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Christmas on the Square is this Saturday

BY CRYSTAL CECIL
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The City of Greensburg will gather Saturday evening to kick off Christmas season in a big way; the community is encouraged to attend.

This year's theme is Santa's Workshop. The event will be held Nov. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. CT and there will be lots of activity in downtown Greensburg.

Forcht Bank will give out cookies, hot chocolate and cider, and tshirts for the first 50 children. Children are invited to make scratch ornaments and reindeer food will be available for the youngest visitors. Additionally, the bank will sponsor a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus for each young visitor.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Old Court-

house beginning at 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. CT, prior to the parade.

The famous couple will leave the Courthouse at 4:45 p.m. so they can take part in the parade, which begins at dark, approximately 5 to 5:15 p.m. after Lighting of the Square.

Call City Hall for parade information at 270-932-4298.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will head over to Longhunter's Coffee and Tea Co. following the parade for the annual Pajama Party. Children are invited to have milk and cookies with Santa and hear The Night Before Christmas.

Photos with the famous couple will be taken at both locations, sponsored by Forcht Bank.

Ongoing events include Zippy Rides and bungee jumps, weather permitting.

Winter Arts and Crafts event at the park Saturday

A Winter Arts and Crafts event will be held this Saturday at American Legion Park. The event will be held in the yellow building starting at 9 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m. CT.

Approximately 30 vendors will be on hand with crafts, clothing, home decor,

Christmas items, snacks, and more. Food will also be available to purchase, including chili, taco soup, beans and cornbread, coffee, cocoa, baked goods and more.

For more information, contact Beverley Shuffett at 270-465-1134.

The Christmas Parade – A Holiday Tradition Since the 1960s

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The City of Greensburg will once again usher in the holiday season with its annual Christmas Parade, a tradition since the 1960s.

From information procured from the Greensburg Record-Herald, the origin of the local parade appeared to have taken place in December of 1960.

On Saturday, December 10, the parade was scheduled to escort Santa Claus into town, arriving at 10:30 a.m. and giving out free candy and novelties to the children.

Following the parade, Chamber of Commerce members turned loose turkeys and hens on the streets, free to anyone who could catch them.

The 1963 Christmas Parade was planned by the Greensburg Retail Merchants Association. It was to take place on Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m.

The week prior to the parade, decorations went up in downtown Greensburg.

The spitting of snow during this time added to a real Christmas atmosphere.

Beginning in 1963, the local holiday parade became an annual event.

Both the Retail Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the parade.

The parade started at Houchens Market, traveling up First Street, proceeding right onto West Hodgenville Avenue to the traffic light, then turning right down on Main Street, taking a right at South Main onto West Columbia Avenue, and finishing back

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GREENSBURG'S CHRISTMAS OPENING

And

TOBACCO FESTIVAL

Friday, Nov. 25

Big Parade Begins At 3 P.M.

Santa Will Arrive On The Retail Merchants Christmas Float.
With Free Candy For All

Floats — Bands — Marchers —

Tobacco Festival Starts At 4 P.M.

Crowning of 1966 Green County Tobacco Princess, by 1965 Princess Marlene Sharp

Awards For Best Floats	
Two Divisions	
School	Business
\$25.00	\$25.00
\$15.00	\$15.00

Enjoy the Holidays Ahead...
SHOP NOW FOR CHRISTMAS!

Sponsored By Greensburg Retail Merchants Assoc.

This advertisement for Greensburg's Christmas Opening appeared in the Greensburg Record-Herald on November 17, 1966.

at Houchens Market.

Other entries in the parade included: Miss Green County, Green County Girl Scouts, the Chappell's Dairy, Jaycees, Student Council, and fifth grade patriotic floats, and the 4-H Prince and Princess.

An award was given for the best float.

Santa was aboard a new fire truck and set up shop at the former location of the Sinclair Service Station on the Greensburg Square.

A large crowd attended

the parade despite a sharp wind and 20-degree weather.

People lined both sides of Main Street as the Boy Scout Color Guard and the Greensburg High School Banded the parade through the car congested town.

The GHS Glee Club also performed.

The Greensburg Girl Scout float was judged the best float in the parade and awarded a prize of \$15.

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Gentry, Jones in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

BY CRYSTAL CECIL
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New York City is a flurry of activity this time of year and the 95th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Thursday will boast two of Green County High School's finest.

GCHS seniors Sidney Jones and Katlin Gentry will be donning the iconic red and white uniform Thursday morning in the world's largest parade as part of the Macy's Great American Marching Band. The parade will be televised live on NBC from 8 to 11 a.m. CT.

Jones, the daughter of Bradley Jones and Amy Beard, will be playing the flute in the parade.

Gentry, the daughter of Tyrone Gentry and Amy Clark, will play the clarinet in the parade.

The Macy's Day Parade, a holiday tradition across the nation, has over 8,000 participants each year. There are over 3.5 million spectators and 50 million viewers.

The Macy's Great American Marching Band accepts 180 high school students from across the country.

Around three students from each state are accepted into the ensemble.

Both have participated in the parade in previous years; Jones, for three years, and Gentry is in her second year. Their 2019 acceptance allowed them to participate without a re-audition, and their membership in the ensemble rolled over into this year.

"I haven't noticed a change from last year," Katlin Gentry said, when asked if things were different due to the pandemic. "This year it seems a bit more like home, considering I have an idea of what we're doing this time, but overall, it's been exactly what I've hoped it would be."

Jones says the week is a little bit brighter than previous years, because she has her biggest fan with her this time around.

"This year will be slightly different though, because my mom is actually a member of the band's medical staff and will get to experience everything with us," Jones said. "I'm so excited that she gets to see everything with the parade and our rehearsals up close."



Photo submitted

Green County High School seniors Sidney Jones and Katlin Gentry show off their Macy's Great American Marching Band attire in New York City. Jones and Gentry will perform their respective instruments in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Thursday.

The week will be filled to the brim with parade prep, but the two high school seniors will also get to have some fun.

Jones said the schedule calls for 20 hours of rehearsal between Monday and Wednesday.

"We have to work quickly and we have to work hard to get it all done, but it's so amazing to see what we can do in such a short period of time," she said.

Gentry said the practice is tough, but worth it.

"Our practices will get shorter to accommodate

for time in the city, but our sleep is also getting thin too," Gentry said. "Seems like we sleep less every day."

When not practicing, Macy's Parade Coordinators had plans to take participants into New York City to visit the 9/11 Memorials as well as see a performance of the Rockettes and see a Broadway show.

Sightseeing has been extremely fun for the two so far.

"We flew out to New York City last Thursday (Nov. 17), so that we could have two days to sightsee on our own," Jones said. "Because Macy's gives us boundaries to stay in during our free time, there were things we weren't able to do during our last trip, so we came up early in order to do some of those things. We visited places like the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Central Park Zoo, which I was super excited to be able to do. I was also able to ice skate at Rockefeller Center, which has always been a bucket list item for me and something that was super exciting."

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