December 2020



**Important Phone** Numbers

Police and Fire Emergency 9-1-1

Water/Sewer After Hours Emergency (270) 351-4477

Police Non-Emergency (270) 877-2252

**Fire Department** (270) 877-5202

Code Enforcement (270) 877-2422

City Hall (270) 877-2422

Planning/Zoning (270) 877-2422

Building Inspections (270) 272-2800

Water & Sewer Billing/Public Works (270) 877-2713

Mayor Pam Ögden (270) 877-2422



Donna Betson Lonnie Dennis Selena Hudson **Kristofor King Kathy Sisco** Donna Spangenberger

## **VINE GROVE** ΚΕΝΤUСΚΥ **TWO MEMBERS JOIN CITY**

# **COUNCIL AS TWO LEAVE**

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Selena Hudson will officially become Councilwoman Hudson on January 1, 2021.

She and her husband, Michael have been married for twelve years. They have six children and five grandchildren. Together, she and her husband own Riches and Glory

Photography. She is the Director of Marketing and Sales for their company. Their company has been in business since 2012. Ms. Hudson also works as a mortgage loan officer for Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, as a Sr. Mortgage Banker. She has been in the mortgage business for 17 years.

Ms. Hudson served as President of the Radcliff Small Business Alliance in 2018. She also has served one and 1/2 years on the Vine Grove Planning and Zoning Commission beginning in 2019. She is the Treasurer and Vice President of Public Relations for Gilded Tongues Toastmaster Club in Elizabethtown. Ms. Hudson loves to serve in her church, Heritage International Christian Church, and to spend time with her family. We wish Councilwoman Hudson success in her new roll.

Garry McCov began his career as a City Councilman when he was first elected in 1990. He ultimately served until the end of 2006, for a total of 17 vears. He later served from 2009, until the end of 2014 for a total of six years. His most recent service was for four years from 2017 through 2020.

In total, Mr. McCoy served the City of Vine Grove for 27 years. During his



last City Council meeting, Councilman McCoy thanked everyone who supported him during his 27 years of service. He also thanked his wife Sheila, who also supported him. He said that he did his best, and added that the generosity he witnessed as people made donations for the Christmas for the Kids program helped him keep his faith in people. He asked everyone on City Council to use a

little bit of heart in every decision they make in the future.

As a gesture of appreciation, Mayor Ogden presented Councilman McCoy with a framed photograph of downtown Vine Grove, with an engraved name plate. He also thanked Councilman Woosley for helping him with various things over the years. We thank Councilman McCoy for his service to the community, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Lonnie Dennis will officially become Councilman

Councilman Dennis grew up in Campbellsville, Kentucky. A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Mr. Dennis moved to Hardin County to teach school at J.T. Alton Middle School. He and his wife, Kim married in 1993, and they have two daughters.

Councilman Dennis retired from the Hardin County School System in 2017, after serving as the Principal of North Hardin High School. He also served two years on the Vine Grove Board of Adjustment in beginning in 2019.

Councilman Dennis and his wife. Kim have owned and operated Lee's Famous Recipe since 2002. We welcome Councilman Dennis, and wish him success in his new roll.

Robert (Bob) Woosley began his service to the Vine Grove community as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner in 2010. He served in that capacity until December, 2014. In November, 2014, Mr. Woosley was first elected to serve on City Council. He served 3 terms for a total of 6 years. Councilman Woosley



congratulated everyone who won the election this year, adding that he felt like it was time for him to leave. He thanked the citizens who voted for him. He said he wishes nothing but the best for Vine Grove, adding that he will still take care of Farmer's Market.

As a gesture of appreciation, Mayor Ogden presented Councilman Woosley with a framed photograph of downtown Vine Grove, with an engraved name plate. We thank Councilman Woosley for his service to the community, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



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Dennis on January 1, 2021.

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS PROGRAM IS A GREAT SUCCESS!

This year, our Christmas for the Kids program hit a bit of a snag, when it became impossible for the City to host their annual Christmas for the Kids chili supper and auction. But our community refused to allow COVID-19 to interfere with helping those who are less fortunate!

The City posted a request for donations on Facebook, and in our newsletter, and Councilwoman Donna Spangenberger heard the call. She and her husband, Kenneth (Spanky) Spangenberger own and operate Heartland Auction, and donate their services every year. Ms. Spangenberger leapt into action, and single handedly raised \$5,300! Ms. Spangenberger presented the donations during the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting. She noted that even her 98-year-old mother (Vera Reynolds) donated \$75, and her Aunt (Franny Gause) donated \$50. She added that one of her employees (Justin Musson) was preparing to donate, when his three children overheard. They ran to their rooms and broke into their piggy banks, donating a total of \$30 of their own money.

All together, the City received more than \$15,000 in donations. With those donations, we were able to purchase coats, shoes, clothing and toys for 45 children. We also provided their families with a food voucher, with which they may purchase the ingredients for a holiday meal.

Many thanks go to the following businesses:

Vine Grove Christian Church., Vine Grove Body Shop, Vine Grove Masonic Lodge #603, Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree, Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, Headliners, Hornback Plumbing, Harsh Food Mart, Patriot Realty, Heartland Auction, The Cecilian Bank, Chism Family Funeral Home, Apothecare, Radcliff Electric Supply, Nelson- Edelen-Bennet Funeral Home, Vine Grove Firefighters Association, American Legion Riders #113, Wilson & Muir Bank, and one business who wishes to remain anonymous.

Many thanks also to the private citizens who also donated:

Norman Shumate, Jadith Siekman, Cecil & Donna Casuso, Betty & Charles Jones, Janet Cowley, Nancy Rapalee, Daniel Beard, Patty Sims, Raymond Williams, Anthony Santos, Ryan Santos, Leigh Ann Taylor, Eileen Heinen, Jaime Boyd, Kevin Day, Vivian Via, Carolyn Canaday, Howard Hutcherson, Tom Billings, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Ford, Justin Musson and his three children, Sharon Catalino, Franny Gause, Vera Reynolds, Vine Grove City Councilwoman Donna Betson, Vine Grove City Councilwoman Kathy Sisco, Hardin County Magistrate Douglas Goodman, Bryan Packard, Frances Moore, Vine Grove Councilwoman Elect Selena Hudson, James Street, Gisela Goudy, Thomas Pike, Mr. & Mrs. L M Bullock, Margaret Riggs, Greg Hockenjos, Christine Peterson, David Robbins, Helen Cooper, Kelly & Mary Burks, and Norma & Lonnie Hancock.

## VINE GROVE HOLDS FOOD DRIVE

The City of Vine Grove held a food drive in December. The purpose of the food drive was to help supplement some of our senior citizens, as well as families who could use a helping hand. We thank Neighborhood Food Mart in Radcliff for helping to collect food for our cause, and a very special thanks goes to the Vine Grove Cash Saver, who not only collected food for the drive, but they matched the donations, and more! We also thank Radcliff Electric for their donations toward our cause. We simply could not have done it without their help, or without the help of the citizens who were so generous with their donations.

We are happy to announce that your donations made it possible for us to put together approximately 60 baskets. Officers from our Police Department picked up the food, assembled the baskets and distributed them. We are thankful to be a part of such a wonderful community, who's caring and generosity is given so freely to one another.

