



MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

Look to page 2 to find more of the Jones Companies family's brightest and best Christmas memories and traditions of all time. And while you're there, take a moment to check out their 2018 resolutions as well!

By Marla Dimas
Check Into Cash
VAAC Supervisor

Cleveland, TN—This is the best present I have ever received—my boys, Fernando and Santiago, who celebrated their first Christmas in 2017!

They were born on May 4 of this year and we got to go home two days later. My husband, Jose Almaraz, and I feel incredibly blessed to have them. Though they were five weeks early the delivery couldn't have been better and neither of them had to spend any time in the incubator.



PARTY AT HEADQUARTERS

By Vickie Dixon
Check Into Cash
Reconciliation Specialist

Cleveland, TN—There wasn't a photo booth, but here's a shot of my husband, Zac, and me. I'm willing to bet we were the most festive couple there!

By Martha Lee Womac
Check Into Cash Pawn of Tennessee
Internal Auditor

Cleveland, TN—My daughter, Tammi, and I, feeling festive at the Christmas party!



ILLINOIS STUDENTS GET CHRISTMASY



Moline, IL—There were some great Christmas programs across the country, and the fine folks at Check Into Cash Center 4008 (3923 41st Avenue Drive) were privy to some of the best, which featured some of the employees' favorite people. From left: Lili Barrett, third grade student at Colona Grade School in Colona, Illinois, is the granddaughter of Center 4008 Manager Debra Barrett. Phoenix McCullough, kindergartener at Frances Willard Elementary in Rock Island, Illinois, is the nephew of Customer Service Representative Lori McCullough. And Jormaydan Milburn is in second grade at Bicentennial Elementary in Coal Valley, Illinois. She is the niece of Customer Service Representative Sabreena Bell. All three programs took place at their schools.



MORE CHRISTMAS

By Bob Bartelsmeyer

Check Into Cash Center 12060 (864 East Highway 60)

Manager

Monett, MO—The tradition at the Bartelsmeyer household for Christmas Eve has been to read the Christmas Story on the birth of Jesus Christ and open one present for each other that is under the Christmas Tree.

By Jamie Richardson

Check Into Cash Center
12060 (864 East Highway
60)

Customer Service Representative

Monett, MO—The best Christmas present that I ever received was probably the birth of my son, Kobe. He was born in June of 2013, but what can make a Christmas more special than having a baby boy to hold on that day and watch his eyes light up around the Christmas tree for the first time?



By Mary Jo Wolf

Check Into Cash
Collector

New York, NY—On December 8 I went to New York City with my son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. We went to see the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Square and to Radio City Music Hall with the Rockettes.

The kids were so surprised when we got in line for the show, not thinking we would be doing this. My granddaughter sat next to me and was a chatterbox about what she liked the most during the show. We then walked around taking in the windows of the stores. Sorry to say that the stores were being politically correct about this holiday and displayed Disney characters and not Christmas decorations.

Regardless, it was a trip that memories will stay with them for a lifetime. And that was the most important part of this trip.



From left: Tammy, her son Tom, daughter-in-law Carrie, and grandchildren Jacob and Katelyn.

By Samantha Welch

Check Into Cash
Internal Auditor

Cleveland, TN—For Christmas in 2005, I was fifteen years old. On Christmas Eve, Santa would come while we went to Flood Town and ate at the Waffle King. That was a Christmas tradition with my family for years, and when we got back home presents were there.

That year, I was opening my presents and I kept getting stuff for a car like seat covers and a steering wheel cover and dice to hang on the mirror. I was confused because I was not going to turn sixteen until the following June, and my parents were just saying the presents would be for the car whenever I finally got one. And then the last present I opened was a small gift that was a set of keys.

I was like, "What is this?"

My parents just laughed and told me to go check the garage. I thought they were kidding, but I ran to the garage and there was a 1995 Chevy Camaro sitting in the detached garage for me! My dad said it had been sitting in there for over a week, so like most teenage girls, I obviously never went into the garage if I didn't have to.

The funny thing is that Dad took me to test drive the car two or three months before Christmas. I said I loved it, but my dad never mentioned it again so I had no idea he got it for me.

That's a Christmas I will never forget.

RESOLVING IN 2018



By Vickie Dixon

Check Into Cash
Reconciliation Specialist

Cleveland, TN—The child isn't into sports just yet, but my 2018 resolutions include drinking more water (more than just one bottle at work every day) and to make sure I commit to going to yoga class each week. Here's a picture of me (right) with my best friend and yoga instructor, Sarah Arp. She teaches at Cheer Madness Elite in Cleveland on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

By Bob Bartelsmeyer

Check Into Cash Center 12060 (864 East Highway 60)

Manager

Monett, MO—A resolution that I have is to exercise daily and eat more healthy. Also, I want to at least bonus every month at CIC!

By Jamie Richardson

Check Into Cash Center 12060 (864 East Highway 60)

Customer Service Representative

Monett, MO—My resolution is to have a healthy 2018 and make it the best year for my family and me.

By Brandon Sutton

Customer Service Representative
Check Into Cash Online

Cleveland, TN—My second son is due around Christmas and the anticipation is killing us. We might get a baby for Christmas!

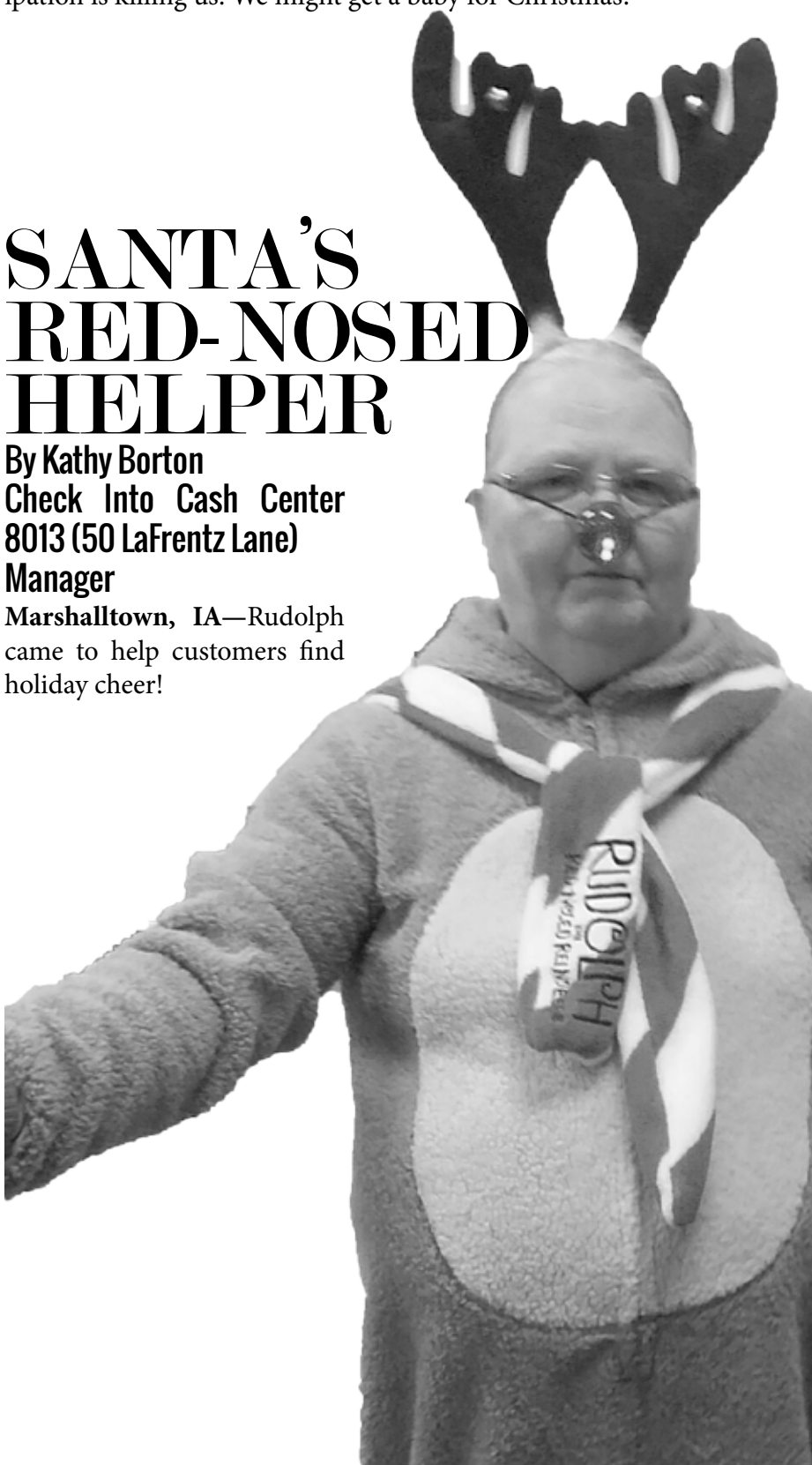
SANTA'S RED-NOSED HELPER

By Kathy Borton

Check Into Cash Center
8013 (50 LaFrentz Lane)

Manager

Marshalltown, IA—Rudolph came to help customers find holiday cheer!



BIRTH OF A FISHERMAN



**By Daniel Brantley
Jones Companies Courier
Editor**

Chattanooga, TN—On Sunday, November 12, I took 8-year-old Hudson Hodges fishing at Wolftever Creek. Since we share a birthday (June 8 for those wanting to get us something special), we buy each other a present every year. This year, he bought me some fishing gear. Since he'd never gone fishing, it seemed the time was right.

So we headed out, me planning to catch a few and hope he was able to land one himself. As the old fisherman, I knew I would show him up, and he would be forever as-

tounded at my ability to reel in fish after fish after fish.

And then something happened.

It all started when I handed my rod and reel to Hudson. He had a fish on. A small blue gill, but his first fish ever. He refused to kiss the fish, so I doubted he'd ever catch another fish in his life. Until he did. Another bluegill. I was just glad it didn't stab me with its painful topfin.

Finally, Hudson pulled in the twelve-inch crappie he's pictured with above. All while I got skunked. A great day for someone who has never cast a line before, and for the old bald guy who got skunked, well, there's no such thing as a bad day on the water.



REMEMBER THE NAME

**By Eric Bell
Check Into Cash
Mailroom Clerk**

Cleveland, TN—Trey will be a future Tennessee State Champ, coming out of Higher Calling Wrestling Club! Remember the name! #TreyBell



STINGING THE BEE

**By Ashley Fuller
Check Into Cash Title Pawn
District 21.1 Trainer Manager**

Cedartown, GA—My son, Andrew, who attends Cedartown Middle School, won the school spelling bee. Way to go, Andrew!

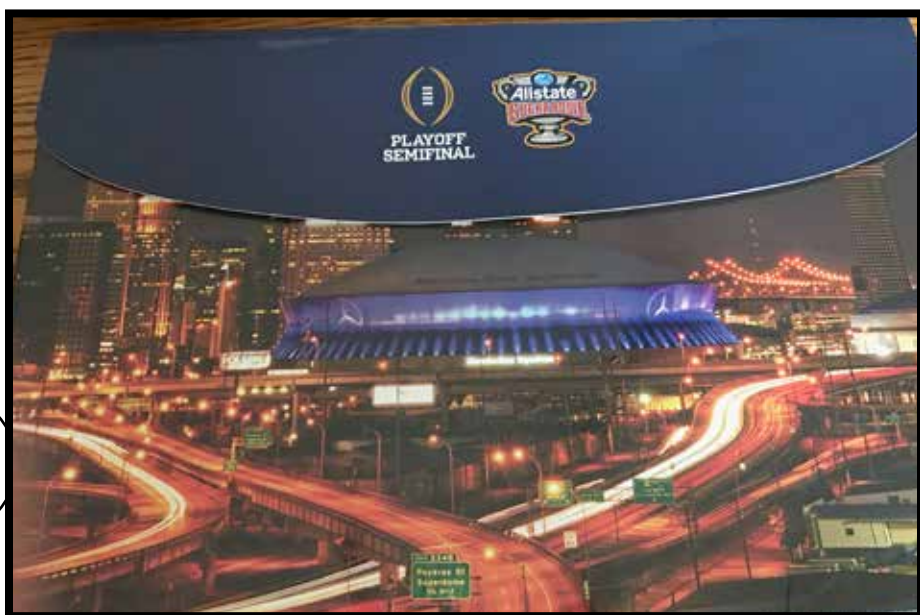


A TINY MIGHTY BEAST

**By Kathy Porter
Check Into Cash
Paralegal**

Cleveland, TN—My 5-year-old grandson, Nathan Porter, participated in his first wrestling tournament at Ocoee Middle School on Sunday, December 5, 2017. He wrestles with Bradley Wrestling Club in the tots division, which is for wrestlers 40 pounds or less. In his first tournament, he won two of his three matches. A couple weeks later, he attended the TNAAU wrestling competition in Pigeon Forge, TN, and won gold in the Tots class.

We're very proud of him!



CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD

**By Jan Nunley
Loan By Phone
Executive Administrative Assistant**

New Orleans, LA—My husband, Eddie, and I are headed to the Sugar Bowl Playoff Game! New Orleans, New Year's, and Alabama football!

KICKIN' STEPSON

**By Meghan Weber
Check Into Cash Center 5022 (1432 East Geneva Street)
Customer Service Representative**

Delavan, WI—My 11-year-old stepson, Brody, recently decided he wanted to try year-round indoor soccer instead of seasonal outdoor soccer, because he wants to get better and possibly try having it as a future career. He started the season five games in and was very nervous. The team he is now on was his outdoor team's rival and he wasn't sure how they would accept him.

He's had fifteen goals with six amazing assists in only three games. Last weekend, however, we were shown how amazing he truly is, when he was asked to try out for the semi-professional Chicago Fire youth league. Brody has been playing soccer since he was 3 and has only gotten better. Naturally, he is amazing at sports or anything active, but he's decided to make soccer his main sport from now on.

I have been in his life for four and one-half years, and I couldn't be more happy or proud of him!

PICTURE THIS!

**By Wayne Hendrickson
Check Into Cash
District 2.4 Manager**

Huntington, IN—Kimberly Spivey and Darian Lavine, Manager and Customer Service Representative at Check Into Cash Center 2053 (2000 North Jefferson Street), hosted a picture with Santa day on Saturday, December 9. They had more than forty families show up, and each person who got pictures with Santa brought in either canned goods to be donated to the local food bank or a new toy to be donated to Toys for Tots. It was a great success!



DOUBLE CREDIT PARADE



**By Cindy Lilak and Jennifer Schmitt
Check Into Cash Center 35004 (2100 South 9th Street)
District 35.4 Trainer Manager and Assistant Manager**

Salina, KS—Here are Parade of Lights photos from the Christmas Parade on November 18, 2017. Our helpers were high school students who received school credit for assisting our business and promotion. They made 1,200 goody bags, 900 with coupons, a piece of candy, and a CIC pen/or pencil. An additional 300 bags had coupons, a piece of candy, CIC lip balm, and a CIC tattoo.

We shouted, "Merry Christmas from Check Into Cash" as we walked the streets and handed people the goody bags. We all wore lanyards, green Mardi Gras beads, and Santa hats or Reindeer headbands. HHR was chalk painted with Bob Cash and other fun things, including our location here in Salina!

We all had a blast doing this and are anxious for next year! We will have more helpers next year and more goody bags!



RIDE THE... WOODEN HORSE?

Carroll, IA—Tasha Warne, Manager of Check Into Cash Center 8024 (815 US Highway 30 West) celebrating her twenty-third birthday at Pizza Ranch.

4 IN THE FALL



**By Martha-Lee Womac
Check Into Cash Pawn of Tennessee
Internal Auditor**

Cleveland, TN—Here is my grandson, Zeb, enjoying the fall weather! He turned 4 years old on October 28.



11 MEMORABLE YEARS

**By Rebecca Reeves
Check Into Cash Online
Customer Service Representative**

Cleveland, TN—I wanted to report that my best Christmas present was my daughter, Zoey. She was born ten weeks early, weighing only 3 pounds 1 ounce and measuring 16 inches long. She was born on November 5,

2006 and had to be in the hospital because her right lung collapsed after birth. My best Christmas present was her coming home from the hospital! She is now 11 years old, and she's one of the joys of my life. The photo collage shows Zoey throughout the years up until her eleventh birthday on November 5.



MERRY LOANMAS!

By Taylor Matthews and Alysia Ewing
 Quicloans Center 24309 (1508 South McKenzie Street)
 Manager and Assistant Manager
 Foley, AL—Our great title customer came in to see us to pay on his sleigh!



BEST OF THE BEST

By Cindy Breeding
 Buy Here Pay Here USA
 Store 3 (151 Island Drive)
 Account Representative
 Dalton, TN—This was in the Dayton Herald Newspaper and the community had to vote for it. I thought this was a big deal and a great accomplishment that folks should know about!



Louisiana—Here's the Check Into Cash District 16.9 Christmas gathering after our District Meeting on December 9, 2017. District 16.9 Manager Helen Chevis always make sure her team has a cheerful time during the Christmas Holidays and wants you to know the whole team in District 16.9 wishes you Happy Holidays!

ANGEL IN OUR MIDST

By Amanda Collins
 Check Into Cash Online
 Inbound Team Lead

Cleveland, TN—Recently, one of our Loan By Phone peeps, Shadolla Utsu (Document Handler) was recognized by one of our customers, and we wanted to share this with the rest of the company. Here is what the customer had to say! This is what customer service is all about! What a great way to show our mission, vision, and values. Now to what the customer stated.

“I needed to express my gratitude to you and particularly to my customer service rep. I don't recall her name but she's the best. I have been at my job for five years and have lived by myself comfortably. Recently, I became the caregiver to my mom, who has onset dementia. That was about a year ago.

“Since then, I have fallen into financial ruin. I am in debt so deeply that I feel hopeless. Our electricity had been cut off when I received my loan. Needless to say, when I spoke to my representative I was a mess, crying I think. She spoke with me at length, encouraging me to do the best I can. I believe she had a parent and had

suffered the same emotional stress as me. I knew that this loan would help turn on our electric. I will be struggling to repay, this I know. Since then our heat was shut off, garbage pick-up was canceled, and no Internet service.

“My point is that I think about what my representative said often in my head and it helps. More often than not I don't eat. Thankfully, Mom has Meals on Wheels, so she is taken care of. She had also started writing bad checks on her account to our utility companies and our landlord—it's part of her disease. My personal account has been frozen due to negative activity,



UNDER THE WEATHER



By Jeff Bagwell
 Jones Management Services
 HVAC Technician 2

Cleveland, TN—It appears that our beloved Dr. Livingston hasn't been feeling himself lately. We hope the holidays cured him.

and some of her checks were deposited in my account for payment to various things. My last paycheck was taken in its entirety, as will be my next one.

“But this letter has two purposes. One is to thank my rep. She saved my life that day, and I am very serious about that statement. My life sucks and is sometimes too hard to take, as I never see an end to this madness! But I am here today truly because she took the time to listen and just talk me down from my despair. So please, if you could, let her know that she was my guardian angel that day. Mom and I won't be able to have Christmas this year or maybe ever again, but I am still here with her and that is the greatest gift. Merry Christmas and thanks.”

HOW'S THE WEATHER OUT THERE?

On Friday, December 8, Jones Companies headquarters got hit with a (very thin) blanket of snow. Because it doesn't snow often in Cleveland, Tennessee, the Courier decided to find out what the weather was like elsewhere. Here's what the weather looked like December 8 in various parts of the country from 1 to 3 p.m.

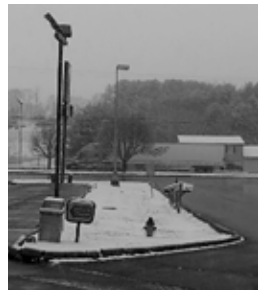
Location: Moncks Corner, SC
Conditions: Raining and Cold
Temperature: 41F
Meteorologist: Shana Greene, Center Manager, U.S. Money Shops 40050 (111-C Highway 52 South)

Location: Sevierville, TN
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 32° F
Meteorologist: Angela Hemphill, Customer Service Representative at Check into Cash Center 20 (570 Winfield Dunn Parkway)



Sevierville, TN

Location: Galax, Va
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 34° F
Meteorologists: April Hodge and Laura Padgett, Manager and Assistant Manager at CIC Center 22022 (949 A-1 East Stuart Drive)



Galax, VA

Location: Mansfield, OH
Condition: Clear with no snow
Temperature: 29° F
Meteorologist: Krissi Lane, Customer Service Representative at CIC Center 6041 (1204 Park Avenue West)

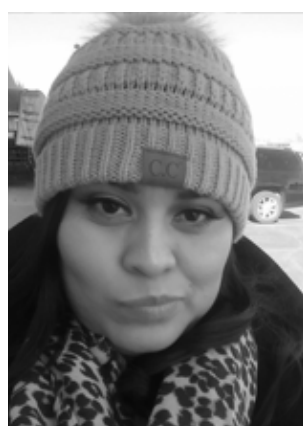


Mansfield, OH



Draven Fields

Location: Cleveland, TN
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 32° F
Meteorologist: Draven Fields, son of CIC Vehicle Appraisal Specialist Caitlin Fields, reporting live in the snow!



Veronica Julian

(1423 North Main Street, Altus, OK)

“All bundled up but no snow. Just cold and sunny.”—Veronica Julian, Assistant Manager at Check Into Cash Center 23033

Location: Norfolk, VA
Condition: Rain mixed with sleet
Temperature: 38° F
Meteorologist: Toya Rasberry Manager at Check Into Cash Center 22030 (700 North Military Highway)

Location: Cypress, CA
Conditions: Sunny & bright
Temperature: 80° F
Meteorologist: Amy Loera, Manager of CIC Center 9082 (5008 Ball Road)



Cypress, CA

Location: Paradise, CA
Conditions: Sunny but chilly
Temperature: 62° F
Meteorologist: Rowena Ray, Assistant Manager Center 09177 (6848 Skyway)

Location: West Plains, MO
Conditions: Clear, cold, and sunny
Temperature: 37° F
Meteorologist: Kim Irlle and Tabitha Powell, Manager and Assistant Manager at CIC Center



Kim Irlle and Tabitha Powell

12033 (1004 Worley Drive)
Location: Grand Junction, CO
Conditions: Clear and sunny (grab your sunglasses)
Temperature: 46° F
Meteorologist: Jacquelynn Chadwick, Area Manager

Location: Muscle Shoals, AL
Conditions: Cloudy
Temperature: 36° F
Meteorologist: Wendy Webber, Assistant Manager at CIC Center 24017 (519 Avalon Avenue)

Location: Moline, IL
Conditions: Sunny
Temperature: 35° F
Meteorologist: Debra Barrett,



Moline, IL

Center 4008 (3923 41st Avenue Drive) Manager
Location: Humboldt, TN
Conditions: Clear and chilly
Temperature: 38°F
Meteorologist: Jessica Glanton, Man-



Humboldt, TN

ager at CIC Center 59 (2510 North Central Avenue)
Location: Petal, MS
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 33° F



Petal, MS

Meteorologist: Dave Turley, WDAM Channel 7

Location: Marshalltown, IA
Conditions: Sunny
Temperature: 30° F
Meteorologist: Kathy Borton, C I C Center 8013 (50 LaFrentz Lane) Manager



Kathy Borton

Location: Lawrenceburg, TN
Conditions: Cold and cloudy
Temperature: 35° F
Meteorologist: Candy Sweet, Manager, and Heather McDougal, Assistant Manager at CIC Center 40 (1724 North Locust Avenue)



Lawrenceburg, TN

Location: Harvey, LA
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 37°F
Meteorologist: Dave Nussbaum, WWL Channel 4



Harvey, LA

Location: Dickson, TN
Conditions: Overcast and cold
Temperature: 32° F with wind chill of 28° F
Meteorologist: Gena Hall, Assistant Manger at CIC Center 15 (8 Mathis Drive)

Location: Gadsden, AL
Conditions: Snowing (1 & 1/2 gallons of milk required for this one!)
Temperature: 34° F
Meteorologist: Kelly Fox, Manager at CIC Center 24039 (460 George Wallace Drive)



Gadsden, AL

Location: La Junta, CO
Conditions: Partly Cloudy, 33 MPH wind from the north
Temperature: 58° F
Meteorologist: James Gonzales, Manager of CIC Center 18041 (7 Conley Road)



La Junta, CO

Location: Muscatine, IA
Conditions: Sunny with snow flurries around 5 p.m. Just in time for your evening commute!
Temperature: A cool 36° F
Meteorologist: Tammy Weatherwax, Manager at CIC Center 8019 (1903 Park Avenue)

Location: Salina, KS
Conditions: Cloudy/ Overcast
Temperature: 46° F
Meteorologist: Jennifer Schmitt, Assistant Manager at Center 35004 (2100 South 9th Street)

Location: Morgan City, LA
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 33° F feels like 26° F
Meteorologist: Lydia Ackman, Manager at CIC Center 16045 (1109 Highway 90 East)



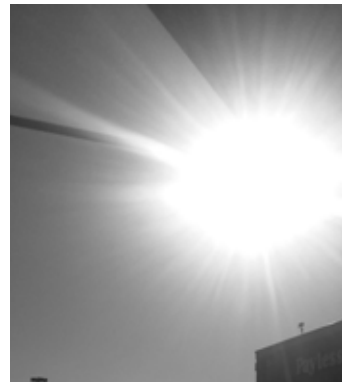
Morgan City, LA

Location: Dalton, GA
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 31° F
Meteorologist: Lupita Orozco, Office Manager, Buy Here Pay Here USA



Dalton, GA

Location: Pittsburg, KS
Conditions: Sunny, cold, and very breezy
Temperature: 39° F
Meteorologist: Jamie West, Manager of Center 35034 (2830 North Broadway)



Pittsburg, KS

Location: Gainesville, GA
Temperature: 34° F
Conditions: Snowing!
Meteorologist: Stephanie Flores, Check Into Cash Center 21307 (565 Shallowford Road)



Gainesville, GA

Location: Dalton, GA
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 32°F
Meteorologist: Maria Orozco Montanez and Arely Calzada Rivera of Buy Here Pay Here USA of Georgia



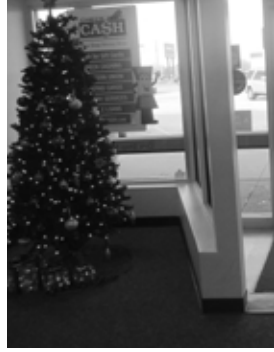
Dalton, GA

Location: Canville, VA
Conditions: Snowing, call for 2-6 inches
Temperature: 30°F



Canville, VA

Location: Boardman, OH
Conditions: Sunny
Temperature: 28°F



Boardman, OH

Location: Knoxville, TN

Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 32°F

Meteorologists:

Dan McLaughlin, Audrey Harmon, and Baylee Waggoner, Senior Center Manager and Customer Service Representatives at CIC Center 27 (4000 Chapman Highway)



Knoxville, TN

Location: Florence, SC
Conditions: Windy and raining



Florence, SC

Temperature: 41°F
Meteorologist: Parrish Legette, Customer Service Representative

at CIC Center 40042 (936 South Irby Street)

Location: Shelbyville, IN

Conditions: Sunny with a chance of flurries
Temperature: 32°F

Meteorologist: Chris McDonald, Manager at Center



Shelbyville, IN

Location: Calhoun, GA
Conditions: It's a white-out!

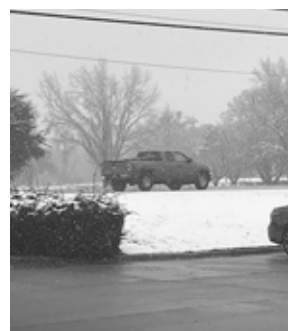
Temperature: 31°F
Meteorologist: Tammy Tippins, Assistant Manager at CIC Center 21210 (131 West Belmont Drive)



Calhoun, GA

Location: Tuscaloosa, AL
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 32°F

Meteorologists: Naporsha Waters and LaTerra King, Manager and Assistant Manager at CIC Center 24042 (1911 Skyland Boulevard)



Tuscaloosa, AL

Location: Laplace, LA
Conditions: Light snow and rain
Temperature: 34°F

Location: Logansport, IN
Conditions: Sunny
Temperature: 32°F, but feels like 21°

Location: Lincoln, NE



Lincoln, NE

at CIC Center 26007 (4451 North 26th Street)

Location: Wichita, KS

Conditions: Sunny
Temperature: 42°F
Meteorologist: Frank Waugh at CIC Center 35011 (2424 South Seneca Street)



Wichita, KS

Location: Galion, OH
Conditions: Sunny
Temperature: 26°F
Meteorologist: Shanelle McClintock, Manager at CIC Center 6044 (703 Harding Way East)
Photographers: Taylor Craft and Hannah Risch, Assistant Manager and Customer Service Representative at Center 6044



Galion, OH

Location: Spartanburg, SC
Conditions: Rain with light snow



Spartanburg, SC

Location: St. Elmo, TN
Condition: Snowing

Temperature: 30°F
Meteorologist: Angel Johnson, Manager at CIC Center 49 (3800 Tennessee Avenue)



St. Elmo, TN

Location: Peru, IL
Conditions: Sunny and breezy
Temperature: 33°F
Meteorologists: Melissa Givens, Kelly Jutton, Vicki Pohar, and Susie Brandner, District 4.5 Trainer Manager and Customer Service Representatives at CIC Center 4001 (4254 Mahoney Drive)



Peru, IL

Location: Excelsior Springs, MO
Conditions: Sunny and partly cloudy
Temperature: 36°F
Meteorologist: Daniel Lamar, Assistant Manger at CIC Center 12055 (500 St. Louis Avenue)



Excelsior Springs, MO

Location: Demopolis, AL
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 33°F
Meteorologist: Ryan Stinnett, WAKA Channel 8



Demopolis, AL

Location: Mt. Pleasant, MI
Conditions: Windy and snowing on and off (thankfully none of it is sticking!)
Temperature: 27°F
Meteorologist: Chelsea Matice, Manager at CIC Center 29017 (702 North Mission Street)

Location: Grand Island, NE
Conditions: Windy
Temperature: 39°F
Meteorologist: Nicole Soucie, Customer Service Representative at CIC Center 26004 (2390 North Diers Avenue)

Location: East Ridge, TN
Conditions: Snowing
Temperature: 32°F
Meteorologist: Yazmin Vega, Assistant Manager at Great American Loans Center 301 (5309 Ringgold Road)



East Ridge, TN

Location: Pueblo, CO
Conditions: Slightly cloudy with winds at 15 MPH
Temperature: 64°F
Meteorologist: Rick Marquez, manager at CIC Center 18014 (1617 Highway 50)

Location: Hampton, VA
Conditions: Rainy
Temperature: 45°F
Meteorologist: Roxann Carlsen, Assistant Manager at CIC Center 22039 (4013 West Mercury Boulevard)



Hampton, VA

Location: Elizabethtown, Ky
Conditions: Partly cloudy and brrrrr cold
Temperature: 31°F
Meteorologist: Kimberly Plush, Manager at CIC Center 3013 (1606 North Dixie Highway)



Elizabethtown, KY

Location: Turlock, CA
Conditions: Sunny
Temperature: 46°F
Meteorologist: Lisa Peterson, Customer Service Representative at CIC Center 9015 (2305 Geer Road)



Turlock, CA



Dena Kromer, District 24.4 Trainer Manager in Clanton, AL

“Here I am at work! I am the Manager of CIC Center 16023 (365 North Canal Boulevard) in Thibodaux, LA, but today I am working at Center 16015 (1243 Grand Caillou Road) in Houma, LA. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!”—La Shell Christy



La Shell Christy

GIVING CHRISTMAS TO OTHERS

By Calvin Murray
Check Into Cash
District 1.2 Trainer Manager

Oak Ridge, TN—This is Morgan Gist, Assistant Manager at Check Into Cash Center 14 (361 South Illinois Avenue). Morgan wanted to think of a way to give back and got with Second Harvest to offer a food drive at our store in an effort to help feed families during the holiday season.

Morgan has been with us five years, and I am glad to have her as part of our team!



ARKALALAH PARADE 2017

Ark City, KS—The Arkalalah Parade began in 1928. The big depression was on the way and everyone was blue and discouraged, so the townspeople decided something new was needed for the town—maybe a fall festival of some kind to help the morale of the people, and Halloween sounded like a good time.

A citizens' meeting was called, committees appointed, and the first Arkalalah was off to a flying start. A prize of \$15 was offered for a name. Mrs. J.W. Moore wrote "Arkalalah" on a strip of paper, Ark for the town (Ark City) and Alalah, the Indian word for good time. Mrs Moore received the \$15 prize and honor of naming our annual fall festival.

Arkalalah is an annual event that has been running for more than 80 years now (87th this year). The celebration is a week-long festival with carnival rides, street games, food vendors, Queen Alalah, Little Mr. & Mrs. Arkalalah, and the big Arkalalah parade on the last Saturday of the month in October. This year's festival brought in more than 30,000 in attendance.

Check Into Cash is celebrating its second year participating in the parade. It's free to enter, and if you enter a float you are eligible for prize money and a plaque. Representing our Check Into Cash cities this year from Kansas were Dana Sandell, Area Manager at Center 35010 (Winfield); Marivel Contreras, Manager at Center 35002 (Wellington);



Pictured: Josh Hoffman (Bob Cash), Shannon Wolfe, Lori Mayfield, Myranda Spaulding, and Dana Sanall.

Myranda Spaulding, Manager at 35011 (Wichita); Josh Hoffman, Manager at Center 35012 (Wichita); Shannon Wolfe, Manager at Center 35028 (Hutchinson); and Lorie Mayfield, Manager at Center 35029 (Derby).

We would also like to give a very special thank to our District Manager, Tammy Smalley, and her husband, Mike Smalley, who have par-

anticipated, let us use their personal truck in the parade to decorate, and donated their time for the second year in a row to help promote and get the word out in the state of Kansas about our awesome customer service, and all of our amazing products we have to offer our communities.



'TIS THE SEASON

By A Little Birdie Flying Overhead

Check Into Cash
Director of Internal Audit and Compliance

Cleveland, TN—If you had a chance to swing by to see the decorations to were put out by Katherine Bartcher, Paralegal for Check Into Cash, you would probably agree it should be named "The Reason for the Season." Merry Christmas!



INTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

Looking to move up or bring a friend in with your immediate supervisor to ensure you are qualified. We're always looking for smart, talented, hard-working individuals.

Wondering what internal opportunities are currently available? Check with your supervisor to find out what opportunities are available. Prior to applying, check



grow your career

Remember: you must have your manager's recommendation to be considered for any internal position.

Contact Kathryn Fraebel at kfraebel@checkintocash.com to learn more.

CREDIT CORP 1001

We currently have 935 locations across the Credit Corp family of businesses.

- 868 Check Into Cash centers
- 6 U.S. Money Shops/SC – Title Loans centers
- 2 U.S. Money Shops d/b/a Check Into Cash Title Loans centers
- 12 U.S. Money Shops/Pawn/TN & GA
- 3 Title First centers

- 1 Fast Cash center
- 17 Prime – Great American centers
- 9 Prime – Quic! Loans centers
- 2 Prime – Nation's Quick Cash centers
- 1 Lending Frog center
- 4 Buy Here Pay Here USA centers
- 10 Cash and Cheque Express centers – UK (9 company owned/1 franchise)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Who turned another year old this month? Look below to find out!

Alabama	Maria Jessette	Elyn Martinez	Xochil Fisher	Katharyne Bailey	Matthew
Angela Brown	Phaynarikone	Lori McCullough	Johnathan Leak	Katherine	Roberts
Tiffany Colvin	Sophath Phoeun	Ananya Mitra	Tanisha Williams	Bartcher	Claudia
Thomas Edwards	Orson Picasso	Heather Peifer	Mississippi	Jennifer Bloemker	Robinson
Brandy Hayes	Logan Reece	Renita Thomas	Jamieon Keyes	Anna Brooks	Miles Rollo
Tamara Jackson	Araceli	Ashley Woods	Queen Malone	Addaline Buckner	Vanessa
Victoria Lockett	Rodriguez	Indiana	Jennifer	Alexis Bullion	Rosenbalm
Shyla Macias	Jazmin	Jaquetta Allen	Matthews	Amber Cannon	Deonda
Charman Pryor	Rodriguez D	Jacqueline Carter	Trenatta Mitchell	Stephen Cannon	Scoggins
Catina Reed	Marian Romitti	Sherry Evers	Felicia Pulliam	Ricky Carter	Melissa Sica
Amber Robinson	Ellen Rosado	Mickey	Angela Young	Tanisha Collins	Haley Stanley
Kristy Rodrick	Ramon Jr III	Hammond	Missouri	Taisha Crawford	Meghann
Wendy Webber	Sanchez	Luana Horton	Melissa Bazzell	Marla Dimas	Tipton
Arizona	Faith Schmidt	Andrea Jones	Jennifer Jones	Melissa Dunn	Ben Vincelli
Marissa Alejo	Charity Seaver	Jeanina Lowe	Tabitha Powell	Kamryn Edwards	Caleb Waters
Laurie Billingsley	Khadijah Senegal	Kimberly Lundy	Gail Reeder	Melissa Farr	Kimberly Willis
Jeanne Henslee	Sylvia Silveira	Holly Miller	Shauna Ryan	Christian	Jenna Willson
Marjorie Owen	Seema Singh	Tessa Rigby	Robert White	Ferguson	Kayron Wyles
Cecilia Padilla-	Lanisha Smart	Cathryn	Nebraska	Nathan Fugate	John Zanoska
Jones	Debra Stengline	Schroeder	Makala Snover	Jacob Garrett	Texas
California	Crystal Suarez	Tamara Teter	Nevada	Kathy Gregg	Chelsea Tate
Andrea Acosta	Tierra Thibedux	Christina	Tara Stafford	David Guzman	Sherlisa
Jesenia Banuelos	Felicia Thietje-	Thompson	North Carolina	Christy Haire	Washington
Huerta	Ortiz	Iowa	Kathleen Wilson	Leah Hamilton	UK
Jasmine Cole	Shyanne Tijerina	Karissa Brown	Ohio	Kristian Hamilton	Guy Bains
Daniel	Susan Urrutia	Sherry O'Neill	Kyleigh Dicarolo	Grady Harris	Alison Cameron
Dominguez	Rosa Wolfe	Benjamin	Stephenie Flick	Kimberly Hawes	Mohammed
Steven Enciso	Angelina Zamaro	Whitney	Alecia Maynard	William Hawkins	Kamran
Cynthia Flores	Colorado	Kansas	Steven Mccale	Michelle Heming-	Karl Sanky
Merilyn Garcia	Jennifer Bennett	Trina Bates	Shannon	way	Virginia
Samira Gerovic	Sherlyn Howes	Kentucky	McCausland	William Hill	Chad Bell
Dalia Gomez	Christi Leon	Pam Cherry	Jennifer	Kerry Horner	Mary
Yagaira	Celine Padilla	Dana DeWitt	Pietrowski	Bradley Hoskins	Blankenship
Hernandez	Jose Rosales Jr	Tenika Saunders	Dorothy Winters	Mark Hough	Imani
Jessica Hernandez	Jeanette Scott	Terri Stephens	Oklahoma	John Jones	Henderson
Kimberly	Joseph Vizzi	Louisiana	Paula Amsden	John Jones	Patricia Martelle
Hernandez-	Sophia Williams	LaQuinta Brown	Sabrina Ellis	John Jones	Syvonika Parker
Zaldana	Georgia	Eula Coates	Melissa Foltz	John Jones	Jamiah White
Meagan Irick	Kelvin Cano-	DeAngelo	Billie Pidgeon	Elizabeth Killian	Tonia White
Kenia Lemus De	Armas	Crawford	Jazmin Tolentino	Carla Lane	Wisconsin
La Rosa	Jeffrey Hamilton	Tabatha Lavallais	Del Carmen	Tammie Mill-	Casey Brenden
Michelle Lopez	Angelina Lopez	Ruth Lohmann	Tierra Watts	er-Wise	Stephanie
Victoria Lozano	Rajani Muppalla	Sharon Mitchell	South Carolina	Brandon Moore	Manske
Vanessa Lugo	Madison Scott	Annette	Terri Hatcher	Steven Morris	Janessa
Brenda Macias	Tyroneshia	Seymore-Porter	Pamela Jackson	Austin Morris	Richmond
Vanessa	Williams	Kaysenia Todd	Asheley Newton	Gregory Pace	Mary Rieben
Maldonado	Idaho	Natasha Tyler	Renada Poston	Joseph Parker	Jennifer Schultz
Heather Moore	Marceline Jack	Mattie Williams	Latashia Spann	Audra Patterson	Amanda
Amantha Morales	Vivian Kelly	Lorina Williams	Latisha Warren	Cheryl	Thomas
Sandy Orozco	Illinois	Michigan	Tennessee	Prendergast	
Guzman	Angela Bucher	Tammy Dana	Lori Bacon	Jacob Proffitt	

IT'S YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

Each issue, we congratulate folks celebrating milestone employment anniversaries.

Here are those who celebrated this month.

5 Years

Paul Cabrera (TN)
Sylvia Fernandez (CA)
Kimberly Hayes (TN)
Kerry Horner (TN)
Jacquelynn Lee (MO)
Kanisha McDonald (MS)
Jami Scott (TN)

10 Years

Sheila Arnwine (TN)
Peter Davies (AZ)

Natalia Ilyaich (CA)
Alicia Martin (TN)
Catina Reed (AL)
V Sutton Smith (TN)

15 Years

Nickolas Harvey (IA)
Fred Johnson (TN)

16 Years

Cynthia Rakestraw (TN)

19 Years

Helen Connolly (SC)
Justin Lewis (TN)

20 Years

Patricia Armstrong (KY)
Roger Langlo (TN)

21 Years

Ellen Calfee (TN)
Greg Pace (TN)

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

A huge

congratulations to our latest Employee of the Month winners. Each received a \$500 gift card and a plaque!

From the West

Janessa Richmond, Assistant Manager at Check Into Cash Center 5019 (2715 South 108th Street)

West Allis, WI—Janessa Richmond is an asset to center 5019 and Check Into Cash. She started with us in 2012 at center 5009 (across from Lambeau Field in Green Bay) as a Customer Service Representative. She was later promoted to Manager and relocated to the Milwaukee area.

She persevered through many challenges and now has come out on top. She currently is an Assistant Manager at center 5019. At the time of transfer, the center was a negative 51% GM and now is a positive 42.8% GM.

We have continuously been impressed with her knowledge and her ability to tackle many

projects at one time.

Janessa amazes us with her professionalism and ideas to grow our store. She is self-motivated and is always thinking about the next great idea.

Janessa has worked extremely hard to grow this location. She constantly works on gaining new knowledge daily and is one of the most creative thinkers when it comes to marketing. She truly knows the ins and outs of our business and is dedicated to providing exceptional customer service.

She knows every customer by name and always greets them with genuine warmth and respect, making them feel at home when they come into our center. Honestly, customers just love her!

She has played an integral role in

taking a failing store and making it a very successful one. She has the ability to adapt and conquer any challenge, all with a smile and a great attitude. Check into Cash is truly happy to have Janessa as part of our family.

Please join us in wishing Janessa a huge congratulations!

From the East

Shawanna Bireley, Manager at Center 2059 (815 Lincoln Highway West)

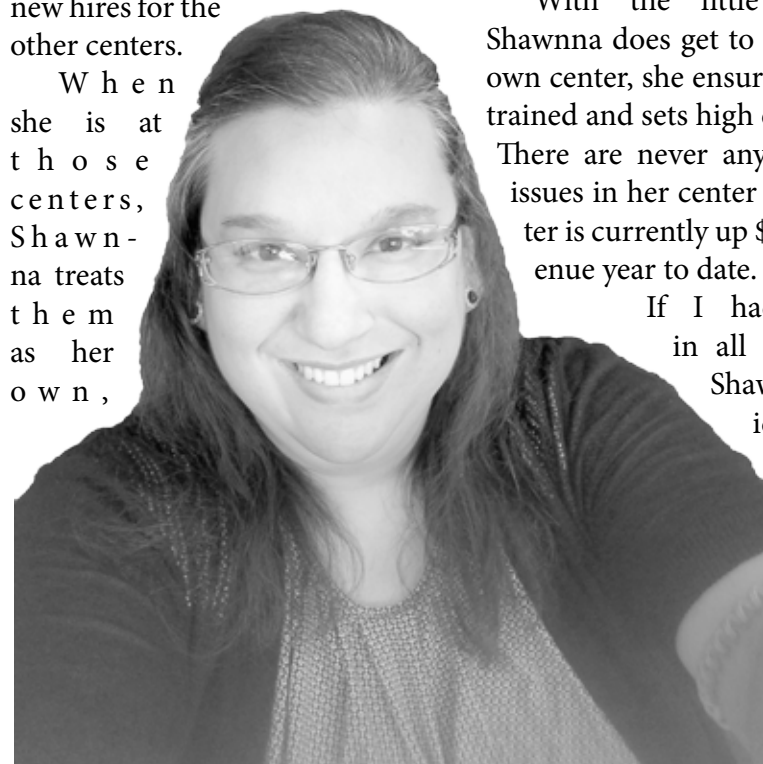
New Haven, IN—Shawanna Bireley has been spending a lot of time away from her center, helping to cover other centers that are short staffed and working to train new hires for the other centers.

When she is at those centers, Shawanna treats them as her own,

working to organize and clean them up, training the existing staff to ensure all are compliant with all State and Federal laws and company policies, and working to improve their financials.

With the little time that Shawanna does get to spend in her own center, she ensures her staff is trained and sets high expectations. There are never any compliance issues in her center and her center is currently up \$5,000 in revenue year to date.

If I had managers in all centers with Shawanna's dedication, my job would be so easy! Thank you, Shawanna!



K+B

Marshalltown, IA—At Check Into Cash Center 8013 (50 LaFrentz Lane), Manager Kathy Borton and Bob Cash have a special relationship, year round. To the left, Kathy and elf Bob bring some Christmas cheer to our customers. To the right, Bob helps Kathy hunt for new customers.

LOOK WHO GOT PROMOTED!

Across the Jones Companies family, good people are growing their careers each and every day. Here's who got promoted recently through the family.

By Donnie Upshaw
Check Into Cash
Vice President of Human Resources

We want to congratulate you on the outstanding job you have done. I know that you have really worked so hard, and the promotion is well deserved.

It feels great when your talents are recognized and your hard work is rewarded. We are extremely proud of you and, we look forward to share your continued successes.

We wish you the best with your new role in our organization.

- Cecilia Padilla-Jones, Sr. Center Manager of Center 19035 (Casa Grande, AZ), District 19.4
- Brooke Casey, Center Manager of Center 08003 (De Moines, IA), District 8.1
- Stephanie Marshall, District Trainer Manager of Center 25002 (Casper, WY), District 18.0
- Ashley Woods, Center Manager of Center 04003 (Decatur, IL), District 4.2
- Shelby Culp, Assistant Manager of Center 09013 (Ceres, CA), District 9.0
- Brittany Garcia, Assistant Manager of Center 09126 (Barstow, CA), District 9.11
- Payal Nand, Center Manager of Center 09002 (Sacramento, CA), District 9.15

- Berenice Madrigal Robles, Center Manager of Center 09035 (Merced, CA), District 9.18
- Shyanne Tijerina, Center Manager of Center 09167 (Watsonville, CA), District 9.18
- Kristina Ferris, Assistant Manager of Center 09176 (Chico, CA), District 9.21
- Valerie Lemus, Center Manager of Center 09143 (Oakdale, CA), District 9.0
- Kelley Davidson, Assistant Manager of Center 09137 (Auburn, CA), District 9.21
- Misty Bachman, Center Manager of Center 02040, District 2.6
- Trina Bates, Center Manager at Center 35014, District 35.2
- Exence Fowler, Center Manager at Center 14023, District 14.4

- Kristin Holland, Assistant Manager at Center 35010, District 35.2
- Christi Leon, Assistant Manager at Center 18045, District 18.0
- Taylor Pitchford, Center Manager at Center 12012, District 12.1
- Evelyn Rivas, Center Manager at Center 09076, District 9.13
- Jessica Soto, District Trainer Manager at Center 09117, District 9.12
- Amy Loera, Center Manager at Center 09082 (Cypress, CA), District 9.12
- Rowena Ray, Assistant Manager at Center 09177 (Paradise, CA), District 9.21
- Judith Andrade Valencia, District Trainer Manager at Center 09163 (Paso Robles, CA), District 9.13

- Liliana Cano, Area Manager at Center 09171 (Camarillo, CA), District 9.13
- Kenia Espinoza Reyes, Assistant Manager at Center 09039 (Vista, CA), District 9.16
- Sintia Velasco, Assistant Manager at Center 09108 (Oceanside, CA), District 9.2
- Andrea Acosta, Assistant Manager at Center 09066 (Chico, CA), District 9.21
- Nina Scott, Center Manager at Center 06055 (Austintown, OH), District 6.5
- Julie Bucci, Center Manager at Center 02048 (Elwood, IN), District 2.9
- Vickie Long, VAAC Day Shift Supervisor at Center 00000 (Cleveland, TN), District NTP2

CELEBRATING SAUSAGE AND MARKETING

By Taylor Matthews
 Quicloans Center 24309 (1508 South McKenzie Street)
 Manager

Foley, AL—We had a booth at the Elberta Sausage Festival and had a great time marketing! Pictured are me and my new Assistant Manager, Tina McCarver.



WINNER, WINNER TURKEY DINNER

By Renita Thomas and Briana Ross
 Check Into Cash Center 4002 (1200 West Main Street)
 Manager and Assistant Manager

Peoria, IL—Mrs. Airalona Jones was one of our winners for the Thanksgiving turkey drawing. Mrs. Jones was so happy to be a winner because she didn't have money to get a turkey this year. We are so happy for Mrs. Jones!



AND TRAINING FOR ALL

Training is an ongoing part of being the best you can. That's why Check Into Cash brings management to corporate headquarters on a regular basis to keep them well-trained and positioned to succeed in the field. Here are some folks who recently got trained for excellence.

Amanda Barnhill (KY), Blaine Neubauer (IA), Brandon Stevens (TN), Bryan Evans (ID), Calvin Murray (TN), Derick Basham DTM 1.5 (TN), Destinee Mendez (CA), Dixie Leonard DTM 1.3 (TN), Eric Doughten DTM 1.9 (TN), Eric Tessen Jr. (WI), Freddie Jackson (TN), Gabriela Lopez (GA), Haley Blackwell (TN), Jacinda Leavitt (ID), Jenifer Frederick (LA), Jennifer Bennett (CO), Jessica Glanton (TN), Jose Lopez Corona (CA), Judith Andrade Valencia (CA), Justin Clark (TN), Kara Radford (TN), Karina Zanabria (CA), Kathryn Rice (TN), Kel'Leigh Chupp (OK), Khristyne Carlisle (TN), Kimberly Barnes DTM 1.3 (TN), Lance Moore (CA), Lessa Karsjens (IA), Maggie Pendleton (KY), Marian Romitti (CA), Mary Buza DM 4.4 (IL), Nancy Santos De Los (OK), Shirley Williams (TN), Suzanne Ramsey (KY), Tammy Williams (TN), Tiffany King (TN), and Valerie Villanova (CA).



BE A STAR, GET UP TO \$500!

Wherever You Are—Have you ever thought, "If I ran the company I would hire"?

Well, now's your chance! Because great people know great people, we want to bring the best to CIC through our new and improved referral program!

We are always looking for valuable team members who exhibit STARS: Skills, Talent, Ambition, Relationships, and Smiles!

You recently received an email invitation to activate your account on the STAR platform—a new service to help us increase our social recruitment efforts while making it fun and easy for you!

Over the next few months, we'll be launching referral competitions and giveaways. In return, we hope you'll take a few moments out of your busy day to tell us which of your friends or family should work here at Check Into Cash.



When you make the referral on CICSTARS.net and your referral gets hired, you get \$250! Then, when your referral has been a Check Into Cash employee for 90 days, you get another \$250!

Our new and improved referral

program will make it easier to refer family and friends and receive your referral fee.

Share with your friends and family all of the new career opportunities Check Into Cash has to offer by visiting CICSTARS.net and entering in their information

for the position that best fits their experience and skill set.

Be on the lookout for cool swag promoting this new program in the upcoming weeks, and contact your recruiting team with questions.

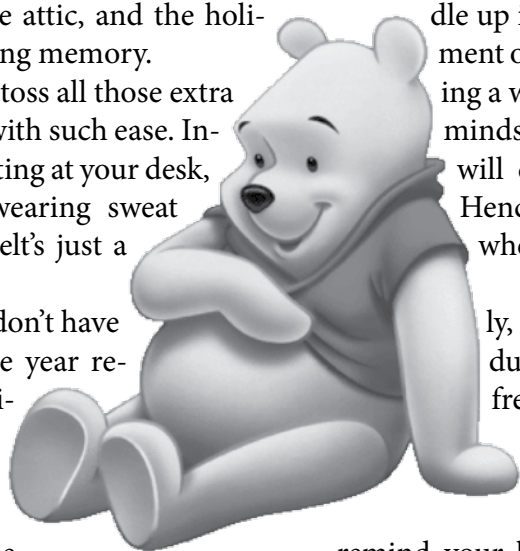
POST-HOLIDAY RECOVERY

The holidays are gone. You've taken down the tinsel, the Christmas lights are back in their boxes inside the attic, and the holiday albums are a fading memory.

If only you could toss all those extra calories in the trash with such ease. Instead, you're stuck sitting at your desk, wishing you were wearing sweat pants because that belt's just a little bit too tight.

Fortunately, you don't have to live the rest of the year regretting a few bad dietary decisions made during the holidays. Instead, use these tips to move past the past and into the future.

Start Fast. No, you don't have to jump out of bed with great speed. Though that may help. Instead, try skipping breakfast after gorging yourself. You should do this particularly if you wake up and don't feel hungry. Just be careful. Go too long without food and you may wind up overdoing it again once you do chow down.



Get Out. There's no benefit to staying on your couch for another minute. So bundle up if you must and hit the pavement or the trails. Not only will taking a walk get you back in a healthy mindset, but the sun and fresh air will do you some good as well. Hence why you seek out fresh air when experiencing nausea.

Go Fruit. More than likely, the foods you overdid it on during the holidays weren't fresh vegetables and fruits. Change your eating habits right now, including plenty of these healthy options and remind your body that good foods exist, and they do the body good.

Look Forward. When you fall off the diet wagon, it's easy and natural to give yourself a hard time. But be careful. Doing that for too long will keep you from making good choices in the future. So get up, dust yourself off, and worry about the next choice you've got to make—not the bad ones you made during the holidays.

SPOONBREAD

By Eric Fulkerson
Bald Headed Bistro
Executive Chef

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter (1 tablespoon softened, 3 tablespoons melted)
- 3 cups milk
- 1 & 1/4 cups finely ground white cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- 2 eggs, well beaten

Directions

Grease a 9-inch-round cake pan with some of the softened butter. Cut out a parchment paper circle to fit inside the pan, nestle it into the bottom, and grease the paper with the remaining softened butter. Set the prepared pan aside.

In a 2-quart saucepan, bring the milk to a boil, whisking occasionally, over high heat. While whisking, pour in the cornmeal in a steady stream. Whisk vigorously to incorporate the cornmeal, for about 1 minute. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside to let the cornmeal mixture cool to room temperature.

Heat oven to 350°. Transfer the cornmeal mixture to the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add the remaining butter, baking powder, salt, and eggs and mix on medium speed until uniform and aerated, about 15 minutes.

Pour cornmeal batter into the prepared pan and bake until golden brown and puffy and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour and 20 minutes. Serve immediately.

SLOW-ROASTED LEMON DILL CHICKEN

By Katherine Bartcher
Check Into Cash
Paralegal



Ingredients

- 2 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 broiler/fryer chicken (4 to 5 pounds)
- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 4 sprigs fresh parsley
- 4 fresh dill sprigs
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

Place onions on bottom of a 6-quart slow cooker. In a small bowl, mix butter and lemon peel.

Tuck wings under chicken; tie drumsticks together. With fingers, carefully loosen skin from chicken breast; rub butter mixture under the skin. Secure skin to underside of breast with toothpicks. Place chicken over onions, breast side up. Add stock, parsley and dill.

Drizzle lemon juice over chicken; sprinkle with seasonings. Cook, covered, on low, for 4 to 5 hours (a thermometer inserted in thigh should read at least 170°).

Remove chicken from slow cooker; tent with foil. Let stand 15 minutes before carving. Yield: 6 servings.

SHARE YOUR STORY WINNERS

By Donnie Upshaw
Check Into Cash
Vice President of Human Resources

Across the Companies—Congratulations to the winners of our Share your Story contest! We received a number of worthy entries and the competition was stiff. The winners of \$100 each are:

Brandon Leffew, Center Manager of Center 29026 in Lansing, Michigan

Brandon helped a customer determine if she needed new tires or simply a rotation, which resulted in a savings of more than \$400!

Daphne Burrell Martin, Assistant Manager of Center 21306 in Covington, Georgia

Daphne made a collections call to a customer who was hospitalized awaiting surgery. They prayed together. After the customer recovered, he visited Daphne to thank



her for her compassion.

Savannah Bardwell, Assistant Manager of Center 92 in Madison, Tennessee

Savannah helped a customer who faced eviction. Paystubs were required, and the customer did not have them. The next day Savannah received a memo that stated stubs were no longer required. She immediately called the customer who

was approved and avoided eviction.

Valerie Muniz, Manager of Center 18036 in Alamosa, Colorado

Valerie met a woman whose sister had recently passed away. The woman received donations to help with funeral expenses but didn't have a local bank to cash two-party checks. Valerie invited the wom-

an to see her at CIC, where she as able to cash her checks.

Stacy Glick, Center Manager of Center 5020 in Beloit, Wisconsin

Stacy helped a man who was going to send money Western Union. Stacy urged him to contact the police before sending money to

verify it was going to the intended recipient. The customer returned and thanked Stacy for helping him protect himself.

Thank you to all the entrants!

BE THE REPORTER, GET THE CASH! Have news for the JCC? We want to hear about it! Send your life happenings to dbrantley@checkintocash.com or call it in at (423) 473-4537. You may even win \$50!

BATTING 1000

By Bob Knizner
Check Into Cash
Director of Field Internal Audit and Compliance

We here in auditing are constantly checking and rechecking Check Into Cash for compliance and proper accounting practices. This time around, we had a number of centers that had everything absolutely perfect!

Here are the centers that scored 100 percent on their title products in November.

- 00009 - Knoxville, TN
- 00014 - Oak Ridge, TN
- 00026 - Kingsport, TN
- 00061 - Knoxville, TN
- 05022 - Delavan, WI
- 05029 - Janesville, WI
- 09002 - Sacramento, CA
- 09011 - Stockton, CA
- 09012 - Stockton, CA
- 09028 - Fontana, CA
- 09047 - San Luis Obispo, CA
- 09052 - San Jose, CA
- 09053 - San Jose, CA
- 09056 - Mountain View, CA
- 09117 - Bellflower, CA
- 09144 - Los Angeles, CA
- 09149 - Desert Hot Springs, CA
- 09156 - Morro Bay, CA
- 09164 - Fairfield, CA

- 09186 - Kingsburg, CA
 - 09191 - Sunnyvale, CA
 - 09204 - Gilroy, CA
 - 09214 - Lynwood, CA
 - 13002 - Jackson, MS
 - 16018 - Lake Charles, LA
 - 16044 - Opelousas, LA
 - 35009 - Lenexa, KS
 - 40016 - Spartanburg, SC
- These centers earned a perfect score for payday products.
- 00009 - Knoxville, TN
 - 00014 - Oak Ridge, TN
 - 00061 - Knoxville, TN
 - 05022 - Delavan, WI
 - 05029 - Janesville, WI
 - 09117 - Bellflower, CA
 - 24053 - Bessemer, AL
 - 40080 - Lake City, SC

And these earned a perfect score for AMLMSB products.

- 00003 - East Ridge, TN
- 00070 - Nashville, TN
- 02026 - Lafayette, IN
- 04013 - Collinsville, IL
- 04015 - Granite City, IL
- 04022 - Chicago, IL
- 04032 - Carbondale, IL
- 09003 - Sacramento, CA
- 09184 - Westminster, CA
- 13304 - Tupelo, MS
- 21308 - Rome, GA
- 24318 - Opelika, AL
- 40080 - Lake City, SC

And now, for something to tickle your funny bone...

A MOTHER'S LOVE

Submitted by Ellie St. Pierre
Check Into Cash
Executive Administrative Assistant

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore, she kept staring at him.

She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son."

He answered, "That's okay."

"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mom' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."

She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mom."

The little old lady waved and smiled back at him.

Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk.

"How come so much? I only bought five items."

The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

And two more:

1. I was in the six item express lane at the store, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"

2. At a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there was a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

WOOP FM's FROdaddy and The Matadoor want to know if you... REMEMBER WHEN?



Shirley Temple, the biggest child star of the 1930s, doing her famous thing sometime during her heyday.

PROBLEM SOLVED

Solutions to last issue's puzzles.

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8	4	2	3	5	6	7	1	9

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59	W	I	N	A	60	R	I	C	E	61	L	I	T	H	E
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ACROSS

- 1) "___ a sudden ..."
- 6) Make disappear
- 11) Parochial school subj.
- 14) Hotelier Helmsley
- 15) Backless couch
- 16) Hagen of stage and screen
- 17) Alley dwellers?
- 19) Moo ___ pork
- 20) Nineveh's region
- 21) Move along jumpily
- 23) Concerning, on a memo
- 25) Derek and the Dominos classic
- 26) Temporary occupant
- 30) Leading-edge
- 33) Dr. Alzheimer
- 34) Gaddad about
- 35) Craigslist posts
- 38) "Adult" literature
- 39) Audited a class, say
- 40) Prison uprising
- 41) Unit of bricks, proverbially
- 42) Yielded to pressure
- 43) Model glider wood
- 44) Dealer in cloth
- 46) Long-eared hound
- 47) Grouchy Muppet
- 49) Lasting emotional damage
- 51) Coffeemaker inserts
- 54) Gallery event
- 59) "Rope-a-dope" boxer
- 60) Milk, bread, potatoes, etc.
- 62) Area between outfielders
- 63) Doo-wop tune, say
- 64) Attack from all sides
- 65) Twisty curve
- 66) Raring to go
- 67) Pen's inferior, in a saying

DOWN

- 1) Goya's Duchess of ___
- 2) Many August babies
- 3) Weather map areas
- 4) "For Your Eyes ___"
- 5) Tinker Bell and others
- 6) Mystery writer's award
- 7) Job for a tailor
- 8) Alamo rival
- 9) Holed, as a putt
- 10) Stored, as fodder
- 11) Drambuie and Scotch cocktails
- 12) Lucy's landlady
- 13) Gene Tierney title role
- 18) Punch-in time for many
- 22) Cigarette gunk
- 24) Hams on stage
- 26) In the proverbial cellar
- 27) Lincoln who played Tarzan
- 28) Audio snippets
- 29) Watch junior
- 31) Roman writer of "Amores"
- 32) Cozy retreat
- 34) Go ballistic
- 36) Two tablets, perhaps
- 37) BA or ERA
- 39) Easy mark
- 40) ___ Tafari (Haile Selassie)
- 42) Tend to
- 43) Tipplers run them up
- 45) Mob informer
- 46) San Fran transit system
- 47) Old enough
- 48) Eliot's Marnet
- 50) Stengel in Cooperstown
- 52) Kirk, to Shatner
- 53) Sprite, for one
- 55) Release forcibly
- 56) To boot
- 57) Look like a dirty old man
- 58) Tavern sign abbr.
- 61) Carried out

FASTENERS

By Fred Piscop

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Like to have your brain wracked with riddles? You've come to the right place.

- Riddle 1:** Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?
- Riddle 2:** What travels around the world but stays in one spot?
- Riddle 3:** What has four eyes but can't see?
- Riddle 4:** If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it?
- Riddle 5:** Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I?
- Riddle 6:** A house has 4 walls. All of the walls are facing south, and a bear is circling the house. What color is the bear?

- Answer 1:** Corn on the cob, because you throw away the husk, cook and eat the kernels, and throw away the cob.
- Answer 2:** A stamp.
- Answer 3:** Mississippi.
- Answer 4:** A secret.
- Answer 5:** Empty.
- Answer 6:** The house is on the north pole, so the bear is white.

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HAPPY HEN

By Jennifer Bloemker
Check Into Cash
Accountant

Cleveland, TN—This is Speckles. She was given to me by a coworker a couple months ago because she kept wanting to be a mama, and this mean coworker wouldn't let her fulfill her dreams of motherhood. Well, only a short time after Speckles came to live at my friendly farm, she hatched out three eggs on her first try. Here she is with her first baby. Look at how happy she is—the new mother is practically radiating joy! She is such a good mama hen.

Editor's Note: Mother hen does not look happy. She looks constipated.

REMEMBER HALLOWEEN?

We at the Courier do! Here are a couple photos that slipped into our email inbox that were too good not to share!



Calhoun, GA—Check Into Cash Center 21210 (136 West Belmont Drive) Assistant Manager Tammy Tippins sent in this great photo of her daughter Jillian (scarecrow), grandson Greyson (lion), and son Sgt. Blaine Peterson (tin man).



By La Shell Christy
Check Into Cash Center 16023 (365 North Canal Boulevard)
Manager

Thibodaux, LA—Six years ago, I (neon yellow sweatshirt) decided to do something for kids after hearing stories from customers about how it was too unsafe where they lived to trick-or-treat.

I went to the businesses in my shopping center and planned a trick-or-treat block party and asked if they would like to participate. To my surprise, many were excited to join in. I also talked to other companies and asked if they wanted to join in, and we've had a huge turn out!

This year, we had ninety percent of the shops in my shopping center pass out candies and six other companies came out and put up tables along the sidewalk. We had at least two hundred

kids come out this year to trick-or-treat, including their parents whom we gave bags with our marketing items and flyers.

My Customer Service Representative Ava Goudy (Ninja Turtle) even had her son Tyron be Bob Cash for us. The kids were excited and all took pictures with Bob. The event was a success and we've had some people coming in for loans and inquiring about loans from that event and I hope it continues to grow and help the kids in the community.

It is such a fun time that my mom, Lynette (Thing 1) and my little cousin Landyn (Princess Mulan) traveled forty-five minutes to celebrate with us.



DON'T DRINK THE VICKIE

By Vickie Dixon
Check Into Cash
Reconciliation Specialist

Cleveland, TN—I got to go to Alton Brown's final "Eat Your Science" show recently at the Tivoli Theatre. Not only did I get to go, but I also got to assist him on stage as he created a cocktail in my honor (I spun three wheels to get the ingredients).

"The Vickie" is made up of rum, Bailey's, and fish oil. I would not

recommend you make The Vickie for anyone that you actually like. We used nitrogen to freeze it and to attempt to make it taste/look more appealing. At the end of the bit, I had to try the frozen version. It was very, very cold and kind of fishy. I also tried the regular version, which was bad. Very bad.

Prior to trying the regular version I made Alton agree to try it as well, thanks to the crowd's enthusiastic assistance. Back stage, I got a selfie and an autographed board scraper. It was exhilarating! Now I have a need to be on stage though. So look out, world—here I come!

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As prescription costs rise it becomes more important to shop around for the best price on prescription drugs. The following is a list of local and national pharmacies with discount programs. If you do not have access to any of these stores check their websites to see if mail order is available. You can also contact your local pharmacies to see if they have any similar programs.

These medications are free when prescribed by a Physician:
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The Meijer pharmacy offers a list of free antibiotics (Maximum 14 day supply): Amoxicillin Cephalexin SMZ-TMP Ciprofloxacin Ampicillin Penicillin VK

They also offer: free select prenatal vitamins, free Metiormin Immediate Release, and, free Atorvastatin Calcium. Subject to limitations. Visit https://www.meijer.com/content/content.jsp?pageName=free_prescriptions for more information.

Schnucks Pharmacy has several discount medication programs including: \$9 Oral Breast Cancer Medications \$2 Oral Diabetes medications \$4 30-Day Supply of Generic Prescriptions \$10 90-Day Supply of Generic Prescriptions. Visit <https://nourish.schnucks.com/pharmacy-savings/> to find out more!

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MARITAL BLISS BEGINS...NOW!



By Meghan Richardson
Check Into Cash Online
Senior Digital Media Specialist

Alachua, FL—I got married on November 11, 2017 to the man of my dreams, Aaron Allen!

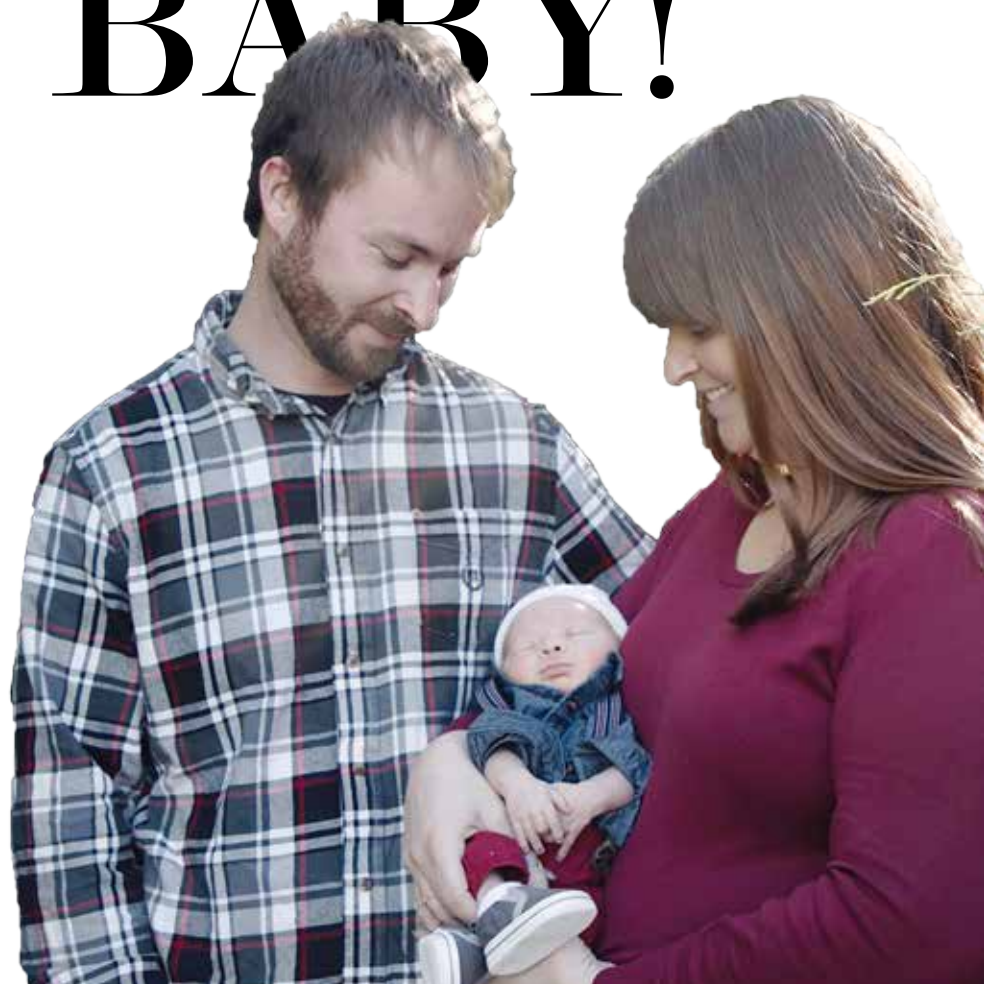
We met through OKCupid in early December 2015 and began emailing each other novel-length messages back and forth until meeting in person for the first time.

Our first date was on New Year's Day 2016. During the date, we met for frozen yogurt at Menchie's in Chattanooga, and what was going to be a quick frozen yogurt meeting turned into a ten-hour date. It was basically love at first date!

Then in March 2017, Aaron told me he had to help a friend pick up a vehicle that was out of town. When he came back the next afternoon, he said he wanted to go out for dinner. He took me to the same places we went on our first date, and at one point during the evening, he stopped in the parking lot where we had our first kiss and admitted he hadn't been helping a friend that day. He explained that he'd driven all night—a fourteen-plus-hour round trip to Florida and back—to ask my parents in person for their blessing to propose. After this explanation, Aaron popped the question.

We were married in Florida on November 11, and God has truly blessed us. Aaron is my best friend and the love of my life.

HERE COMES BABY!



By Peter Davies
Check Into Cash
District 19.0
Payson, AZ—Nickia Foss, Manager of Check Into Cash Center 19036 (321 East Highway 260) had her baby boy on November 4, 2017. Grayson Herbel weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces and measured 18 & 1/2 inches. Both Baby and mom are doing great!



By Danyelle Holt
Check Into Cash
Title Manager
Cleveland, TN—Macen Alexander Craig Holt was born November 13, 2017, at 7:33 a.m., weighing in at 5 pounds 14 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. He was a month early, as he was originally due on December 14, but he is doing great!