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# MONROE COUNTY THE CITIZEN

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## Monroe: Missing person

Special to the Citizen

On December 31st, 2018 at approximately 6:57PM, Monroe County dispatch received a 911 call from

19 year old Leah Carter of Gamaliel stating that she had attempted to cross a flooded bridge on Lyons Rd in

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## Changing of the guard: City officials take oath



Tompkinsville Mayor Scotty Turner takes the oath of office as his wife Susan looks on.  
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Helping run a city will never be the world's most glamorous job, not when it's done right. It's detail work. It's figuring out how to make a dollar stretch to three. It's communicating honestly and disagreeing without getting mad, listen-

ing to criticism both constructive and not, balancing a pile of often conflicting needs, staying optimistic while trying to be ready for every imaginable thing that could go wrong and knowing that's impossible.

At its December 27

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## Light and song: Gamaliel at Christmastime



Golden deer frolic in winner Betty Jo Murphy's doorway.  
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Citizens of Gamaliel threw their hearts, souls and voices into

Christmas celebrations, from a parade on December 1 to a caroling adventure all

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## City workers, police officers celebrated

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All year long, they're cleaning up our messes one way and another. Yes, it's a steady job, but it's neither easy nor the royal road to riches.

So it seems only right that two of the hardest-working groups around -- the officers of the Tompkinsville Police Department and the workers who take care of the City of Tompkinsville were recognized at a dinner held at the high school organized in their honor by Commissioner Bobby Adams and his

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## Masonic Lodge donates bikes

# Kids on wheels



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What's better than a new bike at Christmastime, especially when it's a reward for work well done? Monroe County's Masonic lodges have begun a tradition of donating brand-new bikes to the county's three elementary schools, and the schools are making sure

that each bike goes to a kid who's been working hard.

So right before winter break, it was bike time. At Joe Harrison Carter, the ten bikes donated by H.A.M. Henderson Lodge were supplemented by four from anonymous donors. The names of all students who've shown growth in their

reading in the final semester of 2018 were put in a hat, and Principal Jeff Blythe drew names of the lucky winners, a boy and a girl from each grade.

The lodge also donated ten bikes for Tompkinsville Elementary students.

In Gamaliel, the Loving

Lodge provided bikes for a boy and girl with good attendance records over the past nine weeks. (Gamaliel's outstanding readers also got treated to a Dollar Store spree courtesy of the Harold Pitcock Reading Enhancement Program.)

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