One of the Muses
- 42) Bear's lair
- 46) Woodlands
- 47) Pine products
- 49) Comedic takeoff
- 50) Emulates Romeo and Juliet
- 51) Least wild
- 53) Drag behind
- 55) Make ashamed
- 58) "The Metaphysics of Morals" author
- 59) Jacob's twin brother, in the Bible
- 60) Duffer's sandy challenge
- 61) Fair ____ (copyright issue)
- 62) Clothing attachment

BIRD BRAIN

By Carla Azure



GIVING
back



A WINNING COMBINATION of members from the Shriners and Benton County Health Department conducted a screening clinic for children on Saturday. Those involved in a busy day of volunteering included (L to R): Chuck Allcorn, John Schlechter, Dr. Amber Campbell, Shiree Sherrill, Kelli Daleske, Heather Greene, Jon Schmidt and Steve Elliott; not pictured: Leroy Graham.



By
Pat Arnett
Contributing Reporter

Good day from Fristoe News! The weather has been really nice for several days, but guess what . . . after several days of really nice weather, it snowed a light dusting in the night. It is not bad for temperatures this day though.

We were brought the word that a gentlemen well known in Fristoe and married to a Fristoe local, Easter Reaves Gemes, Don Willis passed away. Don was a preacher and preached several times in Fristoe Church. Don was well respected and thought of in the community.

The prayers asked this week are for: Kathy First, Gladys Harris and several doing much better but we will remember for another week or so; Dean's Aunt Dorothy, Brenda Jackman, Gail Mann, Bud Hatch, Delores Prater and all prayers asked from friends and family, whether spoken or unspoken.

Happy Birthday to several friends of the Fristoe area these last couple weeks. Loren Vaughn, March 12; Cheryl Ellerman, March 16, my daughter-in-law Heather on March 16, and my granddaughter Autumn on March 17. Next week Dave has a birthday on March 25.

Last week friends and family said good by to Chester Hammond. There was visitation at Reser's on Wednesday and he was then buried in the Turkey Creek Chapel Cemetery. Chester will definitely be missed.

Fristoe Pentecostal Lighthouse Church is gathering their people back as lives are feeling better and folks are more in the mood to be in church to enjoy preaching praying, shouting and singing. Connie, Dave, Bryon and Sue led song service with great songs. One in particular is the favorite, "Jesus Saves"! The church is always glad to have visitors and there were several on Sunday morning! The adult Sunday School is having lessons on Minor Prophets. Today was Amos, Micah, Zephaniah, and Malachi! Br. Smith's message was from the book of Joshua chapter 4.

I am offering apologies for last week and wish everyone has a wonderful week!



Lodge #2783

By
Betty Mewszel
Contributing Reporter
Dining at The Lodge
Our seafood boil dinner is open to the public! This event is a membership drive and fundraiser for our scholarship fund. This

event is a great opportunity to visit our lodge and see what we are all about. Call the lodge at (660) 438-9498 to make a reservation!

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

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

Friday, March 21, Seafood Boil w/(2) potatoes and (2) Corn on the Cob, Shrimp (1/2 pound) \$15, Shrimp and Crab Legs (1/2 pound of shrimp and 1 pound of snow crab claws) \$25, Corned Beef w/Potatoes and Cabbage \$12, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Signup sheets at the lodge, Please RSVP

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

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

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

The lodge has several regular activities during the week.

Tuesday-Shuffleboard at 2:00 PM

Wednesday-Darts at 6:00 PM

Thursday-The Lodge Boys play at 1:00 PM

Stop by and join in the fun and meet some new friends! This last weekend several officers on our board and members of our lodge had the pleasure of attending our Spring State Convention in Jefferson City. This convention gave everyone a chance to learn, meet new people, exchange ideas and receive the lodge awards.

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 and sponsorship forms 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 information.

Members, if you haven't signed up for our new app, you are missing out on all the current information on events, meals, special events, along with resource info: myelks.org.



Dear Editor,
I appreciated the Donnie Nichols front page column encouraging property owners to look out for the welfare of butterflies and other pollinators. Their survival and ours are ultimately intertwined.

Nature stories deserve more of a headline-I almost missed this one!

Ethan Hirsh
Lincoln, MO



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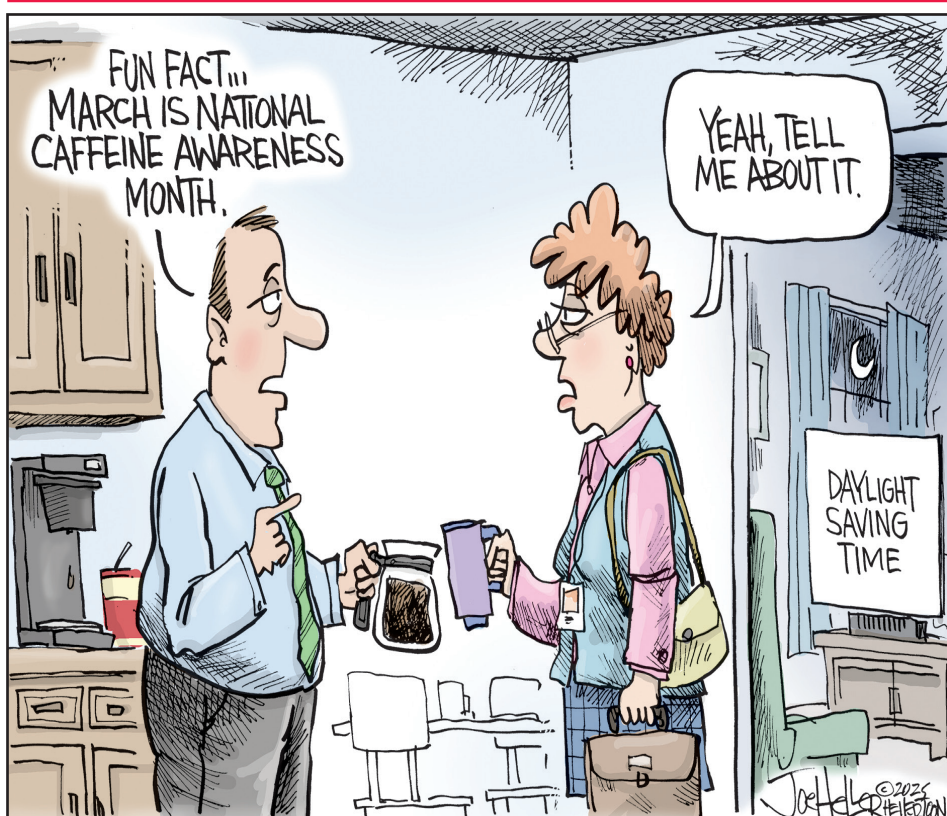
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Have I Got A Line For You!
By James Mahlon White



Aunt Jane died Thursday evening after a series of health setbacks that she fought courageously and with a sense of humor. She had an exuberant spirit that served her well for 94 years. She once remarked, "I'd like to see the ocean again and I know that's not possible, but I do have the trees on

Locust Street." Aunt Jane's long life was endowed with an inner peace. She learned to separate those things she could control from the things she could not, she didn't worry about matters beyond her power. This ability was the secret to her longevity. In the last few weeks Aunt Jane faded a bit, not her

mind but her eyes, ears and strength. More and more of our conversation had to do with her readiness for death. She wasn't depressed about the inevitable. Even less was she angry or fearful or wishing for the past. At the end on Thursday it was if she had a long day of visiting friends and going to the Kauffman Center, all things she loved. And then it was time to leave. When she was gone I thought of Emily Dickinson: "Because I could not stop for Death- He kindly stopped for me." I believe Aunt Jane was glad to see Him. We could well learn a lesson from how she handled aging, for that matter, life in general. God speed JWB, and a fond farewell.

I'm going to bow off this keyboard early and will try to do better next week. Meanwhile, take care of yourself and take time to let the ones you care for know it. For nothing stays the same, including human beings and animals. We have to love them while they're here. And that's life, Old Buddy.

'Til Next Week:
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- *When should you take Social Security?* The answer to this question depends on many factors, such as your age and other sources of income. You can take Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will typically be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you can afford to wait even longer, your payments will "max out" when you reach age 70. Your decision on when to take Social Security can affect your spouse — and vice versa. If the lower-earning spouse claims Social Security before their full retirement age — again, age 67 — their own retirement benefit and any potential spousal benefit will be reduced. (Spousal benefits are given to the lower-earning spouse if their full retirement benefit is less than half the other spouse's full retirement benefit.)

- *Should you downsize?* If you live in a big home and your children are grown, you may find it economical to downsize. Of course, this is also an emotional decision, but you may find that you can save money by moving into a smaller home.

- *Where should you live?* Some states are far more expensive to live in than

others. You'll want to weigh your decision carefully, considering the cost of housing, food, income and real estate taxes, transportation and health care in whatever state you choose.

- *Have you finished your estate plans?* If not, now is the time. You'll want to work with your legal professional to create whatever documents are needed — a will, living trust, power of attorney — to help ensure your assets go where you want them to go, and that your financial and health care choices will be protected if you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

Of course, many of these same issues will apply if you are single, divorced or widowed. But if you are married, you and your spouse will want to discuss all your choices and then decide which steps to take. Once you've got your plans in place, you may well find that you can fully enjoy your retirement years.

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WORD ON THE STREET

What was your first car?



A 1988 or 1989 Chevy Beretta GT.
-Shane Simons



A '69 Chevy Impala.
-Chris Baker



A 1991 Chevy 1/2 ton, extended cab pickup; 2 tone.
-Charlie Daleske



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CC BOARD

(Continued from Page 1) wanted to be more than just an involved parent in my children’s education. I decided to run for School Board to think bigger picture and so I could be a part of shaping the future of their education. As my kids have grown older and graduated, I have continued to enjoy helping guide our District in the pursuit of an excellent education for our students. I believe our school operates very well and I feel honored to have represented the patrons of the District for 18 years. It would be a privilege to remain sitting at the table and continuing to help the District excel.

Zach Lutjen: It has been shown that teachers make over 1,500 decisions in a day. As a former teacher, I know a lot of those decisions are made on the spot, in the moment. Being a voice for teachers, coming from someone who has spent over 13 years in a classroom is important for me. If our teachers are heard and feel understood and valued, then that will show in the classrooms. Students of course are our priority, but having teachers that feel safe, supported, and believed in, to me, is the biggest step, and first step, in the success of our students.

Pamela Eckhoff: I see a number of pediatric (school aged) children, teachers and administration in clinic and am very involved in this community. I also have children that attend the school and realize the importance that having a strong community and board behind its administration and teachers is to the success of our children.

What do you see as the board’s role and responsibilities?

Doogs: The basic role of the Board is to establish policies for the District and to hire the best Admin team possible to carry out these policies. With strong leadership present, the district will be in a position to hire, mentor, and develop quality staff. With that entire team in place, it enables us to maintain the top tier facility that Cole Camp has become. I believe the Board has the duty to be fiscally

responsible to the taxpayers of the District and ensure our school is providing the best education possible within the budget constraints. The Board can also be the link between ideas originating from District patrons and changes in how the District operates.

Lutjen: A huge part of the board is there to help make tough decisions and assist with budgeting; however, we are also here for the little things too. We are the HR of the community to the school. We should be approachable members of the community, that are willing to listen and see all sides. We are the open lines of communication, and we are here to celebrate things

the school is doing that is great, and to check in on things that are concerning.

Eckhoff: I see the school boards roles and responsibilities in several different aspects. The board ultimately is responsible for insuring that district policies and procedures benefit and promote student education so that students are prepared academically to further their education after graduation or prepared to enter the work force as a productive member of society. Other responsibilities I see as the boards role are preparing for changes and setting goals in district academics for the district to achieve, advocating for teachers and leaders in the district, setting budgets for and strategically utilizing resources for successful district implementation of education and district activities, monitoring progress of the implementation of educational goals set for the children of the district. I also believe that members of the boards should be responsible for being forward thinking about the future of the district, having a vision and goals for the district, having and maintaining good relationships with people in the district and community.

How would you handle the requests, if approached, of an individual? (Example: Someone asks you to consider a gifted program to the curriculum.)

Doogs: The first step is to LISTEN to the individual to fully understand, respect, and appreciate the request. Discuss their

request, then advise them of the appropriate chain of command to begin the process. Inform the Superintendent of the request so it can be relayed to the appropriate Administrator. This enables everyone to be aware so there are no surprises. It could be discussed at the Board level if it is something that is already under consideration and/or added to the agenda of our next strategic planning meeting to discuss further implementation. Noteworthy changes are not something that happen overnight. Starting new programs takes significant planning to ensure they are done correctly and can be a viable addition to the District.

Lutjen: Of course this would depend upon the circumstance of the request, however in most instances, I would recommend the individual use the appropriate guidelines and process for submitting a request to the board. As a member of the board, you have to appreciate the appropriate resources that need to be utilized prior to send an issue to the board. For example, if a parent were having an issue with a classroom teacher or process, I would encourage them to first reach out to the teacher to resolve the issue. If they need further assistance, I would encourage them to reach out to the principal or proper administrator to resolve the issue at the appropriate level. Of course, if there were ongoing issues or if the issue was policy driven that required a change to be considered, I would have them come to a board meeting or submit the proper request.

Eckhoff: I would ask for as much information regarding the request, and encourage the community member to gather that information and bring it to the next board meeting, obviously it is something I would bring up as well, but hearing from the community member who has the desire, it will be best hearing it from them, and having a board would open up more knowledge, feedback and also give the opportunity to see if the request is a feasible one that will be beneficial to the majority of our students.

What is your vision for education in this community?

Doogs: To provide the best, overall, well-rounded education possible. To assist our students in the development of academic physical, intellectual and social skills to effectively navigate live. These skills build a solid foundation for them to be successful in whatever they choose to do after graduation, whether that be college, trade school, military or the work force. We cannot be solely focus on any specific area of the education world (sports, fine arts, college bound students, etc.). We must consider all facets available to develop well-versed individuals to lead our community into the future. The Board must operate and make all decisions based on the question, “Is this what is best for the student of our District and is this necessary to provide a quality, well-rounded education?” I believe curriculum and policies should be a local decision and not dictated by what is happening in larger metropolitan areas outside our District or state. Governing decisions should be made by the District, for the District.

Lutjen: Growing up in a rivalry community, Cole Camp was always considered Elite, academically, athletically. All the way around. Students were involved, and community spirit always appeared very high. My vision is for CC to be in the top 3 school districts academically. For our athletes to perform with dignity, and a high level of sportsmanship, to have a student section that is involved and proud, and to foster that school pride throughout the community.

Eckhoff: My goal for the education of this community is to provide resources and support for educators to have the tools to teach our children the necessary education to be successful throughout their lifetime after they graduate.

Do board members/ the board have a role in the day-to-day operation of the district? Can you/ should you support a board decision that you are not in favor of?

Doogs: The Board is responsible for setting the policies and framework that are used to operate on a daily basis, but should not be actively involved in the day-to-day activities. It is the Board’s responsibility to put the best possible Admin team in place who will then hire the most qualified staff available. The Admin team and staff are the experts in educating our students and this should be respected by the Board. It must always be remembered, that unless authorized to act on behalf of the Board as a whole, board members do not have any individual authority to act as a school official. Their authority is only present when operating as a Board. The time and place for disagreement or discussion is at the Board table. Once a vote is taken and the decision is made, the Board, as a whole, needs to support that decision moving forward. If a vote passes or fails 7-0 or 4-3 or somewhere in between, once the vote is completed, the decision has been made,

and the Board needs to support that as a unified group. If new information is presented, the issue can be reconsidered with the potential of another vote occurring. Openly arguing for or against an issue after the vote has been recorded will only bring division to the Board and ultimately to the District.

Lutjen: Board members should not have a role in the day-to-day operation, we have hired the correct administration for that. We are there to help if they need it.

Eckhoff: I believe that the administration, teachers, and staff of the school have the biggest influence on the day-to-day operation of the school. However, the school board should support them by providing guidelines/policies and structure to maximize their effectiveness.

What do you see as the current challenges facing our district? How should those challenges be addressed?


Doogs: Today, one of the biggest challenges in all business sectors is finding the best qualified candidates and being competitive with salaries and benefits that will bring them to the team. Once we find the best candidates, we want to retain them. Both the Board and Admin should be willing to think outside the box when filling positions

and be flexible, to the extent possible. As a District, the salary schedules and benefits need to be routinely monitored and adjusted when able, to make sure we are playing competitive with area districts to retain quality staff. I also believe we should regularly evaluate the educational and extracurricular offerings we have in our district to make sure we are providing current and applicable information to our students while serving the greatest number of student possible. Everything stated in this answer is depend on adequate funding being available, which is the underlying challenge to all actions a school district takes in the pursuit of providing a quality education.

Lutjen: Our current challenges are state and federal funding. Our job is to make sure that our funding is being utilized in the best way possible, and at the same time giving our student’s new opportunities that they have not had in the past (more hands-on classes).

Eckhoff: I think, as I have encountered many instances of this in my practice, is the ability to support and guide the children of the district with limited knowledge of some of the children’s backgrounds and home environment, as well as limited resources for the district to utilize.

BENTON COUNTY Sheriff's Report



ERIC KNOX
Benton County Sheriff



Sheriff's Report
3/7/25 to 3/13/25

Cody Ryan Fletcher-Fulks of Warsaw, MO was sentenced on 3-9-25 to 48 hours in the Benton County Detention Facility. Subject completed the sentence and was released.

Sara Marie Lawson of Warsaw, MO was sentenced on 3-9-25 to 48 hours in the Benton County Detention Facility. Subject completed the sentence and was released.

Tony Allen Webber of Warsaw, Mo was arrested on 3-9-25 for Driving While Intoxicated. Subject was booked, printed and released with a court date.

Darren Lee Tackett of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-10-25 on a Dekalb County warrant for Stealing-\$750.00 or more and Identity Theft or Attempt. Bond is set at \$2,500.00 cash only. Subject was transported to another county.

Michelle Ann Phillips of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-10-25 for Shoplifting. Subject was booked printed and released with a court date.

Mark Christopher Roth of Lincoln, MO was arrested on 3-10-25 on a Howard County warrant for Non-Support, Total Arrears in Excess of 12 monthly payments. Bond is set at \$5,000.00 10% Authorized or surety. Subject posted

bond and was released with a court date.

James Thomas Killham 3rd, of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-10-25 on a Benton County warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Register Motor Vehicle. Bond is set at \$280.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Larry Dale Faucher of Harrisonville, AR was arrested on 3-11-25 on a Benton County warrant for Passing a Bad Check. Bond is set at \$10,000.00 cash or surety. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

Michelle Renee Woodcox of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-12-25 on a Cass County warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Bond is set at \$1,000.00 cash only. Subject was transported to another county.

Benjamin Levi Parmalee of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-13-25 on a 24 hour investigative hold. Subject is being held in the Benton County Detention Facility pending review of charges

Briana Nichole Williams of Warsaw, MO was arrested on 3-13-25 on a Morgan County warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Register Vehicle and Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility. Bond is set at \$300.00 cash only. Subject posted bond and was released with a court date.

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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.

Spring Grove Missionary Baptist Church: 25478 Hwy T, Warsaw. Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Service 11:00 AM, Pastor: Bro. Matt Henderson

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CATHOLIC

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

Sts. 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.

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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.

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

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

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

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

NAZARENE

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

PENTECOSTAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

OTHERS

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

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

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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



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COURT OF BENTON
COUNTY, MISSOURI****JUVENILE DIVISION****Case No.:
25BE-JU00004**

In Re The Adoption Of:
MELISSA NOVIE
MAELLA BELSHA, a
Minor,
and
MASON DOUGLASS
BELSHA and
CHARLOTTE RACHEL
BELSHA,
2043 Northview Road,
Marshfield, Missouri.
Petitioners.
vs
REBECCA TAYLOR,
1412 S. Grand
Sedalia, Missouri.
and
TYLER DEAN BELSHA
18639 Highway P
Ionia, Missouri
Respondents.

**NOTICE UPON
ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

You are hereby notified that a petition for adoption has been filed by Mason Douglass Belsha and Charlotte Rachel Belsha regarding the minor child, Melissa Novie Maella Belsha. The respondent in this case is Rebecca Taylor. Please take notice and govern yourself accordingly. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the date of FEBRUARY 27, 2025, Judgment by Default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 21st day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

Circuit Clerk of Benton
County, Missouri
/s/ MARY SIERCKS
By: Deputy Circuit Clerk

**Date(s) of Publication:
FEBRUARY 27, 2025;
MARCH 6, 2025;
MARCH 13, 2025;
MARCH 20, 2025**

**IN THE 27TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
BENTON COUNTY,
MISSOURI****PROBATE DIVISION****Case Number:
24BE-PR00118**

In the Estate of MARY
LOU RIDINGER,
Deceased.

**Notice of Letters
Testamentary Granted
(Independent
Administration)**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY LOU RIDINGER, Decedent:
On FEBRUARY 14, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARY LOU RIDINGER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of BENTON COUNTY Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The name, business address and phone number of the personal representative is:
MICHAEL E LANGLEY,
28654 OCHRE STREET,
WARSAW, MO 65355;
816-520-6616

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
GABLE B. DULL, 220W. MAIN ST./P.O. BOX 1495,
WARSAW, MO 65355;
660-438-7102

All creditors of said decedent are notified to

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

Date of the decedent's death: 08-OCT-2024

Date of first publication:
MARCH 6, 2025

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

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

**Date(s) of Publication:
3/6/25; 3/13/25; 3/20/25;
3/27/25**

**TO BE PUBLISHED
IN: BENTON COUNTY
ENTERPRISE****NOTICE OF TRUST
ADMINISTRATION**

To all persons interested in the estate of Jack D. Smith, decedent. The undersigned Michael Alyea is acting as Successor Trustee under a Trust the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is 22994 HWY H, Lincoln, MO 65338.

All creditors of the decedent are noticed to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Michael Alyea
Successor Trustee

**Date(s) of Publication:
March 13, 20, 27 & April
3, 2025**

**NOTICE OF
TRUSTEE'S SALE**

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Eugene Perkins, Jr., dated June 15, 2018, and recorded on June 15, 2018, in Book No. 650, at Page 3234 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Benton County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on April 15, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at the North Front Door of the Benton County Courthouse, Warsaw, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

Lots 66 and 67, and the southeasterly half (also called the south half) of Lots 65 and 68, Block 3, BLUE BRANCH, a subdivision in Benton County, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 31757 Franklin St, Warsaw, MO, 65355 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C.

Successor Trustee

First Publication: March 20, 2025. For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 245177-1052294).

**Date(s) of Publication:
March 20 & 27 and April
3 & 10, 2025**

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF BENTON
COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT WARSAW****JUVENILE DIVISION****Case No.
25BE-JU00014**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.L., DOB: 8/14/2012 A
Minor,
AUGUST H.
B O L E N D E R ,
and PATRICIA S.
BOLENDER, Petitioners,
vs. JOSE ROLANDO
LOZANO and EMILY
SUZANNE STICE,
Respondents.**

**NOTICE UPON
ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

State of Missouri to Respondent: JOSE ROLANDO LOZANO
You are notified that an action has commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Benton County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to secure a judgment of adoption for your child, and to change her names.

The names of all the parties to this action are stated above, and the name and address of the attorney for petitioner is: Gable B. Dull, Dull Law, LLC, 220 W. Main St/PO Box 1495, Warsaw, Missouri 65355, Tel. No. (660)438-7102.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after March 20th, 2025, the date of first publication of this notice, judgment by default will be taken against you.

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

Dated: 3/17/2025

By:
/s/ MARY SIERCKS,
Deputy Clerk
Shanda Schultz,
Circuit Clerk

**Date(s) of Publication:
3/20, 3/27, 4/3 & 4/10/2025**

**NOTICE OF
STOCKHOLDERS
MEETING/CITIZENS
FARMERS BANK OF
COLE CAMP**

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of The Citizens Farmers Bank of Cole Camp Missouri will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at the main banking facility located at 121 E Main Street in Cole Camp.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect seven (7) directors for the ensuing year and to transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

**Date(s) of Publication:
March 20 & 27, 2025 and
April 3, 2025**



CRAWFORD AUCTION SERVICE

Will sell the following located from Fair Grove, MO - Jct. Hwys. 65/CC - West to AF then North 1 miles to 209 Rd., then north 7/10 mile to Farm Rd. 2, then West 1.7 miles. Watch for auction signs.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2025 - 9 AM

GUNS - TOOLS - ANTIQUES - HOUSEHOLD - MISC.

GUNS - SELL AT 9 AM

- 2 Marlin 22 (1 Bolt Action)
- Spencer 12 Ga. Single Shot
- Ithaca 20 Ga. Double Barrel - No Stock
- Remington 28 Ga. Bolt Action
- 2 CVA Black Powder 50 Cal.
- 4-5 BB Guns
- Old Gun Parts, Barrels, Stocks
- Some Ammo
- 5-6 Older Crossbows
- 4-5 Compound Bows
- 4 Old Swords
- 15-20 New Pocket & Hunting Knives

STORAGE BUILDING/CABIN SELL AT 1 PM

- 10x20 Cabin/Storage Building, Wired, Good Shape

TOOLS & MISC.

- Lincoln 225 Port. Welder, Onan Gas Motor, on Small Trailer
- Lincoln Ranger 8 Port. Welder, 16 HP Onan Motor, on Trailer
- Portable Generator on Small Trailer
- Husqvarna Port. Generator
- Swisher 22 Ton Wood Splitter
- Elect. Cement Mixer
- 2 Polaris 500 Sportsman 4 Wheelers
- Yamaha Big Bear 4 Wheeler, Runs?
- Older 14' Aluminum V Bottom Boat & Trailer
- 2 V Bottom Fiberglass Boats
- Older Alum. Canoe
- Paddle Boat
- 2 Wire Dog Kennels, 10x12?
- 2 Motorcycle Frames
- Punch Press
- Metal Twister (Used in Ornamental Iron Work) Elect. Motor
- 4-5 Metal Welding Tables
- Metal Storage Racks
- 3 Alum. Storage Cabinets, 6' Tall
- Metal Bolt Cabinet, Full
- Lot Metal & Wood Drill Bits
- Lot Nails, Bolts, Nuts, Hinges, Brass
- Lot Asst. Power Hand Tools
- Lot Long Handle Tools
- Lot Hand Saws
- Lot Wood Planes, Crosscut Saws, Rd. Saw Blades
- 2-3 Ice Tongs
- Lot Hammers
- Welding Rod
- Lot Grinding Wheels
- Sev. Toolboxes
- Masonry Tools
- Blacksmith Tools

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

- Cast Iron Church/School Bell
- Small Cast Iron Bell
- 2 Well Pumps, 3-4 Cistern Pumps
- Broad Axe, Platform Feed Scale
- Sev. 10 Gal. Milk Cans
- Galv. Buckets, 6-8 Iron Wheels
- 2 Iron Wheel Bench & Yard Swing
- Concrete Jockey, Stop Light
- Airport Light, 3 Light Fixtures
- Alum. Merry Go Round Horse & Duck
- Wood Boxes, 3-4 Box Insulators
- Lot Door Knobs
- Walnut Bannister Spindles
- Sev. Iron Chairs & Tables
- 4-5 School Desks, 3 Camel Back Trunks
- 2 Showcases, Asst. Chairs/Furniture
- Cast Iron Tea Pot
- 6 Lunch Boxes, 3-4 Churn Tops
- 2 Griswold Skillets
- RR & Other Kerosene Heaters
- Kerosene Lamps & Lots Chimneys
- Sev. Old Elect. Lamps, 2 Elect. Fans
- 5-6 Porcelain License Plates 1914 & Up
- 5-6 Alum. Christmas Trees
- Old Christmas Decorations
- Hess Toy Trucks & Cars, NIB
- Other Toys, Sev. Bags Marbles
- 15-20 Arrowheads
- Stamp Collection
- Old Magazines - Papers
- Lot Buttons
- Metal Horses & Stage Coach Lamp
- Wood Airplane Prop.

- Rolling Pin Collection
- Kitchen Utensils, Alum. Trays, Misc.
- Ruby Red Glass
- Clear Depression Glass
- Ice Tea Glasses
- Lg. Set Gold Rim China
- Milk Glass, Other Glassware
- Office Chair
- Oak Dresser
- 3 Oak Ice Boxes
- Piano Stool, Couch
- 2 Library Tables
- 2 Barrister Bookcases
- 3 Printer Drawers
- Oak Washstand, Small Tables
- Lg. Oak Cabinet
- Jewelry Cabinet, Jewelry Scale
- Oak Map Cabinet
- Chest of Drawers
- Murphy Bed
- Butcher Block Table
- RR - Rail Top Desk
- 3 Wall Telephones
- Primitive Open Front Hutch
- 3-4 Coo Coo Clocks
- 3-4 Hump Back Mantle Clocks
- Wooden Ducks
- 8 Gal. Crock - Blue Speckled Pot
- Asst. Crock Jugs & Jars
- Collection of Old Bottles, Jars
- Sad Irons
- 5-6 Wood Juggling Bats
- Minnow Traps & Buckets
- Coleman Lantern
- Sev. Framed Pictures, Much More

FURNITURE & OTHER

- Leather Couch & Loveseat
- Couch & Platform Rocker
- 5 Pc. Sleigh Bedroom Set, King Size, Off White
- Single Bed
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- 2 Outdoor Light Fixtures, NIB
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Due to the loss of my husband, I am selling my home & downsizing, we will sell the following at public Auction on:

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2002 Artic Cat 400i 4x4 ATV,
John Deere LX178 lawn mower 44" (needs a hood),
Honeywell 7500watt 420cc portable generator,
Brave 20 ton 9hp log splitter, **Forest King** stump grinder (w/extra blades),
7' 3pt **Bush Hog** 70-07 Blade, L shape fuel transfer tank w/electric fuel pump,
DR pull type yard vac 8.5hp, 4 wheel lawn wagon, JD lawn cart,

HOUSEHOLD & MISC.

Kenmore upright freezer, **Broyhill** 3pc. suede living room set (sofa, love seat & ottoman),
several end tables, small black credenza, Oak roll top desk, **Lazy-Boy** dual reclining leather sofa,
armoire, entry bench, blanket chest, lot misc. occ tables, 1920s oak sideboard, 2 - storage cabinets,
Washstand, church pew 5', pr metal & glass end tables, dry sink, knee hole desk, lot floor & table lamps,
China hutch, lot misc. craft supplies & organizers, 2 - 2xl vintage 1980s Nascar "Winston Cup" jackets,
lg lot pillows & shams, towels & linens, 5 sets gromet draperies, luggage, vintage raggedy



Ann & Andy,
lot misc. holiday decor, patio table & chairs, golf net, misc. shelving, misc. Coca Cola items, plant stands,
Misc. NASCAR collectibles hats flags & misc. (signed die cast Joe Gibbs & Bobby Labonte car),
MPC 10th anniversary Trans-Am model (NIB), lot 70s & 80s record albums,

TOOLS & MISC.

9 - cord of split firewood mostly oak, **Stihl** MS311 chain saw, **Stihl** gas pole saw,
Set of 2016 **Ford** 20" chrome alloy wheels w/275-55R-20 Goodyear Eagle all season tires,
Black Max 60gal. upright 6hp air compressor, **Stihl** gas string trimmer, 3pt sprayer w/wings, ATV sprayer, air hose reel, lot misc. 5" bench vise, **Guardian** 16spd 3/4hp HD floor drill press,
long handled tools, 20' alum extension ladder, **Marquette** Redi-Arc 180amp arc welder,
lot misc. corded hand tools, chop saw, 3ton floor jack, **Craftsman** 10" table saw w/cast iron top,
8" 3/4hp bench grinder, lot misc. fluids, lot hand tools, Lot hardware organizers,
Schumacher roll around battery charger, lot misc. gloves, 3 - wire cattle panels, log chains, lot misc. electrical extension cords & wire, garden hose reel, Lot plastic fuel jugs,

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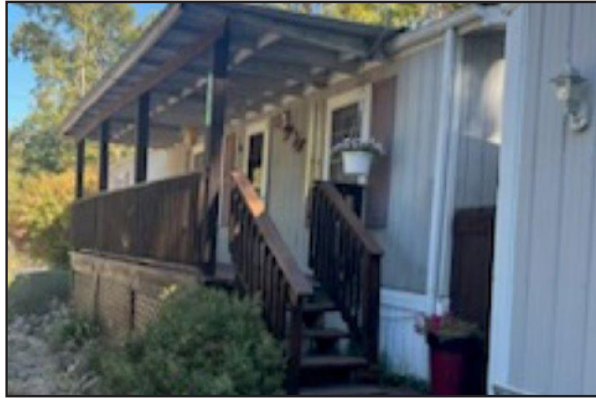
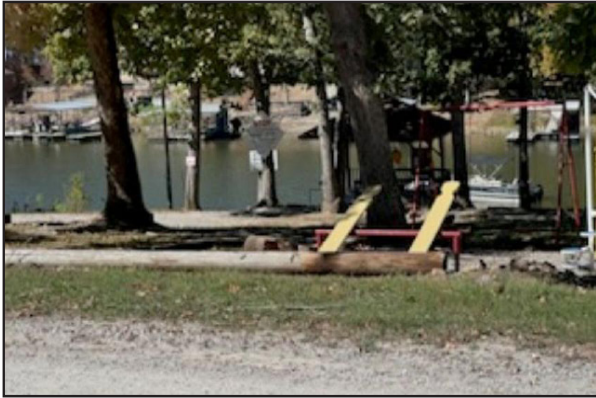

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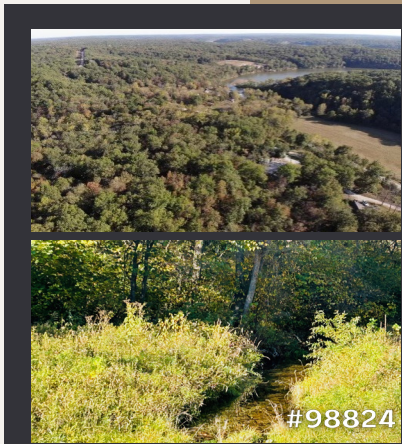
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#98824



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Custom built in 2021, this 3bd/2ba home offers rustic charm and quality craftsmanship. The master suite features a walk-in closet and a master bath with a walk-in shower. The efficient gallery kitchen is paired with a large laundry room, and the home is move-in ready. Sitting on 1 acre at the end of a dead-end road, it offers privacy with trees, wildflowers, and easy access to the school.

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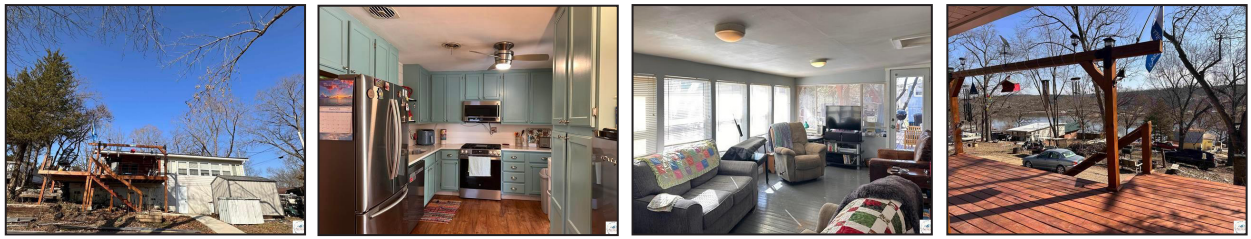
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WELCOME TO 403 VAN BUREN, a one-of-a-kind property nestled in the heart of the picturesque square of historic Warsaw, Missouri. Built in the 1930s by Dr. Gus Salley, this home exudes timeless charm with its large windows, antique doors, and bold craftsman trim, preserving the elegance of a bygone era. The upstairs features a beautifully remodeled 3-bedroom, 1-bath fully furnished living space. Whether you're looking for a cozy retreat or a turnkey investment, this space is ready to move in. The main level currently serves as a 5-room, 1-bath commercial rental, bringing in consistent income. In addition, a detached building on the property provides an exciting opportunity for further development, whether as additional living space or commercial space—endless possibilities await.

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SOLAR PANELS! MLS #99616 \$85,000



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Heifers

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Linda Mae Brady



Linda Mae Brady, 79, was born in Mason City, IA. Having attended younger grades in IA, she and her parents Lena and Louis Brady, moved to Kansas City, MO area, where she found employment during and after high school. Her first job at 15 was serving as a formal usher, escorting people to their seat, in the Midland Theatre. Later she had sewn Jeans for the Levi Strauss Company. At this point of her life, Linda M. Brady enlisted in the United States Army as a WAC (Women's Army Corp.) Medic. She served during the Vietnam War, treating burn victims at the base in San Francisco, CA.

Later, Linda served as a radiology technician, worked as a line inspector for Kenworth Semi-trucks, and made ammunition at the Lake City Plant in the Kansas City area. Every Job and location brought about new interests. Deciding to attend the University of Kansas, Linda received her Bachelor of Science in Medical Records Administration, which led her into an administrative career in Hastings, NE at the State Hospital. Being one of her favorite Jobs, she later relocated to Texas A&M University to complete an MA in Counseling, which led her to Nome, Alaska, where she worked as a psycho-therapist working with indigenous people of the area. Throughout her life she used these talents to help others, doing private counseling sessions. Brady, as an adult, chose to be confirmed at St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church in Canton, Ohio.

Traveling from one section of the country to another, one of her favorite parts of the United States was the Southwest area, where she studied the cultures, the people, the landscape, and the wildlife there. She

learned to love art and continued to collect and display art from this area, as well as other places she lived. Since 1995, Linda Brady had been a property owner in Benton County, living off the lake. She made many lifelong friends. In 2021, she and her Sister-in-Christ, Deb Hickman, moved to Tellico Village in Loudon, TN.

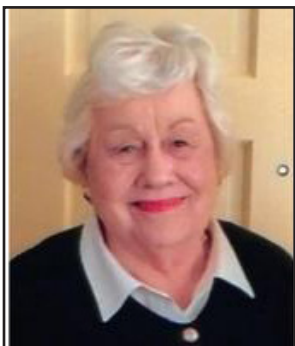
While in Warsaw, she attended and supported Faith Lutheran Church under the pastorage of Rev. Morris Meseke. Upon arriving in Tellico Village, both she and Deb became members of the Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, with Pastor Vickers as their present minister. Linda loved Jesus, and the United States of America. She never passed up an opportunity to share the greatness of both God and her patriotism to the U.S.A. Though unable to continue playing softball, golfing, walking, boating, water sports, or repairing engines, Linda loved her church and her church family in Loudon. She also loved the art shows and theater productions there. She had two pets, Sylvester (the cat) and Teddy, (the dog). Teddy, a comfort dog, visited nursing homes to brings smiles and Joy to others. Though unable to take Teddy for his missions, she, (being hospitalized and finally in hospice in the home,) never tired of the stories Deb brought home to share.

On February 16th Linda Brady went to be with God in her Triumphant Heavenly Home. Pastor Vickers had visited that afternoon, giving her communion. She was ready for pain-free rest after her illness. Survivors include a half- sister Henriette Volk (Charles), Port Byron, IL and her Sister-in-Christ, Deb Hickman (of the home.)

A funeral service was held in Tellico Village at the Lutheran Church, on March 1, 2025. It was broadcast on YouTube from Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Tellico Village, Loudon, TN., and is available for viewing still. Other memorial services will be held in areas where she had previously lived. One will be in Warsaw, MO, where Linda has remained a member of the American Legion, Post #0217. A

gathering at Drake Harbor will happen later this spring; Deb will look forward to seeing many of their friends then.

Jane Ellen White Brown



Jane White Brown, age 94, died on March 13, 2025.

Jane Ellen White was born on October 31, 1930, in the home of her grandparents, Ellen R. Kelly and John S. Kelly in the Glenaire Community of Liberty, Missouri. She was the daughter of Kathleen Kelly White and Mahlon Neil White of Warsaw, Missouri. She was the wife of Leo Conboy Brown, who preceded her in death. She grew up in the old riverboat town of Warsaw, Missouri, where her great-grandfather founded the *Benton County Enterprise* in 1879. Her mother inspired her love of nature by taking her on woodland walks, exploring caves and star gazing. Jane's love of music also stemmed from childhood memories of her mother singing around the piano and listening to records on the phonograph. Her father taught her the value of appreciating and respecting people from all walks of life. He once took her to have breakfast with members of a circus. He said, "Jane it takes everyone to get the circus tent and the performance on; from the clean-up crew to the trapeze artist's. She never forgot that. Jane and her father brought food for the tramps who slept overnight in railroad cars at the train depot. Joining her father in the Ozark Hills to watch a baptism in the river made a lasting impression. Jane's childhood experiences served her well as she later wrote a newspaper column titled "Pardon Me, If My Slip Is Showing", interviewing everyday people in Clinton, Missouri.

Jane graduated from Warsaw High School in 1949, with leadership experience as Class President. She attended William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri and later obtained a journalism degree from the University of Missouri where she was

a member if Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Following graduation in 1953, she worked as a reporter and advertising sales person for the Clinton Daily Democrat, before moving to Kansas City, Missouri in 1955. She had an extensive career in communications as a reporter, editor and fundraiser for not-for-profit agencies in the Kansas City area. She married Leo Conboy Brown in 1973 at the nostalgic Saint Patrick's Catholic Church and they eventually bought a home in Brookside.

Jane served as President for Kansas Industrial Editors, Estate Planning Council, The National Society of Fund-Raising Executives, The Greater Kansas City Council of Philanthropy and The Women's Committee for the UMKC Conservatory. She also organized and led a weekly discussion group at Saint Andrews H.P. Community Center covering national and local news. She volunteered her time reading law textbooks to visually impaired UMKC students. She was a Nelson Adkins Musuem volunteer for 44 years and served six years as a tour guide at the Kansas City Musuem of Contemporary Art.

In retirement, Jane enjoyed meeting friends for coffee at Bella Napoli, mediating near Grape Arbor in Swope Park and shopping for antiques at estate sales. She loved attending concerts and plays at the Kansas City Actors Theatre, Missouri Reparatory, The Unicorn Theatre and UMKC Student Recitals and the Kansas City Symphony.

Jane White Brown was preceded in death by her husband, Conboy; parents, Mahlon Neill and Kathleen Kelly White; brother, Mahlon Kelly White; and sisters, Lydia Alice White and Kathleen White Miles.

She is survived by her nephews and nieces John Kelly White, James Mahlon White, Ellen Miles Cullings, Julie White Lorenz, Amy White Jeffries and other family that includes great nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Riverside Cemetery in Warsaw on Saturday March 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM with lunch following at Hilltop BBQ.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Benton County Musuem, P.O. Box 1082 Warsaw, Missouri, 65355; The Women's Committee for the UMKC Conservatory c/o Mrs. John D. Turner, 649 West 69th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64113; or Development Director of UMKC Conservatory with funds going towards the Lydia Alice White and Mahlon Kelly White Piano Scholarship Fund.



Tammy Lawler



Tammy S. Lawler, age 67, of Quincy, Missouri passed away Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Centerpoint Hospital in Independence, Missouri. She was born on November 23, 1957 the daughter of Donna (Copp) and Harold Cobb. She was baptized into the faith at L.P. Union Church as a young teen and graduated from Warsaw High School in 1975.

Tammy married after high school, having her first daughter Stacey, in 1979. Tammy worked at Wetzel Clinic for many years and assisted with the ambulance, as a driver. She then worked at Burton-Wathall Ford; where she met her second husband, Gary Lawler, marrying on July 9th 1987. Together with Stacey, they welcomed their second daughter Heather, born in 1988. She then enjoyed a brief time as a stay at home mom while continuing to volunteer for the Jubilee Day's Committee, Warsaw Rodeo, and managing the Warsaw Municipal Pool during the summer.

Tammy began her career at the Benton County Health Department in 1994 working her way up to Assistant Administrator. She made lifelong friendships along the way and mentored many people; not only in their career but in life. She retired in 2019 to spend more time with her mother and grandson, Levi. In her retirement, she was able to enjoy many adventures on the open sea and sat many hours in the stands cheering on Levi and his teammates. Tammy was an avid seamstress and quilter, who loved putting together different projects for her family and friends.

Tammy is preceded in death by her father Harold and her husband Gary.

She is survived by her mother Donna, her aunt Greeta, her brother Ron (Jill), her daughters Stacey (Mike) and Heather (James) and two grandsons, Lane and Levi. Along with many other family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, March 16, 2025 at the Reser Funeral Home. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral from 1:00 until 2:00 P.M. Interment will follow the funeral in the Shawnee Cemetery.

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

Doris Ellen Nickles



Doris Ellen Nickles, 84, passed away March 6, 2025 after a brief illness in Clinton, Missouri.

Doris was born in Alba, Missouri on October 27, 1940 to Isaac J. Ennis and Blanche M. Earl; She was married "Nick" Nickles for several years before divorcing. Doris had 3 daughters: Brenda (who preceded her in death), Terry, and Joy. She also has a nephew Mike whom she considered "the son she never had". Doris had several other niece and nephews, with her beloved grandson Donny preceding her in death.

She has one surviving sister, Linda. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Marvin, Ralph, and Delbert and a sister Rose.

Doris worked many jobs in her lifetime and was a hard worker not to mention a survivor- she always had a can-do attitude. Her life was not always an easy path but she persisted and made a great life for herself. She resided in Peoria, Illinois where she worked at the Penguin Tap for several years and many close relationships and lifetime friends, with whom she stayed in touch.

After his employment ended with the closing of Pabst brewery, Doris and Nickles left with clothes on their back and sheer determination moved to Branson Missouri in early 1980's (before Branson was Branson). Together they built their bar called "Hard Times ". Doris loved to serve all the customers and enjoyed the many returning customers that came each year to see her. She always kept her German Shepard "Boozer" by her side, working side by side with her in the bar. Through the business, she was able to meet Willie Nelson, who stopped in for a beer as well as Waylon Jennings and Brad Pitt. Doris also had a clothing shop not far from the bar that she enjoyed selling jewelry and clothing. Doris always loved having the most colorful clothing and jewelry and a flare for eclectic style.

Doris absolutely loved music -she loved her oldies but she loved playing her organ keyboard, especially on New Year's Eve. She liked to make up melodies and songs as well as sing. These things brought great joy to her. Doris always said they could write a book about her life story.

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time with her grandson Donny fishing and hanging out with her best buddy. Unfortunately he passed away while serving in the US Army.

Doris also enjoyed spending much time with Mike, her cherished nephew, whom she treated him like the son she never had. She loved spending time with him and enjoyed his company. Mike's presence gave her peace and comfort.

Doris lived her life to the fullest and enjoyed life very much despite hardships she found a way to live life and live it well. Her last important sentiments and words will always stay in our hearts-which is - its import to keep your memories of family and friends as well as staying in touch with those that matter; life is too short so it's very important to hold onto those wonderful moments in life and those who meant everything to you.

Special thanks goes out to Irene VanWinkle who was a great friend and caregiver to Doris. Irene was there for Doris to the very end and that meant everything to her and her family.

Arrangements for her cremation are under the direction of the Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw, Missouri.

Memorial contributions can be made to Clinton Animal Shelter (Missouri). Clintonanimalshelter@yahoo.com-(660) 885-7999 to place donations.

Janice (Kay) K. Owsley



Janice Kay Owsley, age 81, of Cross Timbers, Missouri passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at the Jacobs Ladder Hospice House in Springfield, Missouri. She was born on August 28, 1943 in St. Charles, Missouri the oldest daughter of Cecil and Beatrice Davis.

She grew up in St. Charles and graduated from St. Charles High School. She later attended college where she earned her bachelor's degree in nursing. Kay was employed with Bothwell Hospital in both the medical-surgical and the orthopedic units. She later took a position with Bothwell Home Health as a rehabilitation nurse.

In 1961, Kay was united in marriage to Patrick Tallman in St. Charles, MO. To this union two children were born; Christopher and Greta. They made their home in Missouri, North Dakota, Montana and returning to Missouri. The couple later divorced. In October of 1995 she was united in marriage to JC Owsley. They made their home in Cross Timbers, Missouri.

Kay enjoyed cooking, playing cards and spending time with her grandchildren. She also loved quilting. Kay received national notoriety with her passion and talent as a fabric artist. She received state recognition many years at the Missouri State Fair and was a member of several quilting clubs in the area.

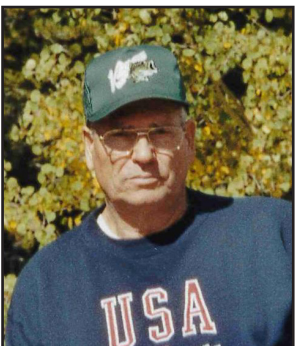
She is survived by her husband, JC Owsley, of the home, five children; Chris Tallman and his wife Cynthia, of Warrensburg, Missouri, Greta Siegel, and her husband Stephen, of Pilot Grove, Missouri, Jesse Owsley, and his wife Vickie, of Springfield, Missouri, Katherine Long, and her husband John, of Springfield and Paula Long and her husband Jimmy, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, a brother, Ronnie Davis, and his wife Pam, of St. Charles, Missouri, a

sister, Sue Recman, and her husband Milan, of O'Fallon, Missouri, nine grandchildren; Nick Siegel, of Sedalia, Missouri, Kaitlyn Clintsman, and her husband Jeremy, of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Tristan Tallman, of Warrensburg, Missouri, JB Long, of Springfield, Missouri, Sarah Long, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Anna Long, of Clemson, South Carolina, Michael Owsley, of Lansing, Michigan, David Owsley, of Springfield, Missouri and Kat Owsley, of Kirksville, Missouri, two great grandchildren, Jensen and Jaeden Siegel and one more, Galilee Clintsman, on the way.

Visitation will be held at the Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw, Missouri on Monday, March 17, 2025 from 1:00 until 3:00 P.M. Burial will be held in the Cross Timbers Cemetery during a private family service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cross Timbers Cemetery c/o the Reser Funeral Home 101 W. Main Street Warsaw, Missouri 65355.

Don Ray Willis



Don Ray Willis of Macks Creek departed this life March 16, 2025, in the home of his grandson on the farm in Macks Creek, MO.

Don Ray Willis was born Sept 19, 1929, in a small cabin on Broads Branch Southeast of Macks Creek, near Edith, MO. To his parents Edward Addison (Pete) Willis, and Edith Meads Willis.

Don was raised in Macks Creek, and everyone was poor born in the depression, there wasn't a lot to eat, there definitely wasn't much money and there were a lot of mouths to feed. Don always had chores to do and worked like a man from a young age. Don and his family walked wherever they went locally and made the best out of what they had. Don attended grade school at Pleasant Grove School in his early years. He later quit school to work and help support his family. Don later returned to school enrolling into Camdenton School District, where he played basketball, was the Homecoming King and finished receiving his diploma. Don even drove the school bus as a job while attending school as a student. While in school at Camdenton Don worked, saved money, supported his own way through school, even loaning money to his parents for them to be able to survive. While in school Don saw the most beautiful young lady and knew that he just had to get a date with her. He would always say that she was the hardest girl to ever get a date with. He never had any problems getting a date with the other girls, but she was hard. Her name was Bessie Newton. Eventually Bessie gave in, and they started dating and they were married on May 21, 1949, at Don's grandfather's house near Edith, MO. Shortly after marriage Don and Bessie had a dream to move to Kansas City to find a good job, live frugally, save enough money to buy a farm in Macks Creek, and stock it with cattle and pay cash for it all. They held true to their dream and done just that. They purchased their farm in Bannister Hollow in 1965 and finally moved back to Macks Creek in 1968. While in Kansas City, Don worked for nearly 20 years for Ralston Purina Feed Company where he mixed feed, delivered feed, drove semi-trucks and wore many

hats. Daily Don would throw 200-pound sacks of feed like they were a bag of potatoes. While in Kansas City, Don and Bessie gave birth to and were raising their three sons. Newton, Steve & Tim. Don and Bessie knew that they had to get their sons out of Kansas City, and to the farm so that they could learn some of the most important lessons in life hands-on. After returning home to Macks Creek Don started his second career with the State of Missouri, retiring from MODOT after over 20 years of service. Don always worked hard on the farm and there were always cattle to work, haul, transfer, building fence, cutting brush, picking up rocks etc. If there wasn't something to do, he would find all family members something to do. Bessie was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in the 80's and passed away on December 18, 1991. They shared 42 years, 6 months and 27 days together. Don was heartbroken as Bessie was the love of his life. He was later introduced to Yvonne Easter Gemes who her husband was killed in a tragic farming accident in 1987. Don and Easter were married on October 10, 1992. They shared 31 years, 3 months and 14 months of marriage together.

Don was a member of Harmony missionary Baptist Church in Macks Creek. Don was saved in the fall of 1940 at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He had quite the testimony of his time and place where the Lord saved his soul, and he loved sharing it. There was not a person who he met that he didn't inquire about their condition with the Lord, and if they had truly been born again by the blood of Jesus. While in Kansas City Don was called to preach and he mortgaged his own house to purchase a Church building to begin to start having Church. They organized the Church "Green Valley" there were many, many souls saved, the sick were healed, marriages were restored, backsliders were warmed up and began to serve the Lord again all while Don pastored the Church. With the help of the Lord that Church prospered and was sold before he moved back to Macks Creek in 1968. Don has pastored several Churches over the years, has baptized 100's of people, preforming 100's of wedding ceremonies, 100's of funerals and always tried to do the work the Lord had for him to do. Don wasn't a sugar coated, feelgood preacher. He preached the true Gospel, and he always tried to follow the Lord. To know Don Ray Willis was to LOVE Don Ray Willis. Don's favorite passage in the bible is found in Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Don is survived by his children- Newton Ray Willis (Rosalee); Steven Lee Willis; John Timothy Willis (Pam); Steven Wayne Gemes (Jill); and Donna Nelson. Ten Grandchildren; 24 Great Grandchildren; 7 Great-Great Grandchildren. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, family friends, and his entire Church family and loved ones.

Don was proceeded in death by his two wives- Bessie Ruth Newton Willis (12/18/1991). Yvonne Easter Willis {01/24/2024}.

An infant daughter, Grandson Donald Brent Willis, Great Grandson Luc Donald Gemes, Daughter In Law Wanda Lou Willis. His parents Pete and Edith Willis. His in-laws William Arlie Newton and Ida May Whitworth Newton. His siblings and their spouses. Brothers AJ Willis, Frank Willis, Vaughn Willis, and sister, Martha (Marie) Willis Cyrus Arnold.

Friends will be received from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, March 21, 2025, at Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Home Macks Creek. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Hedges -Scott-Millard Funeral Home, Macks Creek.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to the family to set up a scholarship fund in Don's name.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Homes, 14384 West Highway 54, Macks Creek, MO 65786 (573) 363-5360. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.hedgesscottmillard.com.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
JOHNNIE J. LOGUE

I am the only one
-I Kings 19:10

Elijah felt alone and laid under a juniper tree wanting to die. His life had been threatened by Queen Jezebel.

Many times we feel like we are alone; like we are the only one to experience a certain thing. I have had several people even recently reveal this to me.

Elijah felt that he was the only one standing for God. Unknown to Elijah, was the fact that Obadiah had hidden a hundred prophets in a cave.

So what caused his depression? What was God's response and what should we know?

1. Isolation-I have probably spent more time alone than any two people I know. So I am a pretty good source to address the subject. I never set out to live like this. I wanted to marry a certain girl when I turned 18. Obviously, it didn't happen.

Three Dog Night said two are better one because one is the loneliest number. However, Solomon said it years before in Ecclesiastes. God said it wasn't good than man would be alone. So he made Eve.

There are pros and cons to most things, but the negatives outweigh the positives when being alone.

2. God's Response-God said he had 7,000 that had not bowed to Baal.

Simple as that, and then God gave him something to do. He was to anoint a new king and anoint his own successor in Elisha.

3. The silent listener to every conversation-This past week, I received a phone call from a friend. He wanted Biblical advice on marriage and wanted some personal observations. Unknown to me, his girlfriend was listening to every single word.

God hears everything we say and sees everything we do. I will leave you with that.

UNITY OF THE LAKES

Come join us for Sunday service at Unity of the Lakes, Warsaw on March 23, at 11am. Rev. Diana Kennedy will share her message on how God is calling us higher, and how we can incorporate spiritual teachings into every aspect of our life. Let's leave no stone unturned this Lenten season, as we discover and grow together in spiritual community.

Diana is a Unity minister who found the teachings in 1991. She moved to the Kansas City area from North Florida in 2008 and decided to stay in the area after falling in love with the heartland.

Diana serves at Unity Worldwide Ministries, supporting fundraising efforts for Unity churches around the world. She also leads a transformative program for Unity Arts Ministry called FlowDancing: Bring Your Best Self to Life!

Diana enjoys writing, being in nature, hanging out with friends, and learning more about God!

LINCOLN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

What a sight to wake up to this Sunday morning. It was a lovely white morning with the snow. Winter is still hanging around. Many were in Sunday school today. Many are having health issues. Lots of prayers are needed. Lisa celebrated a birthday. We are starting bell practice so we can have something ready by Easter. We haven't played for a long time. Many who played are not with us anymore.

Luke 8 :5 was the text for Pastor Jesse's sermon. The Parable of the Sower tells of the different kind of people who receive the word of God. Some forget it, some stay for awhile and some fall on good soil and flourish. Jesus said "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Hearing is important but you also need to listen to what is being said. You don't have to be a preacher to bring forth fruit. Cultivating faith helps. There were not only men who followed Jesus, there were also women. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna and many other women who traveled with them. They supported them out of their own means. These women were from different walks of life. Mary was in authority over them.

These women were ministering to Jesus. Their common goal was to minister to Jesus and the disciples. They were serving their Lord and others. We're all here to lift each other up, praise people and build up people. Lift someone up this week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS AT 9:30 AND WORSHIP AT 10:30. PLEASE COME AND VISIT US AND SEE WHAT JESUS CAN DO FOR YOU.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 Paul is talking about the church being like a building and the foundation is Jesus Christ. How you build on top of the foundation, matters. Even with the right foundation, building with the wrong materials and what difference it will make. How we do things as a church matters. There was disconnect, even with Jesus as the foundation. They argue over which leader to listen to instead of being firmly planted in Jesus. When Jesus returns, all things will be revealed. Jesus will illuminate all we've done. It takes both faith and works, to accomplish His work. If the heart is missing, even if the action is good, we have a problem. Even in the church, it may look good on the outside yet be crippled on the inside if they are not built on Jesus. Why are we doing the things we do. Some churches grow too fast and lose concern if those coming know Jesus.

The church is supposed to be rooted in Jesus, teaching and encouraging people. We treat church like it's an entertainment experience. If we're not rooted in the spirit, what's the point? Paul says you should take church seriously. Paul is using the image of the church being the temple of God. Where two or more are gathered, that's church, not a building, but the gathering together of believers, so take it seriously. We do church because of Jesus. We come here to gather with other believers, focused on Jesus. The church encourages us and helps correct our hearts. Some in the church in Corinth were more interested in the division than they were interested in Jesus. Why, because they are selfish. They make the church all about themselves. Sometimes we need a different perspective. Different people coming together, centered around Jesus Christ, is good. Who do we say that Jesus is!

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., with Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Program at 6 p.m.



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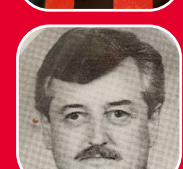
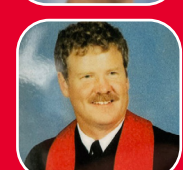
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Join us for a "Spring Fling"
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There will be a benefit art & memorabilia auction following the Spring Fling for family and friends at the Cross Timbers Community Building on the square.



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