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## Adopt-A-Pet



Corn is a domestic short-haired 10-week-old female kitten, and is available for adoption at the Williamston Veterinary Clinic. Page 2

## Opinion



Enterprise & Weekly Herald Columnist Sarah Hodges Stalls says don't forget to press the pause button during the Holiday season. Page 4

## Sports



Fourth & Long Columnist David Friedman says it is time to begin planning your Bowl-watching schedule. Page 8

# Hamilton leadership changes



SARAH HODGES STALLS  
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

**HAMILTON** – Four new commissioners, one incumbent commissioner and the new mayor were sworn in Thursday night during Hamilton's December regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting opened with the outgoing board and Mayor Gil Matthews clearing up old business.

Lawrence Rawls, a Martin County magistrate, swore in mayor-elect Jim Goodrich.

The three new commissioners elected were Linda Goodrich, Judith Stewart and Patricia Mooring.

They were joined by Kerry Spivey, who returns to the board after a break and William Freeman, the

William Freeman, Kerry Spivey, Patricia Mooring, Judith Stewart and Linda Goodrich were sworn in as Hamilton commissioners along with new Mayor Jim Goodrich (second from right).

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# 'The Friendly Spot' opens doors

SARAH HODGES STALLS  
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

**JAMESVILLE** – The doors reopened on a landmark building Saturday, just minutes before the town's Christmas Parade.

The Friendly Spot, a community enrichment center, has brought the spirit of its former occupant, The Friendly Grocery, back to life in Jamesville.

"The spirit and the heart of the Friendly Grocery is alive and well here," explained Katherine Hughes, President of the Jamesville Community Food Pantry, which is a 501c3, which oversees the Friendly Spot.

The Friendly Spot, a subsidiary of the Jamesville Community Food Pantry, is a "not-for-



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Layla Arrants was one of many children to steal a moment with Santa following Jamesville's Christmas Parade held Saturday.

"We strive to create a sense of coming home," Hughes explained.

And that is exactly what many did Saturday morning, following the Jamesville Christmas Parade.

A part of the mission of The Friendly Spot is to help educate the community on the contributions of residents past and present.

As they enter the building at 2050 Main St., visitors are greeted by a photo of the couple behind the historic Friendly Grocery, Tee Wee and Irene Blount. The grocery store was a fixture in Jamesville for more than five decades.

The Blount's daughter, Mary Charles Griffin, and three of their great-grandchildren

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profit, faith based community center," according to their mission statement.

The organization will focus

on enriching and embracing lives by providing free services to the public, and a safe and friendly place to gather.



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# Winter coat drive a huge success

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**WILLIAMSTON** – Many young people will have warm coats this winter, thanks to a joint effort in Martin County.

Positive People in Action is a multi-county group who tries to "do little things to help out where we can," according to Chairperson Ralph Corey.

PPA began to organize their second coat drive and invited the Martin County Sheriffs Office to partner in the effort.

Sheriff Tim Manning said the invitation was quite welcomed.

Manning explained



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Ralph Corey, Sheriff Tim Manning, Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown, Joyce Moore and Arthur Clark joined members of the

Martin County Sheriffs Office to celebrate a successful coat drive for children.

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# Baby's 1st Christmas

Send in your Baby's picture, name, where from, birthday, parents and grandparents name to be published in the December 24<sup>th</sup>'s edition.

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