


CITY OF CALHOUN



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NOTICE WATER CUSTOMERS: The City of Calhoun has contracted with a new company called Forte to accept water payments online. As of the end of December, the NTS site will no longer be able to accept payments. To pay your bill online, customers must now go to the City's website at calhounmo.com. On the right side of the home page under "Government", you will see a line that reads "utility payments". Click on that line and it will take you to the Forte site to make your payment. As always, the City Clerk can take your information at City Hall to make your online payment and City Hall will soon be getting a credit card machine to process transactions. Customers will notice that the fees associated with Forte are cheaper than the previous company.

CANDIDATE FILINGS STILL OPEN: The City of Calhoun is still accepting candidate filings for the positions of Mayor and two Aldermen through Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Each position is for a two-year term. Persons wishing to file for candidacy may do so at the office of the Calhoun City Clerk, 201 E. Main Street, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 660-694-3634.

2019 PET TAGS DUE: Remember to purchase your 2019 pet tags. All pet owners must register their animals annually with the City Clerk. The cost of registration is \$2.50 per animal. Also a reminder, all dogs must be kept on the owner's property at all times or restrained by a leash. Failure to do so can result in a summons being issued.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 1st – New Year's Day – City Hall Closed
Tuesday, January 8th – American Legion Post #566 Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall
Friday – January 11th – Harvesters Food Pantry – Approx. 2 p.m. – Colt Show Bldg.
Monday – January 14th – City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall
Tuesday – January 15th – Last Day for Candidate Filings – Calhoun City Hall
Monday, January 21st – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – City Hall Closed

LESSONS FROM GEESE

FACT 1

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an “uplift” from the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

LESSON

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

FACT 2

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

LESSON

If we have as much sense as a goose, we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

FACT 3

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose files to the point position.

LESSON

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other’s skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

FACT 4

The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

LESSON

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one’s heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

FACT 5

When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation to catch up with the flock.

LESSON

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked “Why are your hairs white, Mom?”

Her mother replied, “Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turn white.”

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, “Mommy, how come ALL of grandma’s hairs are white?”

