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## Collier Funeral Home Will Have New Owners On Jan. 1

*Al Smith Is Looking Forward To Retirement As Ryan & Stacey Bibb Purchase 55-Year-Old Business*

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Surrounded by photographs of his smiling family, Al Smith settles in at his desk and answers phone calls - gently tapping the volume button as he discusses upcoming funeral arrangements with a voice that is distinctly composed yet full of care and consideration, which has no doubt been cultivated over more than five decades in the business.

Smith will officially retire as the owner of Collier Funeral Home on Jan. 1, 2018. The business has been purchased by Ryan and Stacey Bibb who also own Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green and Silex. The facility will continue to operate as Collier Funeral Home.

Smith admitted he's looking forward to not taking so many

phone calls every day, but is quick to note he's grateful for the faith the community has placed in him over the years.

"I've had a rewarding life really," he remarked. "I've always tried to help people the best I can. The people here have become like family after doing this for years. I hope they feel the same way about me."

Smith started in the funeral business with his father-in-law, George M. Collier in 1962. Collier and his wife, Bernice, purchased the Frank C. Haley Funeral Home in downtown Louisiana. It remained there until the new facility at 117 Barnard Drive was built and opened in May of 1967. There was also a facility in Clarksville until the Mississippi River flood of 1993.

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## A Legacy Of Care & Excellence Continues

Al Smith, owner of Collier Funeral Home, is pictured with Ryan Bibb outside the facility at 117 Barnard Drive in Louisiana. Bibb and his wife, Stacey, will complete the purchase of the business on Jan. 1, 2018. The Bibbs also own and operate Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green and Silex. Smith says he's looking forward to retirement and spending more time with his family. He has been in the funeral business for over 50 years, starting in the early 1960s working for his father-in-law George M. Collier. Smith will consult for a short time as he enters retirement and Mark Capstick will continue to serve as a funeral director. The name will remain Collier Funeral Home. Collier purchased the Frank C. Haley Funeral Home in downtown Louisiana in 1962 and the present facility opened in May of 1967. The location in Clarksville closed following massive flooding in 1993.

Trib photo by April M. Fronick



The People's Tribune  
will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1.

Early deadline for news and advertising  
is 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28.

## Louisiana Bicentennial To Host 'Not Your Momma's Bingo' Event

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Kick off the new year with a lot of fun and laughs at the "Not Your Momma's Bingo" event at the American Legion on Monday, Jan. 1 starting at 1 p.m.

The Louisiana Bicentennial Committee is hosting the event to raise money for the week-long celebration that is slated between June 30 and July 4. This is the second bingo event and committee members are hopeful for another big success.

It's Bingo with a twist since there are no numbers. Instead, participants will mark songs on their card as a portion of the song is played. There will even be a television round with theme

songs.

As it is noted on the Bicentennial website, helping others is encouraged along with use of smartphones with apps like Soundhound and Shazam. It's all about having fun and maybe even a little nostalgia when songs from 80s hair bands are played.

There will be prizes for winners and drinks (including soda and beer) which are included in the ticket price.

Committee chair Michelle Niedner noted the group is thrilled to offer another installment of bingo. She pointed out that everyone had a great time at the first event. She added the group makes about \$1,000 at the event.

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## Clopton Tournament Will Kick Off With The New Year

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The 22nd Annual Clopton basketball tournament will kick off on Monday, Jan. 1.

The girl's bracket will get underway first with action in both

the new and old gyms. In the new gym, top-seeded Monroe City will square off with (8) Winfield at 3 p.m. and then host team (2) Clopton will face (7) Wright City at 4:30 p.m.

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## Local Taxes Roll In As Deadline Approaches

*Overall Real Estate, Personal Property Bills About The Same As Last Year*

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The deadline to pay annual tax bills is Saturday, Dec. 31 and citizens are urged to bring in their bills or drop them in the mail to avoid penalties.

Pike County Collector Marty Morrison pointed out the office will not be open before the deadline on either Saturday, Dec. 30 or

Dec. 31. She added the office will also be closed on Christmas Day and the next day as well (Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26). Payments postmarked by Dec. 30 will be accepted with no penalty.

"The largest percentage of taxes come in the last week," Morrison noted. "We close the same days as the courthouse which includes the day after

Christmas this year since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday," she explained.

The collector's office hours are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Morrison said the office has remained open through the lunch hour since bills were mailed and will continue for the first few days of January to make payments more convenient.

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## It's That Time Of Year Again...

The deadline is approaching to pay county and municipal personal property and real estate tax bills without a penalty. After Sunday, Dec. 31, a penalty will be assessed to all late payments. The total of tax bills sent out by the Pike County Collector's Office was more than \$15.1 million. Collector Marty Morrison anticipates a return rate of around 91-93 percent. Above, Fran Grimes of Eolia, collects her receipts from Morrison. The collector's office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25-26 and will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 30-31.

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## Kroencke Wins DAR Good Citizen

Hannah Kroencke, Bowling Green High School DAR essay winner, is pictured with DAR member Jane Quade and her mother, Felicia Gamm. She is also the daughter of the late Jon Kroencke.

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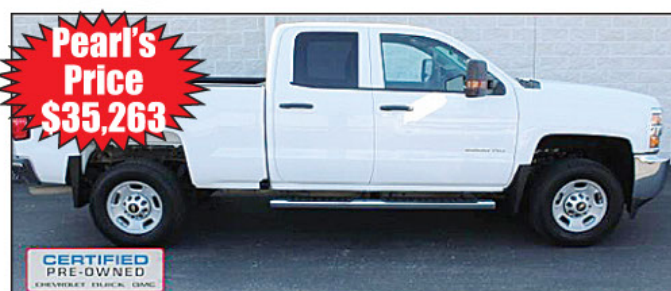
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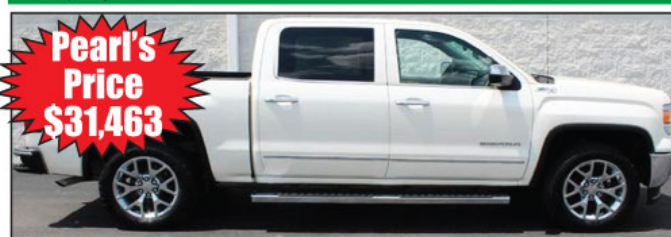
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## Mary F. Simons

Mary Simons, 90, of Eolia died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m., at the Eolia chapel of McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory with the Rev. Melvin Davis officiating. Interment will be in Eolia Community Center.

Visitation will be 9-11 a.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 4, 1927 in Troy to Willie Hasting and Clara E. Hall. Mary was raised in Troy along with her six siblings. She met the love of life, Calvin Simons through mutual friends. They were united in marriage on May 4, 1947 in Bowling Green. Together they raised their son, Bruce, Mary and her niece Clara were both baptized at the Eolia Baptist Church on Easter Sunday in the early 60's.

She enjoyed tending to her flower garden and vegetable garden, canning the bounty from her garden, and listening to all types of music. Her family fondly remembers her wonderful baking skills; they loved her custard pies and fried potatoes with hot dogs.

She had such a kind spirit and you could feel the warmth of her personality when you first met her. Mary will be greatly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Surviving are a son, Bruce Simons and wife Alma of Lincoln, Neb.; grandchildren; a sister, Izzetta Dixon of Vandalia; a brother-in-law, Walter Dixon of Vandalia; a sister-in-law, Ines Hasting of Eolia; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband and her five siblings: Kathryn Gilbert, Laura Sparks, William Shelton, Henry Shelton and William Hasting.

Pallbearers will be Eugene Sparks, Calvin Shelton, Jamel Shelton, Gabriel Simons.

Memorials may be made to the Family, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home & Crematory, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO 63669.

Family and friends are invited to sign our on-line guest registry at: [www.mccoyblossomfh.com](http://www.mccoyblossomfh.com)

## Charlotte L. McDowell

Charlotte Louise Bennett McDowell, 84, of Vandalia died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017 at Macon Healthcare Center in Macon.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 23 at 11:30 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Vandalia with the Rev.

Rev. Joel Montgomery officiating. Music will be provided by Ruth Nation. Interment will be in Wellsville Cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 23, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Vandalia.

She was born June 14, 1933 in Belvidere, Ill., the daughter of Harold Leroy and Alice Dortha Beam Bennett. She married William S. McDowell on March 20, 1955 in Vandalia. He survives.

Other survivors include two sons, James W. McDowell and wife, Marie of Macon, and Douglas H. McDowell and wife, Joanna of Columbia; seven grandchildren, Samuel W. P. McDowell, Emma E. Potter, Amanda L. McDowell, Joshua D. McDowell, Kevin A. Beasley, Joshua H. Hockman and Jacob W. Hockman.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She grew up and was a 1951 Belvidere High School graduate. Charlotte then received her bachelor's degree from Illinois College in Jacksonville in 1955.

She received her master's degree in teaching from Oklahoma State University in 1960. Charlotte taught English and speech both in high school and college for 30 years, including 20 years at Community R-VI High School.

For many years, she worked in the veterinary office with her husband, Bill. Charlotte was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Vandalia where she had served as both a deacon and an elder.

She had also been a member of P.E.O., Missouri State Teachers Association, Friends of the Library Women's Group while living in Wellsville. Her hobbies included traveling to England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Alaska and in 44 states during their travels. She was also an avid reader.

Memorials are encouraged to the First Presbyterian Church General Fund

## Turkey All Year Long

Turkey is much more than just a holiday staple.

Aside from the occasional sandwich, many people think turkey is solely for the holiday dinner table. However, turkey is much more than a holiday centerpiece. Anyone concerned about healthy eating would be wise to learn more about the health benefits of turkey and find ways to include it in their diets throughout the year.

Turkey is low in fat and high in protein, making it an important source of nutrition. One piece of turkey breast without the skin measures up at 160 calories, four grams of fat and a whopping 30 grams of protein, according to the USDA Nutrient Data Laboratory. Dark meat and turkey legs are higher in calories but boast similar amounts of protein.

## OBITUARIES

## How To Handle Holiday Hosting At Home

Hiring a bartender or wait staff for a holiday party frees up more time to socialize with your friends and family members.

Holiday revelers tend to be busy with social engagements - from corporate parties to cocktails with close friends - between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Chances are, many people will be attending a party and/or hosting their own this holiday season.

While attending a party requires little of celebrants other than a willingness to have a good time, hosting a holiday get-together can be hard work. But hosts can heed a few time-tested strategies to ensure they and their guests make the most of their time together this holiday season.

### Forget Perfection

Television, movies and advertisements paint an unrealistic picture of what the holidays should be. Don't get down if a holiday party that would make Norman Rockwell proud is beyond your capabilities. Rather than trying to

plan a picture-perfect holiday party, channel your energy into what you do best. Cook up a holiday feast if you love being in the kitchen, or decorate till you drop if you love to deck the halls. The point of the party is to gather with family and friends, so no need to worry about throwing a perfect party.

### Enlist helpers

Ask others to contribute to the party so all of the work is not on your shoulders. A potluck party is a great way to encourage participation. When everyone brings something along and helps, it frees up time to spend together rather than worrying about what needs cooking in the kitchen or whether a last-minute trip to the store is in order.

### Downsize

Festive feelings may inspire you to expand your guest list. Social people understandably want to invite all of their circles of friends, but an overwhelming guest list can make hosting more difficult. If you have trouble paring down the guest list, consider

hosting separate parties, designating one for family and another for friends.

You can even downsize your offerings to lessen some your load. Rather than spending days in the kitchen making unique apps, stock up on chips, snacks and pre-made appetizers so you have enough food. If you want to make one or two appetizers from scratch, stick to a handful of tried-and-true recipes and convenience items so you're not worrying about kitchen-testing new things.

### Hire Professionals

If you're simply too busy to handle hosting but still want to invite loved ones, hire some professional help. Hire wait staff to tend to guests during the party, and book a cleaning service to clean your home in the days before the party. Don't hesitate to have the party catered if you prefer your gathering not be potluck.

Holiday hosting can be a big time commitment, but there are ways to make hosting easier regardless of how busy you are

## 18 Ideas For Making Holidays Memorable

the road to a nearby nursing home.

5. Dine out: Take a break from cooking, shopping and hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.

6. Adopt a child/family: Volunteer with a charitable organization that provides for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.

7. See the sights: Pack the children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays. Bring along cookies and hot chocolate.

8. Trim a tree: Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party. Rotate the hosting house each year.

9. Play dress-up: A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.

10. Wilderness walk: Enjoy the crisp air and snow and see a local park from a winter perspective.

11. Acts of kindness: Choose any act of kindness and make it happen this Christmas. It can include feeding the hungry or helping a disabled person shop for

the season.

12. Kids' Secret Santa: Spread the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name from a hat and purchasing or making a gift for that person.

13. Hand out hot chocolate: Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.

14. Read religious stories: Understand the true meaning of the season by reading Biblical passages.

15. Camp-in: The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.

16. Scavenger hunt: Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.

17. Surprise box: Put a gender and age nonspecific gift into a box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.

18. Family portrait: Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Christmas Truce Called In World War I

By Tom Emery

The First World War shocked the world with its brutality and casualties. But for a brief time at Christmas 1914, enemies became warm friends.

Over a century ago this month, men of opposing armies in Flanders called a truce during the first Christmas of the war that has become the stuff of legend. While many of the stories of the ceasefire have been embellished with time, the truce stands in contrast to the horrific warfare that ravaged Europe.

"In some cases, the men posed for photographs wearing each other's hats," said Doran Cart, senior curator of the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. "They exchanged cigars and cigarettes, and drank German schnapps and British rum to celebrate the occasion."

Accounts of the truce vary widely, and it is apparent that the truce was celebrated with different intensity, and with different length, at various spots along the lines. Much of the truce occurred between Ypres, Belgium and Neuve-Chapelle, France, and originated when a truce was called to bury the dead between the lines in "no-man's land."

"That's how it started," said Cart. "It's certainly not unusual for both sides to request a ceasefire to take care of the dead. It kind of grew from there."

Some report that German soldiers cheerily called "come over

here" to their British counterparts, while others recall Germans placing small Christmas trees on top of their entrenchments on a frosty Christmas Eve. One British soldier compared the lit trees to "the footlights of a theater."

Multiple accounts note that German troops began singing carols, including Stille Nacht, commonly known as "Silent Night." While some Allied troops suspected a trap, many others applauded the music and responded with songs of their own. An awestruck British fighter wrote that "I shall never forget it. It was one of the highlights of my life."

As more trees and candles appeared on the parapets, British soldiers cheered mightily, including one who recalled that "I stayed awake the entire night. And it was a wonderful night."

A young Bavarian officer was one of many who shouted that a Christmas truce should be made, and that both sides should leave their trenches to approach the other. He recalled that the British eventually agreed, and that "a man came out of their trenches and I on my side did the same...we shook hands a bit cautiously."

They were joined by others, and the next day was filled with intermittent visits in no-man's land, where men found their enemies to be quite engaging. "Many of the Germans who participated

in this were Saxons and Bavarians, and a lot of them had lived or worked in England before the war," remarked Cart. "There are examples of soldiers asking about others they knew in both countries."

Amid good-natured ribbing about the other side's war efforts, men stood in small groups, chatting and joking while exchanging goods. Cart says that, unlike popular legend, there were no actual Christmas gifts to each other.

"They didn't give any real presents to each other," he said. "They traded goods they had, but nothing of any military value. Each side was happy to get what the other had."

Several myths have grown from what many British soldiers called "the wonderful day." An example is that one or more soccer games were played along the lines, a recollection that has been challenged in recent years.

"There may have been some kicking around of a ball, but I just can't see any way that a full-fledged soccer game could have been played in no-man's land," commented Cart. "There would have been so much debris in that area, which had been a furrowed farm field. I don't know that there would have been enough space of suitable ground to actually play a real game."

While the British and Germans

are commonly associated with the Christmas truce, some French and Belgian soldiers also took part. However, many scholars believe those armies were in little mood to celebrate with the Germans, who had overrun their countries earlier that year and were accused of various atrocities.

In some areas, the truce did not end on Christmas Day. Pockets of opposing soldiers extended it into December 26, and in isolated cases, for a week or more. Commanding officers on both sides threatened reprisal for the men involved in the agreement, though there is no evidence of any actual punishments. Half-hearted attempts were made to repeat the truce at Christmas in subsequent years, but nothing like what happened that first year.

The 1914 truce became a sensation in the English press, and countless British soldiers recounted the events of the truce in letters to home and the papers.

The holiday ceasefire has since grown into a global legend, its

story captured in books and TV depictions. "A mythology has arisen from the truce," said Cart. "There's no doubt that a truce actually happened, because many, many men on both sides wrote and spoke of it later. But it's become much larger than it probably was."

Ceremonial recreations of the Christmas truce have been held periodically over the years at the site, including in 1999. In 2014, diplomats of various nations joined to commemorate the centennial of the truce, a remarkable event that one British soldier wrote "made the bitterest of foes friends," if only for a little while.

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The last day for filing for office in the City of Bowling Green for the April 3, 2018 election is January 16, 2018. A filing fee of \$5.00 shall accompany each certificate filed with the City Clerk.

Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30. City Hall will be closed Monday, January 15, 2018. Candidates may file for the following elective offices which includes a 1-year term to fill a vacant seat in Ward I:

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RSMo 79.070 provides that no person shall be an Alderman unless he or she be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States and an inhabitant and resident of the City at the time of and for at least one year preceding this election.

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## Reading Hosts Farmer-Farmerette Club For Annual Christmas Meeting

The Farmer-Farmerettes met at Kay Reading's lovely decorated home for the clubs Christmas party and monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Kay led the pledge to the American flag and said grace before a brunch was served.

Roll call for the month was to tell something about a woman in the Bible and was answered by Pauline Oberman, Jeannie Smith, Kay Reading, Wanda Hanson,

Clara Shaver, and Kerri Reading.

For the devotional Kay read the birth of Jesus from the Holy Bible English translation, John 8:12 and the Messiah.

Song leader Oberman led the singing of "Silent Night."

The secretary's report was read by Smith and the treasurer's report by Shaver.

The mystery prize donated by Smith was won by Oberman. Shaver had the game and everyone won a prize.

A drawing for 2018 secret pals was held. Gifts were exchanged with hardly anyone guessing who their secret pal was this year. Each member bought a toy for the Angel Tree.

After the gifts were exchanged, the rest of the meeting was spent visiting and recalling past Christmas times.

The club will take a short break over the winter months and will resume in March 2018.

## New Year Traditions Around The World

If you do a little research you will come to know that be it the western or the eastern part of the world, New Year is celebrated with equal enthusiasm everywhere.

However as the year in the calendar marks a transition, the various New Year Traditions and Customs followed during the period remain as it is. Here's a list of some of the interesting ways to celebrate the New Year across the globe:

England: The English custom for welcoming New Year is full of

hospitality and warmth. They believe that the first guest for the year would bring fortune for them.

He should be a male, should enter through the front door and bear some traditional gifts like loaf for the kitchen, drink for the head of the family and coal to light the fire, otherwise he is not allowed. They believe that these bring good luck throughout the year.

Denmark: In Denmark, residents keep a pile of dishes, all broken, in front of the door. For this they save old dishes and People

usually throw these on the friends' doors during New Year. This symbolizes friendship and brotherhood and they believe the one with maximum dishes outside, has the most friends. Some Danish are found to leap some chairs during midnight.

China: The Chinese have a unique way of celebrating New Year, where every front door of a house is painted in red which symbolizes happiness and good fortune. They hide all the knives for

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610, Auxiliary To Hold Regular Meeting Jan. 2

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary will hold regular meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 6 p.m., at post home.

They are asking all members to attend as they will be voting on changing the day for their monthly meetings, along with finalizing plans for Eagle Days weekend to be held on Saturday, Jan. 27 and Sunday, Jan. 28.

The youth and Auxiliary have been busy, they placed wreaths for all veterans in the Greenwood Cemetery. The wreaths were placed at each block entrance and at the entrance to the cemetery. This was done in reference to the National Celebration of Wreaths across America.

They also took cards and cookies to Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana and Health Care Center in Elsberry to the veterans, also singing Christmas cards to both nursing home.

If there is a youth who would like to join the group contact Joanne Hammuck, 573-847-2266, Sue Abel, or Mary Tarpein, 573-795-3584.

The Voice of Democracy essay winner Jenna Gronck received third place in District 17 and Jack O'Brien received second place in Patriot Pen essay in District 17. Both Clopton students are to be commended.

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Thank you to Nancy Case at The People's Tribune for drawing the winning raffle tickets. Congratulations to: Shelby Franklin, Buster McDaniel, Erica Mitalovich, Susan Picker, Ashley Tepen, Stephanie Klott, Sharon Mudd, Craig Cockrell, Steve ManWarring, Bob Lee, Susan Marlin, Gary Patton, Bennie Schneider, Clint Smith, and Kevin Creech.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Sherman Offered City To Lincoln As Christmas Gift

By Tom Emery

When you do your Christmas shopping, what do you give the man who has everything? How about an entire city?

At Christmas 1864, William T. Sherman did just that for President Abraham Lincoln at the conclusion of his destructive March to the Sea. The general offered the key port city of Savannah, Ga. as a Christmas present to Lincoln, a holiday tidings that has become a part of Civil War lore.

Sherman's five-week march from Atlanta to Savannah that fall is considered a decisive blow by modern historians, but the movement was highly risky. The high command in Washington was concerned with Sherman's plan, as he wanted to advance deep into enemy territory without a supply line or communications.

As a result, Lincoln and other Union authorities were uncertain as to Sherman's exact location for about a month. "When someone asked Lincoln about Sherman's progress, he shrugged and said, 'I know where he went in at, but I can't tell what hole he will come out of,'" said Dr. Samuel Wheeler, a research historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Ill. "When Lincoln received word that Sherman had indeed been successful, his relief must have been enormous."

Wheeler also notes that the fall of 1864 had been "exceptionally tense" for Lincoln, in part because of a stressful re-election campaign. "He went through an excruciating period in the run up to the election of 1864, and shared the popular opinion that he would not be re-elected," said Wheeler. "After the election, all eyes turned toward bringing the war to a conclusion. That, of course, brought a whole new series of anxieties."

Sherman's 62,000 men left for the sea on November 15 with twenty days of rations and, when those were exhausted, lived off the land. He moved rapidly through Georgia with lit-

tle opposition, but as he approached Savannah and its rich stores, food and other supplies were running alarmingly low. A prolonged battle for the city posed a threat to the army's survival.

Fortunately for Sherman, the outnumbered Confederate garrison withdrew, and the city surrendered on December 21. He was shortly visited by a U.S. Treasury agent, A. G. Browne, who was on the scene to claim the cotton, rice, and government buildings.

Known for his hatred of bureaucrats, Sherman curtly refused Browne's demands. Avoiding a confrontation, the agent sidestepped the issue with a diplomatic suggestion — that Sherman offer the city as a Christmas present to Lincoln. Saying that "the President particularly enjoys such pleasantry," Browne further noted that a message could be telegraphed from a nearby communications hub for receipt by Lincoln on Christmas Eve.

Sherman accepted Browne's advice and dashed off a brief message that read, "I beg to present to you as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah." Ever practical, Sherman added that the city came with "one hundred and fifty heavy guns and plenty of ammunition, also about 25,000 bales of cotton."

Lincoln received the wire on Dec. 24. The telegram captured the imagination of the nation was reprinted in major newspapers, including page one of the New York Times, with the sub-head "Sherman's Christmas Present."

"Lincoln was very pleased to receive his 'Christmas gift' from Sherman," remarked Wheeler. "It was probably the best gift Lincoln could have received that year."

On the day after Christmas, Lincoln wrote Sherman with "many, many thanks for your Christmas gift" and conceded that he "was anxious, if not fearful" of the general's march from Atlanta. But, "the undertaking being a

success," Lincoln offered the glory to his general, writing "the honor is all yours."

"Lincoln was not interested in receiving individual credit," commented Wheeler. "There's an old saying, 'it's amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.' I think Lincoln's management of his generals personifies that statement."

The men of Sherman's army celebrated Christmas in the rain in Savannah. After hearing a congratulatory order from their commander, they were dismissed for dinner, an undertaking enjoyed by some more than others. William Humphrey of Jacksonville, Ill., the fifth major of the 101st Illinois, wrote that his Christmas meals were "breakfast, rice and beef. Dinner, rice. Supper, beef and rice."

Others had it better, though with equally limited selection. Men of the 16th Illinois Cavalry feasted on oyster soup, oysters on the half-shell, fried oysters, roast oysters, roast goose, rice, raisins, and coffee with condensed milk.

The Christmas season of 1864 would prove to be the last in the field in the Civil War, as the Southern armies surrendered the following spring. Sherman's present of Savannah has become a hallmark of the smashing success of his march to the sea, though the general has been roundly criticized in some circles for forcing the war on the Southern people.

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the day so that no one cuts oneself, because that may actually cut the entire family good luck for the coming year. However that doesn't make any difference to the feast they have during time.

Brazil: Brazilians believe that lentils signify wealth and prosperity. So they serve food items made up of the legume like soup or rice on the New Year. On New Year's Eve, the priestesses dress up in blue and white for an auspicious ceremony celebrated for the water goddess. Also a sacrificial boat filled with jewelry, candles and flowers from the beach of Rio de Janeiro is pushed to the ocean that brings health, wealth and happiness for them.

Austria: Austrians find good luck charm in Suckling pigs. They serve it on the dinner table with edible pigs and the peppermint ice creams are served as desserts for fortune.

German: Lead is considered to be auspicious here. They pour molten lead into cold water and the shape that is taken after, predicts the future. Heart shapes symbolize marriage whereas round shapes denote good luck; anchor shapes tell that you need help however a cross signifies someone's sad demise.

Belgium: They call the New Year eve as Saint Sylvester Eve. They believe in throwing family parties, where everyone kisses, exchanges fortune greetings apart from raises toast to welcome the New Year in their own manner.

Children usually save money to buy decorative so that they can write and gift New Year greetings to elders.

Otoshidama: Otoshidama is an old New Year tradition of Japan, in which they give money to the kids. In this custom, you have to handle a decorated

envelop to the children. The amount of the money, which the Japanese offer to the children, depends upon the age of the children.

Mochi: Mochi is a tradition, when people make rice cakes on Japanese New Year. The main purpose of making Mochi is decorative. Mochi is made in kagami mochi. Daidai, a bitter orange is placed at the top of the decoration. Mochi is made before New Year and is eaten when the celebrations of New Year begins.

Japan: There are a number of Japanese New Year customs, among them, some important ones are mentioned below:

- In order to keep away the evil spirits, the Japanese hangs a straw rope in front of the entrance of their home. This brings good fortune.

- At the juncture of New Year, they start laughing and they think that this would keep away the evil spirits.

- The Japanese go to the temple and ring the temples bells 108 times. They

think that ringing the bell 108 times will keep away all the evil forces.

- Those, who believe in the Shinto religion, decorate their houses with green plants and bamboo. Green plants signify new life and bamboo signifies honesty.

- Japanese makes lobsters with paper and decorate their house with them. They think that they back side of the lobsters resembles an aged person, which symbolizes an earnest desire for endurance.

Japanese New Year celebrations start from January 1 and it lasts for two weeks. It is celebrated in two festivals: The Greater festival and the Lesser festival. In the Greater Festival, Japanese people offer prayers for their dead family and friends. In the Lesser festival, they offer prayers for having good crops. Following the prayer, the bird-scaring ritual begins.

Apart from all these New Year traditions of Japan, they also play games on the New Year eve. In fact, in some communities, it is mandatory to play Japanese New Year games. Some traditional games are takoage, fukuwarai, sugoroku, karuta, koma, hanetsuki etc.

There is also a custom of arranging entertainment shows during the New Year celebrations.

Japanese people arrange a lavish dinner for the New Year eve. The traditional Japanese New Year dinner consists of boiled seaweed, mashed sweet potato with chestnut, fish cakes, sweetened black soybeans, and simmered burdock root.

Most of the New Year celebrations in New Zealand are organized openly, under the sky. Thousands of people come together to be a part of it. Some of them have extended celebrations of few days, which keep all the visitors pretty pleased and entertained. People in Auckland on the occasion of New Year prefer to move to Whangamata on the Coromandel Peninsula, to the town of Mount Maunganui, located in the Bay of Plenty of New Zealand, or to Gisborne.

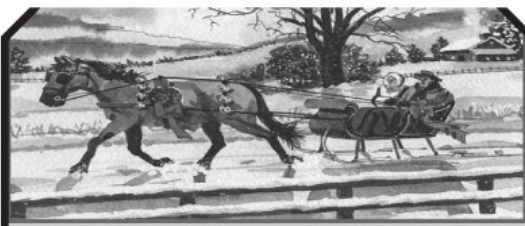
Around sixty thousand people from various towns of New Zealand make a

visit to Whangamata during the time of New Year. Mount Maunganui is eminently known for hosting some great New Year parties for young people. Gisborne hosts a large open-air concert. People also visit to Gisborne as it is the first place to have rising Sun of the New Year shining over it in New Zealand.

The beach parties as organized at South Island, Nelson, Takaka, Wanaka, and Queenstown are highly based on the modern day party concepts, which have musical shows, dance programs, and other entertaining programs, with few thousands in attendance. The distinctive aspect associated with all these New Year celebrations is the place where they are organized. The natural beauty and the craft with which God has created them is simply exceptional and out of this world, which is enough to make New Year an exceptional experience for anyone.



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# Resolve To Put Down Devices And Reduce Screen Time

Electronic devices have infiltrated nearly every aspect of daily life. And thanks to the portability of today's smartphones and tablets, many people are rarely without access to the internet or other digital applications.

A 2016 Nielsen Company audience report found that adults in the United States devoted about 10 hours and 39 minutes each day to consuming media. The analytics firm Flurry says users are spending nearly half of that time on mobile devices, particularly using mobile apps. Active Healthy Kids Canada reported in 2014 that children between the ages of three and five spent an average of two hours per day in front of screens, while the statistics group eMarketer estimates that adults in Canada spent an average of nine hours and 41 minutes a day using media in 2016.

The Canadian Paediatric Society states that exposure to digital media is a concern and can affect children and families. Exposure to screens can be habit-forming, and early overexposure increases the likelihood of overuse later in life. Reducing screen time has become a mantra in many households across North America and may also be something adults hope to do in the future. The following are some ways to cut down on screen time.

• Keep a journal. A journal can help men and women log their screen time over the course of a few weeks. Jot down time spent watching TV, using a computer, using mobile devices, or playing

video games. Some people may be surprised to learn just how much time they're spending staring at screens, and that realization may be just what they need to make changes.

• Use a standard alarm clock. By not using their smartphones as alarm clocks, people can avoid the temptation to begin looking at social media or emails even before they've wiped the sleep from their eyes.

• Make a list of goals. Rather than reaching for a phone, Digital Detox experts suggest keeping a list of goals and experiences in one's pocket that they can refer to when they're tempted to look at their screens. Then they can engage in a real-world experience instead of simply looking at their phones.

• Schedule media hours. Set

aside blocks of time when media use is allowed, and resist the urge to activate devices throughout the rest of the day.

• Put away the phone or tablet. Simply moving a device out of sight may reduce the temptation to send a text or hop onto an app.

• Remove superfluous apps. Delete apps that take up too much of your time. Having to go the extra step to view Facebook on a web browser, for example, may reduce the likelihood that you will do so.

• Go screen-free. Resolve to leave home without a phone for a few hours to enjoy unencumbered screen-free time.

Electronic devices can be addictive. But over time and with some concerted effort, men, women and children can cut back on screen time.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Louisiana Elks Lodge Hosts Christmas Painting Party

Louisiana Elks Lodge 791 held a Christmas painting party on Sunday, Dec. 17 for students of Louisiana Elementary School.

A main project was instructed by Amanda Jamison of Amanda Jamison Art and several other smaller projects were crafted during the event as well. Christmas themed snacks were provided and every child went home with a gift sack filled with goodies as well as a new fleece blanket and battery operated toothbrush.

The event was funded with an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Beacon grant. The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. The organization fulfills this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop life-long skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.



Above, one of the many children to take part in the Elks Christmas art project works on her masterpiece. Right, local kids display the artwork they made at the Elks Lodge on Sunday, Dec. 17. The event was funded with an Elks National Foundation Beacon grant.



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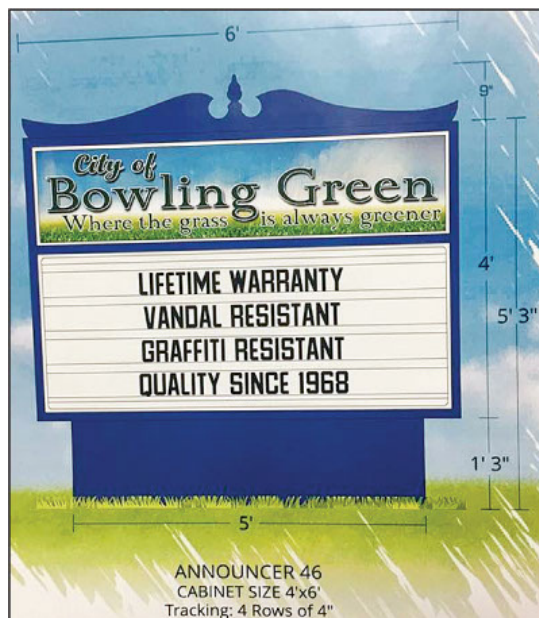
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## Bowling Green Park To Get New Signage

The Bowling Green city park will soon be getting new signage. The Board of Aldermen signed off on a \$6,100 expenditure for a sign like the example pictured above. City Administrator Barb Allison noted the sign's colors will be customized by park board members.

## Southeast Missouri State Fall 2017 Dean's List

The following students have been named to the fall 2017 Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University.

Hannah Barber of Elsberry and Colton Marti of Curryville.

Students named to the list

earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled courses, including credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.

## TOURNEY

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In the old gym, (3) Elsberry will take on (6) Elsberry at 3 p.m. and then (4) Silex will square off with (5) Louisiana at 4:30 p.m.

All local teams are slated to be featured on TribCast online at [www.thepeopletribune.com](http://www.thepeopletribune.com).

Action from the hardwood continues the next day with opening round action from the boy's bracket.

In the new gym, top-seeded Monroe City will take on (8) Warrenton Junior Varsity at 5:30 p.m. and then host team (3) Clopton will face off with (6) Wellsville at 7 p.m.

In the old gym it will be (2)

Louisiana and (7) Silex at 5:30 p.m. and then (4) Winfield taking on (5) Wright City at 7 p.m.

Semifinal action for the girls will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 3 in both gyms at 5:30 and 7 p.m. The boys will compete in the semifinals on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Finals for the girls will be Friday, Jan. 5. The consolation game will take place at 4:30 p.m., the third place game will be at 6 p.m. and the championship is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Finals for the boys is the next night on Saturday, Jan. 6. Consolation will be at 4 p.m., the third place game will take place at 5:30 p.m. and the championship is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Check out the tournament brackets on page 17 and find more at [www.thepeopletribune.com](http://www.thepeopletribune.com).

Keep up with action on the hardwood from the 22nd Annual Clopton Tournament on TRIBCAST at [www.thepeopletribune.com](http://www.thepeopletribune.com)!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BINGO

Continued from front page

Lori Lewis, another committee chair, echoed Niedner's remarks.

"Come kick off 2018 with good music, good company and lost of fun," Lewis remarked.

The Legion will be offering a cash bar and meal to purchase separately.

Tickets can be obtained through PayPal at [Louisiana200.com](http://Louisiana200.com), at State Farm Insurance or at the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce office. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Committee chair Cindy Blaylock pointed out the group is just over halfway to its goal of \$50,000 to fund the event that's being planned for June 30 to July 4.

Blaylock added that volunteers are still needed to help with the event. Those interested can sign up on the Bicentennial website or email [info@louisiana200.com](mailto:info@louisiana200.com).

The committee recently raised over \$2,000 with the Holiday Home Tour. The tour included a total of 11 local homes from historic to eclectic. Almost 100 tickets were sold.

"We are so grateful to the homeowners who opened their homes this year," Niedner said.

Lewis added the event was a huge success.

"We are so thankful for all of our homeowners, volunteers and local businesses and organizations for helping make it a success," Lewis stated. "Of course we are so thankful also for all who went on the tour and chose to kick off their holiday season with us."

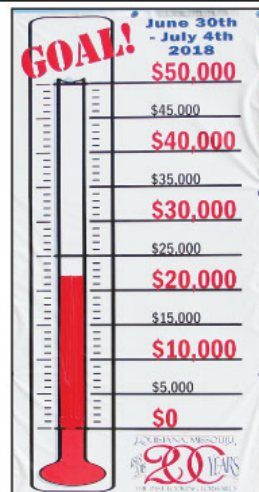
Blaylock noted that items branded with the 200th anniversary logo are still available and can be viewed at [www.louisiana200.com](http://www.louisiana200.com).

She added the Interact Group at LHS will be selling yard flags in 2018 that sport the logo.

"The profit will be shared between their organization and the Bicentennial. We hope to line our main thoroughfares with these flags," Blaylock remarked.

She added that Eagle Business Products has also designed a shirt that is for sale with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Bicentennial event.

Check out more information about upcoming events on the organization's website and consider volunteering to help with the event to celebrate Louisiana's 200th year anniversary.



With money that has come in, though not yet represented on the sign near the hospital, the Louisiana Bicentennial Committee is just over halfway to its fundraising goal of \$50,000. The money is being raised to help host the 200th anniversary week-long event from June 30 to July 4 this year. The "Not Your Momma's Bingo" will help toward the goal. It's the second time for the event after the first was a huge success. It will be held on New Year's Day at the American Legion starting at 1 p.m. Find more information at [www.louisiana200.com](http://www.louisiana200.com).

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Dear Twin Pike Community Members,

As we near the end of 2017, the Twin Pike Family YMCA Board of Directors and staff would like to reach out to our community members and donors and express our gratitude and appreciation of your on-going support. Membership fees paid by our facility members, and tax-deductible contributions from area businesses and community members, have helped our YMCA make a significant impact in the Twin Pike counties over the past 23 years. As a direct result of your support, the Y had over 160,000 points-of-contact with kids, teens, and adults in 2016, and **we want to make sure everyone knows that the Y isn't just a gym!**

The YMCA is a not-for-profit, charitable community service organization that provides programs and services which focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Our Y provides many life-altering programs throughout the year with your support:

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The Y provides numerous community services and programs year-round that are available to all children, regardless of their ability to pay. Because we are a not-for-profit, charitable organization, the Y relies on our members and donors to ensure we are able to continue providing these vital services. At the Y, our philosophy has always been about "paying it forward". Every dollar we receive goes directly back in to improving the quality of life in the communities we serve by providing programs and services that help kids reach their full potential and help families build stronger support systems. **We can't do it without your support!**

During the holidays many people consider end-of-the-year tax-exempt or tax-deferred gifts to demonstrate their gratitude. We would like to kindly ask that you consider the Twin Pike Family YMCA in your giving plans. Your donation will go to immediate use and will impact the lives of thousands of children, adults, and families.

**Thank you for all you do throughout the year to support the Twin Pike Family YMCA. Together we are able to change the world one child at a time!** In appreciation and gratitude,

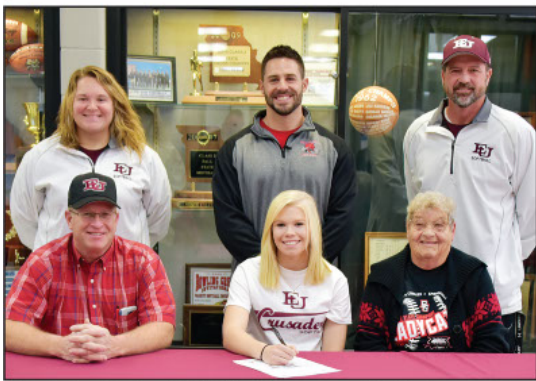
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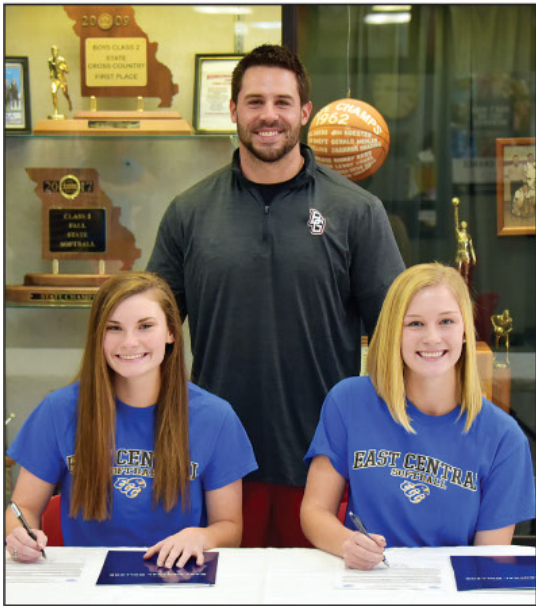
## SPORTS



## Noble Inks With Evangel University

Senior shortstop Anah Noble, of the state champion Bowling Green Lady Cats, signed a letter of intent last week to continue her softball career and education at Evangel University in Springfield. She was joined by her father John Noble (seated left) and grandmother Darlene Epperson (seated right) along with Evangel Coach Jessica Nutt, Bowling Green Coach Dean Streed and Evangel Coach Jay Halbrook.

Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson



## McKee, Feldewerth Sign With ECC

Bowling Green seniors Kaylyn McKee and Mallory Feldewerth, of the state champion Lady Cats, signed letters of intent recently to continue their softball careers and education at East Central College in Union. They were joined by Bowling Green Coach Dean Streed for a photo at the school last week.

Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson



## Street Commits To East Central

Maya Street, senior pitcher for the Clopton Lady Hawks signed to play softball for East Central College. While at East Central, Street will be majoring in elementary education. She was joined at the signing by her parents (seated) Lisa and Dan Street along with Clopton Athletic Director and Head Softball Coach Matt Cannon, Mason Street and Assistant Softball Coach Craig Smith.

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## Van-Far Teams Continue Play In Madison Tournament Following Holiday Break

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The Madison Tournament got underway on Wednesday, Dec. 20. It will continue after the Christmas holiday with the Van-Far varsity girls' and boys' teams competing in addition to the Van-Far boy's junior varsity team.

The Lady Indians entered the tournament as the eighth seed and faced top-seeded Cairo on Wednesday. Van-Far fell to the Lady Bearcats and will see Salisbury in the consolation semi-

final on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 4:30 p.m. If they win, the girls will compete in the consolation final on Friday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. If they lose, they will play for seventh at 4:30 p.m.

The boy's junior varsity team is seeded seventh went up against (2) Mark Twain on Wednesday, Dec. 20. They fell to the consolation side of the bracket with a loss to the Tigers. The JV team will take on (6) Cairo in the consolation semifinal on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 9 p.m.

The Van-Far varsity boys earned the top seed in the tournament and faced (8) Paris on Thursday, Dec. 21. The win propelled the Indians to the championship side of the bracket. They will take on (4) Community R-VI in the championship semifinal on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 6 p.m.

If the Indians win they will compete in the championship on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. If they lose, they will take part in the third place game at 4:30 p.m.

## Bobcats, Lady Cats To Take Part In Highland Tourney

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The Highland Tournament bracket is a little confusing as both Bowling Green teams will go through pool play along with two other teams in the opening round to determine who moves forward in the bracket.

## LADY CATS

The Lady Cats are seeded fourth and will face (5) Canton on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and then top-seeded Clark County on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Clark County and Canton play on Monday.

First in pool play moves on to the championship semifinal, second place advances directly to the third place game and third in pool play goes to the consolation semifinal. Other teams in the tournament include: (2) Highland, (3) Palmyra, (6) Knox County and (7) Kirksville.

The championship is Saturday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. The consolation and third place games are on Friday, Jan. 5 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

## BOBCATS

The Bobcats are seeded fifth in

the tournament and will take on top-seeded Clark County on Monday, Jan. 1 at 7:30 p.m. They will face (4) Kirksville on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 6 p.m. Clark County and Kirksville will play on Wednesday.

The championship will be held on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Consolation and third place games are Friday, Jan. 5 at 6 and 9 p.m. respectively.

Other teams in the tournament include: (2) Palmyra, (3) Canton, (6) Knox County and (7) Highland.

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	(8) Winfield	
<b>CONSOLATION</b> Friday, Jan. 5 4:30 p.m.	(4) Silex Monday, Jan. 1 4:30 p.m. - Old Gym	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Friday, Jan. 5 7:30 p.m.
	(5) Louisiana	
<b>Consolation Semifinal</b> Wed. Jan. 3 Old Gym 7 p.m.	(2) Clopton Monday, Jan. 1 4:30 p.m. - New Gym	<b>Championship Semifinal</b> Wed. Jan. 3 New Gym 7 p.m.
	(7) Wright City	
<b>3rd PLACE</b> Friday, Jan. 5 6 p.m.	(3) Elsberry Monday, Jan. 1 3 p.m. - Old Gym	
	(6) Wellsville	

<b>Boys Bracket</b>		
<b>Consolation Semifinal</b> Thurs. Jan. 4 Old Gym 5:30 p.m.	(1) Monroe City Tuesday, Jan. 2 5:30 p.m. - New Gym	<b>Championship Semifinal</b> Thurs. Jan. 4 New Gym 5:30 p.m.
	(8) Warrenton JV	
<b>CONSOLATION</b> Saturday, Jan. 6 4 p.m.	(4) Winfield Tuesday, Jan. 2 7 p.m. - Old Gym	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Saturday, Jan. 6 7 p.m.
	(5) Wright City	
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Simple Ways To Quickly Boost Credit Scores

The road to great credit begins with consumers. Consumers who demonstrate an ability to pay bills on time and stay out of debt can make themselves more attractive to prospective creditors, which can ultimately save them thousands of dollars when they purchase homes and/or vehicles.

While strong credit scores take years to build, men and women looking to improve their scores can begin doing so rather quickly. Scores will not skyrocket overnight, but they will begin to improve if consumers begin taking the following steps.

- **Pay bills on time.** Paying bills on time is one of the most effective and simplest ways for consumers to improve their credit scores. One of the credit scores lenders use to determine if they will extend credit to a given applicant is the FICO® score, which is generated by the Fair Isaac Corporation. According to the Fair Isaac Corp., a FICO score is broken down into five categories, some of which factor more heavily than others. An individual's payment history accounts for 35 percent of his or her FICO score, making it the most influential of the five factors for people who have been using credit for a long time. (Note: People with a nonexistent or greatly limited credit history may have their FICO scores more influenced by other factors.) If necessary, set up automatic payments so all bills, but especially bills owed to creditors, such as credit card companies and student loan lenders, are paid on time.

- **Pay down balances and keep them low.** Paying bills on time might not be enough to dramatically improve credit scores if con-

sumers are still only paying the minimum amount each month while maintaining high balances. After payment history, amounts owed is the second biggest influence of most consumers' FICO scores, accounting for 30 percent of an individual's score. So in addition to paying on time, consumers should try to pay more than the minimum amount due each month, ideally paying balances in full each month.

- **Study your credit report.** Credit scores can sometimes fall victim to errors on a person's credit report. A 2012 Federal Trade Commission Study found that roughly 25 percent of all consumers had errors on their credit reports that adversely affected their credit scores. Consumers who suspect their credit score does not reflect their credit worthiness should examine their reports, which are available to all consumers once a year for free, for mistakes. Report any mistakes to Equifax, Experian and/or TransUnion.

- **Wait to apply for new lines of credit or mortgages.** Consumers' credit scores take a small hit each time they apply for new lines of credit, whether it's a credit card or mortgage. Consumers who want to quickly improve their scores should refrain from applying for new lines of credit until they have increased their scores to a point where they won't mind seeing those scores take a small dip.

Consumers' credit scores can affect their lives in various ways. While it takes time to build strong credit histories, consumers can take small steps to begin improving their credit scores right away.

## Tame Stress, Improve Health

It is important to reduce stress, as chronic stress can wear down the body and lead to illness.

Stress can affect people of any age. While small amounts of stress may stimulate adrenaline responses and help people power through difficult projects or solve problems, chronic stress can impact the mind and body in harmful ways.

WebMD defines stress as any change in the environment that requires the body to react and adjust in response. The body may react to stress physically, emotionally and/or mentally. Positive stress, called eustress, can take the form of getting a new job with greater responsibilities. However, it's the bad stress - distress - that can cause tension and other negative consequences.

Money, health and relationships are some of the common contributors to stress in the United States. Seventy-seven percent of Americans regularly experience physical symptoms caused by stress, and 73 percent experience psychological symptoms from stress. Statistics Canada indicated that, in 2014, the most recent year for which data is available, 23 percent of Canadians ages 15 and older (6.7 million people) reported that most days were "quite a bit" or "extremely" stressful.

Stress can have many implications. When the body is stressed, muscles tense up and chronic stress can cause the muscles in the body to stay taut and tense for long periods of time, says the American Psychological Association. This may lead to tension headaches and musculoskeletal disorders.

The Mayo Clinic advises that stress can cause fatigue, changes in sex drive, stomach upset, and difficulty sleeping. Stress also affects mood, potentially resulting in lack of motivation or focus, anxiety, sadness, and/or angry outbursts.

Healthline links chronic stress to behaviors such as overeating, not eating enough, alcohol or drug abuse, and social withdrawal.

Reducing stress is a priority for many people. Although it is not an easy undertaking, slowly removing stressors from one's life and taking steps toward changing one's responses to stressful situations can help. There are many stress-management strategies, and not every one is right for all individuals. However, the following techniques may be helpful.

- **Exercise:** Regular physical activity can help reduce stress.

- **Meditation:** Mindful meditation, deep breathing, yoga, and tai chi are ways to focus the brain away from stressful situations.

- **Socialization:** Talking and spending time with friends or family can relieve stress.

- **Hobbies:** Crafts, hobbies and other engaging activities can direct attention away from stress.

- **Talk therapy:** Seeing a therapist may help some people work through stress and discover additional techniques to change how they respond to stress.

- **Situation changes:** Changing a job, residence or a condition that removes a source of stress may be handy.

Many people suffer from stress, which can be very harmful if not dealt with healthily and readily.



## Straube Retires After 18+ Years

Vicki Straube was honored with a retirement party on Thursday, Dec. 21 for her 18 1/2 years of service to Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of New Haven in Bowling Green. Pictured, from left: Denny Rasure, general manager, Dave Hollingsworth, sales manager, Chris Straube, Vickie Straube, administrative assistant, Ellen and Mark Zobrist, owners of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, New Haven; and Kevin Schallenberg, branch manager

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### Drive Safe, Sober This Holiday Season

During this hustle and bustle time, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety wants to remind motorists to plan ahead for their holiday travel and drive with caution. Historically the Christmas and New Year holiday season is a deadly time on our nation's roadways.

There were 52 people killed and 243 seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes between Dec. 10, 2016 and Jan. 1, 2017. Eight of the fatalities and 20 of the serious injuries involved a substance-impaired driver.

"A lot of holiday parties involve alcohol," said Bill Whitfield, executive chair of the

coalition. "If you're going to drink, plan another way home before the celebration begins, and encourage your friends and family to do the same."

There are no excuses to drive impaired. The facts are known - drinking and driving is a lethal combination. The consequences can be fines, jail time or even death. It's simply not worth it. Your last drink could be someone else's last breath.

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The office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1  
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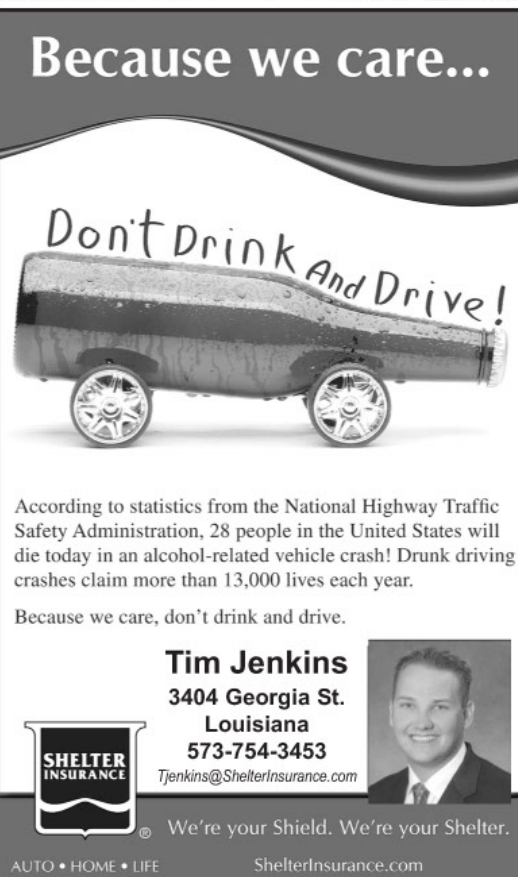


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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Diet Resolutions For The New Year

Why overhaul your diet in a day when you can take small steps over time - and still reach your diet goals!

Are you making bold resolutions on Jan. 1 to "eat right" - whatever that means? Stop trying to overhaul your entire diet in a day! Resolve to think small and you can reach any diet goal - one focused step at a time. Why not start with these simple tips?

New Year's Diet Resolution No. 1: Go Slow

Resolving to get more fiber in your diet this year? Maybe more fish or fresh fruit? Any diet change is easier if you take slow, small steps. For example:

1. Vow to add a piece of produce to your brown bag lunch daily.

2. Designate a day as fish day.

3. Package up a single serving of your favorite whole-grain cereal, then treat it as your midmorning snack.

New Year's Diet Resolution No. 2: Water, Water, Everywhere

Water: It's cheap, fat-free, and gives your body a quenching boost. Find the idea of eight cups a day daunting? Think small:

1. Drink one glass first thing in the morning, before you brush your teeth.

2. Tempted by more soda? Another glass of wine? Drink a cup of water with

a splash of your favorite beverage in it first.

3. Resolve to drink one more cup of water today than you had yesterday.

New Year's Diet Resolution No. 3: Go for the Gold ... and Red ... and Purple

Colorful produce is packed with disease-fighting plant compounds, so when you shop, reach for a rainbow.

1. Designate a color-a-day. Maybe Mondays are yellow, with grapefruit, golden apples, or corn starring in meals, while Tuesdays are purple with plum and eggplant.

2. Get the kids involved and go for a theme: Build a green pizza with emerald bell peppers and artichokes, or a red produce-infused chili.



The Bowling Green R-1 High School band offered a special holiday performance Thursday morning on the lawn of the Pike County Courthouse. In addition to an annual Christmas concert, the band performs at nursing homes and other community locations during the holiday season.

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# Christmas In Lincoln White House Was Low-Key Affair

By Tom Emery

Christmas in the White House in the 1860s was a far cry from the ornate displays of decor familiar to Americans today. During the Lincoln administration, the holiday was celebrated in low-key fashion.

Celebrations of Christmas in those years were far less prevalent than today, and the White House was no exception. The first indoor Christmas tree at the White House did not appear until 1889, and the first outdoor tree lighting was not held until 1923. For President Lincoln, December 25 was often a working day.

Those who did celebrate Christmas in the era often viewed the day as a social occasion. As President-elect in 1860, Lincoln was consumed with a steady stream of visitors at his Springfield home. Reporter Henry Villard, one of many seeking Lincoln's attention, wrote that "a party of St. Louis gentlemen all but monopolized the attention of the President-elect."

Still, Lincoln found the time for a little shopping. On Christmas Eve 1860, he purchased some "yard goods," or fabric, for his wife, as well as eleven handkerchiefs for gifts.

In Lincoln's first White House Christmas in 1861, much of December 25 was spent in dealing with the Trent affair, a diplomatic crisis with England and France. The evening, however, was spent in celebration, as the Lincolns welcomed many family and friends from Illinois and Kentucky at a Christmas dinner.

"Christmas for the Presidents of the mid-19th century was generally a quiet time," said Dr. William Bushong, historian of the White House Historical Association in Washington, DC. "For most First Families, it was a quiet, family occasion."

The Civil War and the plight of soldiers weighed heavily on Lincoln's mind. On Christmas afternoon in 1862, President and Mrs. Lincoln visited "many hospitals" to meet sick and wounded soldiers. The next year, ten-year-old Tad Lincoln, the President's youngest son, sent many soldiers gifts of books and clothing with the simple identifier "From Tad Lincoln."

Lincoln spent part of that same Christmas Day discussing the constitutionality of the draft with one of his personal secretaries, John Hay. The President also looked ahead, discussing preliminary plans for amnesty and reconstruction for those in rebellion.

Bushong notes that Christmas in the White House in that era was usually overshadowed by a larger celebration. "The New Year's Day reception in the White House was a really big deal at the time," remarked Bushong. "Thousands of people came, and the White House was decked out in grand décor. New Year's Day was a much larger celebration in the mansion than Christmas."

By comparison, Bushong said that Christmas decorations in the White House were rather simple, usually consisting of greenery, bows, holly, and wreaths.

The last Christmas Eve of Lincoln's life in 1864 brought much-needed good news. Fresh off his successful March to the Sea, William T. Sherman famously telegraphed Lincoln, "I beg to present to you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah, with one hundred fifty heavy guns and plenty of ammunition, also about 25,000 bales of cotton."

Two days later, Lincoln hosted a Christmas reception at the White House and also took time to write Sherman, expressing "many, many thanks for your Christmas gift - the capture of Savannah." The President complemented Sherman for his success, writing "the honor is all yours."

However, the pragmatic Lincoln quickly put holiday cheer aside. "But what next?" inquired the President as to Sherman's plans, adding, "I suppose it will be safer if I leave Gen. Grant and yourself to decide."

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Lincoln and other Americans took comfort in the drawings of artist Thomas Nast, who is credited as the first to depict Santa Claus as we know him today. Nast, who also drew the symbols of the present-day Democratic and Republican parties, offered a sketch of Santa in the Jan. 3, 1863 issue of Harper's Weekly that showed him in patriotic garb, distributing gifts to Union soldiers.

An obvious piece of propaganda, Nast's original Santa is shown holding a marionette of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, with a rope tied around its neck as to mimic a lynching. Some have asserted that Lincoln requested, or even commissioned, this original Santa sketch, though many scholars dispute that claim.

Nast drew Santa in other military and political surroundings in

subsequent years, some of the many pro-Union sketches he produced. Lincoln clearly saw the value of Nast's talents both at Christmas and year-round, reportedly declaring him "our best recruiting sergeant."

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 2017 Decorating Contest Winners

Louisiana Community Betterment is pleased to announce the Christmas Decorating Contest winners for the 2017 Christmas season. Judges spent almost a week driving the Louisiana community in search of the winners.

There were three categories that the judges selected winners for, residential, business and religious displays.

First place in residential is the Horton home on 8th St. Second

Place is 410 Peacock Dr. and third Place is 515 Kelly Lane. First place in the business category is Louisiana Flowers & Gifts. Second place is Fat Boys Restaurant and third place is Rainbow Flower Shop. First place in the religious category is 1901 Georgia St. Second place is 225 N. 5th St. and Third place is 410 Peacock Dr.

Louisiana Community Betterment would like to recog-

nize the panel of judges from Lynn's Heritage House for their excellent choices and their willingness to serve as judges for the 2017 season.

The winners will all be notified by mail and check presentations will take place Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m., in the Pike County Memorial Hospital lobby. The public is welcome to be present for the presentation.

### New Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

The Adopt-A-Highway program in the Northeast District has named a new coordinator, Lana McPike, MoDOT customer service representative, will now be assuming the duties as the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator.

She will also be continuing to provide customer service at the district office in Hannibal. Lana has been shadowing the previous Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, Marisa Christy-Kerns, and is ready to take over the role of helping Missourians adopt highways and help keep roadsides clean. There are currently over 400 adopters in the program for the Northeast District, however, there are many more areas that still need to be adopted.

For more information on adopting a highway, call Lana at 573-248-2584 or email her at [lanamcpike@modot.mo.gov](mailto:lanamcpike@modot.mo.gov).



### Grote Receives Rotary Scholarship

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### Oliver Named To MO Valley Dean's List

Dr. Diane Bartholomew, vice president of academic affairs for Missouri Valley College, has announced the fall 2017 dean's list.

The requirements for the dean's list are a 3.3 or higher grade point average; at least 12 graded hours

for the semester and no "D," "F," or "incomplete" grades for the semester. The following student(s) from the area was named to the dean's list:

Seth Oliver, freshman of Wellsville, physical education.



### Winter Workshop

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade participated in the annual Winter Workshop sponsored by the Clopton Art Club Tuesday, Dec. 19. According to Art Teacher Tony Cordes, 35 students enjoyed making a pinecone ornament, gingerbread house and having a light snack. Pictured, from left: kindergarten students Tessa Evans and Kynneddy Hallows working on their gingerbread houses.

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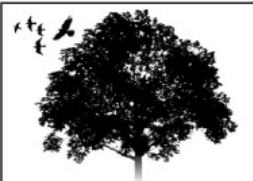
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Donations received by Pike County Hospice will be used to benefit Pike County residents dealing with terminal illness.

## Kroencke Awarded Scholarship To SEMO

Hannah Kroencke of Bowling Green has received the University Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to attend Southeast Missouri State University for the 2018-19 academic year.

Kroencke is the daughter of Felicia Gamm of Bowling Green and the late Jon Kroencke and will be a 2018 graduate of Bowling Green High School.



## In The Spirit Of Giving

Students at Clopton Elementary and Clopton Junior and Senior High Schools learned about the joy of giving recently. Students collected over 1,000 food and personal care items during the week of Dec. 11-15. These items will be donated to the All You Need Is Love Food Pantry. Pictured are some of the items collected.

### NOTICE OF FILING FOR APRIL 3, 2018

#### CITY OF PAYNESVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The filing dates for the City of Paynesville have been set for Dec. 27, 2017 until Jan. 25, 2018.

Candidates may file for two board members for two years.

JoAnne Hammuck - 2 years

Dianne Gardner - 2 years

Rosemary Capps - Unexpired Term - 1 year

Jeremy Davis, Clerk

## Mueller Earns Recognition Through Event, Facilities Management Three-Week

During the three week, students involved in the SPM316 Event and Facilities Management class including Mathew Mueller of Silex were charged with putting together a concept proposal for either an event or facility design for Culver-Stockton College that enhanced use of, or student experience in, the Mabee Center or athletics facilities. Students were broken into teams and each team had a project manager.

Teams competed against one another in each of the two areas, events or facilities. Concept winners were awarded by a panel of judges and were awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Concept Proposals. Awards for Program Management Excellence were also awarded. Excellence in Facility Design: Matt Mueller, Justin Ledford, Gabby Hickman, and Charles Duran.

Excellence in Event Design: Abby Mikesell, Isaac Madrid, Michael Garcia, Jerrard March, and Matt Blair-Brown.

Project Management Excellence: Gabby Hickman and Abby Mikesell

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the post home in Vandalia.

President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The November minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report showed the current balance with her report being filed for audit.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Missouri President and the USO of St. Louis. Community Service Chair Ann Wasson collected hours and funds spent from the members

present. There were no Patriot's Pen Essays received from Van-Far schools.

During the business meeting donations were made the USO of St. Louis and the local Salvation Army.

The 10 members attending were Janet Armstrong, Joy Davis, Val Galloway, Mary Gramley, Judy Hull, Victoria Shaw, Norma Shaw, Katherine Stewart, Ann Wasson and Wanda Winders.

The next auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Jan. 11 at the post home. All members are encouraged to attend each meeting.

### Silex Bank Receives 5-Star Accountability

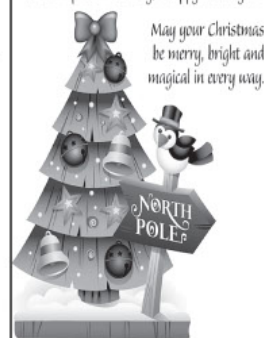
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farmers, both from southeastern  
Missouri, surpassed the 100-  
bushel mark with yields of 101.17  
and 100.30 bushels per acre,  
respectively. All six of Missouri's  
statewide honorees had soybean  
yields above 90 bushels per acre,  
and 28 different entries topped 80  
bushels per acre.

The contest's top honors go to  
Jerry Cox, of Delta, who raised  
101.17 bushel per acre soybean in  
Cape Girardeau County. Cox's  
outstanding yield came Pioneer  
P48A60X soybean seed under irri-  
gation. The other triple-digit yield,  
also grown under irrigation, was  
entered by Rick and Cody Branch  
of Gideon. The New Madrid  
County farmers used Asgrow  
AG38X6 to reach their 100.30  
bushels per acre harvest.

"Innovation and stewardship  
are key to success in the field, and  
it is great to see the results of  
those commitments among the  
growers in Missouri's annual soy-  
bean yield contest," said Matt  
McCrate, a southeast Missouri  
farmer and president of the  
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"The emphasis on friendly compe-  
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Winners will be recognized at  
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## Madison Orr Named To JWCC Dean's List

Madison Orr, daughter of Jay and Melissa Orr of Bowling Green was among 303 students at John Wood Community College have been named to the dean's list for the 2017 fall term.

To be named to the dean's list, a full-time student must be enrolled

for nine or more credit hours and must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. A part-time student must have accumulated at least 15 semester hours, be enrolled for fewer than nine credit hours during the current term, and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

## Lucky New Year's Meals

According to tradition, New Year's Day supper will bring you fortune in the year to come. Here are our favorite recipes for Greens, Black-Eyed Peas, Cornbread, Hoppin' John, and Pot Likker Soup.

According to Southern traditions, you will have good luck for the entire year if you have the traditional New Year's Day supper. That means a meal of greens, hoppin' John, black-eyed peas, cornbread, and pot likker soup.

Here are our favorite New Year's recipes. We guarantee they'll taste great—the luck is up to you.

For a new twist on Southern traditions, try the Hoppin' John Noodle Bowls, or the oven-roasted Black-Eyed Peas for Munching.

If you want the classic New Year's recipes, you can enjoy our

mouthwatering Southern-Style Collard Greens, Pot Likker, or Good Luck Greens and Peas with Ham. However you cook up your New Year's recipes, hopefully these traditional Southern New Year's Day recipes will mean your table will be filled with the perfect dishes for good luck.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## COLLIER

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Smith graduated from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science in 1965. The walls of his office are covered with the degrees and awards that Smith and Collier have earned over the years, along with many photos of their family.

In 2013 the family not only lost George, but also his oldest daughter, Gayle, who was Smith's wife. They had one daughter, Paige, who is married to Jeff Alexander. The couple have four sons and reside in the St. Louis area, which is where Smith plans to move following retirement.

"As soon as I can get everything arranged I plan to move closer to them. It will be nice to see my grandsons more often," he said.

Being in the funeral business requires a great deal of understanding from family members. Smith noted that plans and holidays are often interrupted, but the calls must be answered because it is never good news.

Many years ago funeral homes generally operated ambulance services as well.

"In those days the work seemed never-ending. You were always answering a call and it could be very tough. Sometimes it can be

difficult to deal with so much loss."

Smith said earning the trust of the community has been an important aspect throughout his years of service. He added that it's why he feels confident in turning over the business to Bibb.

"Ryan knows what he's doing. He treats families the way I tried to treat them - the way I like to see them treated," Smith explained. "When you have a small operation you try to satisfy people. With a big, corporate place it's about the money. Everyone is just another person. [Ryan] is an excellent fit for this business."

Bibb said the tradition Collier Funeral Home has built over the years made the purchase attractive. He's familiar with the facility, too. In the early days when he worked for John and Cathy Veach there were times he would help out at Collier.

"They have established a reputation for good service."

Bibb added that his wife's family is from Louisiana so there is a connection to the town. He noted that in this community the businesses didn't view each other as "competition" in the past.

"We've always been colleagues. We just want to serve people."

Bibb said he's always had a great deal of respect for Smith and wished him well in his retirement. Mark Capstick serves as a



Al Smith, owner of Collier Funeral Home, is pictured taking a phone call in his office. After more than 50 years in the funeral business, Smith is retiring on Jan. 1, 2018. He will be moving to St. Louis to be closer to his daughter and son-in-law, Jeff and Paige Alexander, and their four sons. A picture of Smith's family, including his late father-in-law, George Collier, and his late wife, Gayle, adorns the wall behind him. Smith says he's had a rewarding career and life in Louisiana and is looking forward to spending time with his grandsons. The business will continue to operate as Collier Funeral Home following the purchase by Ryan and Stacey Bibb who also operate Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green and Silex.

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funeral director at Collier and will continue in that capacity. He's been with the business since 1996. Lori Smith is a funeral director with Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes. Bibb pointed out that staff will likely help out at each location at certain times.

The Bibbs became partners with John and Cathy Veach in 2015 and the facilities in Bowling Green and Silex went from Mudd-Veach Funeral Homes to Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes.

"I enjoy helping people and being a part of the community," Ryan noted at that time.

Bibb is a Bowling Green High School graduate from the class of

1998. He earned his degree in mortuary science in 2000 from St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. Ryan and Stacey married in 2002. He worked at a few different facilities before joining John and Cathy Veach as their first full-time employee in 2004.

Bibb says the science aspect of the business was especially interesting to him, but the emotional aspect is something for which he takes great care and respect.

"Helping a family through their loss and to find closure is a special thing. Knowing that families trust me with that is an honor," he reflected.

Bibb also leans on his spiritual-

ity and is happy to help families who desire that religious aspect and comfort. He notes that his work helps him with his faith.

"It makes you value life in general and value the time with your family much more," he said. "The reward of this job isn't really a financial one. It's something much more deep and personal."

Bibb said he and Stacey looking forward to taking on the new responsibility. Stacey is taking classes to be licensed as a funeral director. She is a psychological examiner for the Troy School District. Ryan and Stacey have four children: Philip, Jack, Connor and Jorie.



The newspaper advertisement for the grand opening of the new location at 117 Barnard Drive in Louisiana still hangs in the foyer at Collier Funeral Home. The late George M. Collier purchased the Frank C. Haley Funeral Home in downtown Louisiana in 1962. The business operated at that location until the new facility was built and opened in May of 1967. Al Smith worked for his father-in-law and graduated from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science in 1965.

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Al Smith and Ryan Bibb are pictured in the foyer of Collier Funeral Home last week. While Bibb worked for John and Cathy Veach years ago there were times when he would help at Collier's. Bibb noted that Collier Funeral Home has an excellent reputation and that he has a great deal of respect for Smith. The business will continue to operate as Collier Funeral Home following the purchase on Jan. 1. Mark Capstick will also continue to serve as a funeral director for the business.

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## TAXES

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After the deadline, a percentage penalty is applied that compounds every month the bill is delinquent. Individuals can find a penalty schedule on the front of the bills.

Over the past few years, the collection rate has dipped slightly from more than 95 percent to around 92 percent of bills. County and municipal officials are hopeful this will be a better year to bolster tight budgets.

"The economy has definitely made a difference in collections the past few years."

She added that a large percent-

age of the delinquency tends to be those who pay late rather than not at all.

"I think there are people who wait and use their federal income tax return," Morrison remarked.

Overall, the county's taxes are about the same as last year with all things considered. Real estate taxes are up just over \$219,000. Railroad and utility receipts also rose by about \$26,000. Personal property taxes are lower by around \$244,000.

Collectively, the county billed over \$15.6 million. A total of \$7,914,685.80 was billed in real estate taxes and \$3,689,410.46 was billed in personal property taxes. The railroad and utility receipts came in at \$4,056,754.60

this year.

Morrison stressed the importance of checking bills for accuracy. She urged citizens to call the office immediately with any concerns.

"If someone failed to receive a bill or purchased property this year and didn't receive a bill, it's also very important that they call or stop by the office as soon as possible to avoid a penalty."

The Collector's office can be reached at 573-324-3281.

Local municipalities are also hard at work collecting tax bills before the Dec. 31 deadline. Those who failed to receive a municipal tax bill are urged to contact their local city hall to clarify the situation.

## Tips To Help Realize Goals In The Year Ahead

At the dawn of a new year, many people set goals to motivate themselves to change. But as January 1 drifts further into the rearview mirror, it can be easy to settle into old habits and forget about the resolutions and goals established at the turn of the calendar.

Staying on course and achieving one's goals requires discipline. In addition to working hard, men and women who want to realize their goals in the year ahead can take several steps to increase their chances of being successful.

Examine your priorities. Achieving goals is easier when their goals can be among your biggest priorities. Examine your priorities to determine if you can fully commit to goals that may require significant time commitments. Men and women who are already stretched thin may need to recalibrate their goals or make changes in other areas of their

lives before they can fully commit to pursuing new goals.

Be specific in regard to planning. Being specific when choosing goals is important, but it's equally important to be as specific as possible in regard to developing a plan to realize those goals. Before embarking on a journey to realize your goals, figure out how you're going to achieve them. Create a new daily or weekly schedule that allots time to realize your goals, seeking input from loved ones whose lives may be affected by your new schedule.

Make note of potential obstacles. Recognizing potential hurdles in advance of their appearance can help you overcome these obstacles and stay the course toward achieving your goals. For example, men and women hoping to lose weight can look ahead to occasions that might compromise their efforts, such as a loved one's wedding or backyard barbecue. Recognizing these obstacles in

advance gives people a chance to develop a plan to overcome them. In the weight loss example, men and women can choose vegetarian options from reception menus or resolve to avoid alcohol, which tends to be high in calories.

Start small, but start immediately. Lifestyle changes can be difficult, so make small changes initially and gradually work toward larger, more significant changes. Starting small can lay a successful foundation, but it's also important to start immediately. Procrastination can reduce the likelihood of achieving your goals, and the earlier you get started the more quickly you and your loved ones will adjust to the changes necessary to realize your goals.

The dawn of a new year is a great time to set new goals. Bringing those goals to fruition requires careful planning and commitment.