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Lewisburg seeks new treasurer

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Lewisburg began a search for a new city treasurer at a special meeting held Tuesday afternoon. The council accepted the resignation of Jack King, who has served in the position since July, 2021, effective on Wednesday. King replaced Donna Park after her retirement and a drawn out search for her replacement. The council appointed Debbie Montgomery to serve as the interim city treasurer for the expected two to three month search and hiring process for a permanent replacement. Montgomery is currently the finance assistant and grants administrator for the city and will manage both positions in the interim. The council expects to extend Park an temporary consulting contract during the change over and the Municipal Technical Advisory Service has offered their assistance in smoothing the transition as well. Council also approved the first stages of the search for a permanent replacement. The council approved a trial change in scheduling for the Lewisburg Fire Department. For the next six months, the department will run on a 24 hour on duty/72 hours off duty schedule instead of the current 24/48 schedule. The schedule change would require the ad-

dition of four more firefighters, but the savings in overtime pay due to off-duty call outs is expected to balance that cost. Fewer calls on days off will also help alleviate a contributor factor to job burnout among personnel, the department hopes. The council will assess the impacts during the trial period and determine if the new schedule will remain or revert to the current 24/48. The council also appropriated American Rescue Plan funds to replace the lap pool heater at the Lewisburg Recreation Center. Heater issues have dogged the indoor pools for years. A recent engineering assessment determined that all three indoor pools, the lap pool, the therapy pool, and the hot tub, were using heaters of the same size despite the differences in the volume of water to be heated. Overwork of the lap pool heater contributed to their frequent burnout. The approximately \$28,000 approved Tuesday will cover the purchase and installation of a larger capacity unit for the lap pool which should improve unit lifespan. At previous meetings, the council has also discussed sourcing from different vendors than the current California-based vendor, which supplies replacement parts or units after frequent and long delays.

Miss Christmas Belle 2022



The Forrest High School Cheerleaders presented the Miss Christmas Belle pageant on December 10. Miss Christmas Belle and her court are, from left: 1st runner up Finley Sue Wright, Miss Christmas Belle 2022 Sarah Armstrong, and 2nd runner up Sydney Taylor Ross. For photos from the other age groups at Miss Christmas Belle, please turn to Page A8 of today's Marshall County Tribune.

Jingle Bell Trail winners

The Young Professionals of Marshall County capped off another year of service to the community with their now annual Jingle Bell Trail, a revived Lewisburg tradition supporting local businesses during the holiday season. Shoppers enter the drawing with each purchase from a participating business with the drawing of winners held at the lighting of the city's Christmas tree.



The Young Professionals also made a donation of \$750 to Cloth Our Kids of Marshall County, a group which works to provide at-risk children with needed clothing items.



The first place winner is Emily Weaver. She chose a \$500 gift card to Weathered Farmhouse, \$250 to Nspire Nutrition, and \$250 to Stevie's Boutique, as her \$1,000 prize.

Study Club celebrates Christmas

"There's a lot of value in trying new things - you don't have to be successful in everything you do." Author Rob Corn. Twenty-five Lewisburg Study Club members and six visitors gathered at the home of Karen Adams on December 10 for the annual Christmas meeting. Walking into Karen's home during the holidays is like walking into a Christmas wonderland. Festive lights and holiday decor featuring displays of figurines and nutcrackers are tastefully arranged throughout the living room and kitchen. Hostesses Debra Allen and Suzie Comstock, along with Karen, welcomed each person, and soon the room was filled with lively fellowship. President Denise Werner called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests. With no further business, she turned the



Author Rob Corn displays his novel "The Titanic Paradox."

meeting over to Suzie Comstock to introduce the speaker, Rob Corn. Suzie first met Rob and his wife Marcie, a teacher at Westhills Elementary, when they began attending the First United Methodist Church in Lewisburg several years ago. Their friendship grew through church activities, especially when



Sandy Henson won the second place gift basket in the drawing, and Lillie Newton won the third place gift basket from participating retailers, which was picked up by her mother Jessica Newton (pictured).



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