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TOP DRAWER

A listing of the honorable, noteworthy, new and what's ahead for businesspeople in Columbia.

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ONWARD & UPWARD



Edwards



Thomas



LaRue



Danuser

The William Woods University board of trustees has elected new officers and welcomed new members to the board. Officers are: **John H. Edwards** of Hilton Head Island, S.C., chairman; **Nancy Waller Thomas** of Columbia, first vice chairwoman; **H. Dale LaRue** of Fulton, second vice chairman; **Janet Danuser** of Fulton, secretary; and **Dan Westhues** of Jefferson City, treasurer. Westhues, Central Bank senior vice president of consumer banking, is one of the newest members of the board. Others are **Ben Wells** of Miami, Burger King executive vice president and chief financial officer, and **Luann Ridgeway** of Smithville, state senator. **Louise Honea-Beasley** has joined KMOS-TV as development officer. She



Westhues



Wells



Ridgeway



Honea-Beasley

is responsible for marketing KMOS programs to businesses in the Columbia-Jefferson City area.

Commerce Bank has announced the following personnel moves: **Shelia Winter** has joined Commerce Bank as a residential real estate lending officer. Winter is responsible for business development and customer service related to the bank's mortgage loan products. **Amy McNulty** has been promoted to small business banking branch specialist at Commerce Bank. McNulty is responsible for implementation and development of initiatives to further establish the bank's small business banking product packages. **Ron Hawley** has been named by Regions Bank as president for southwest and Central Missouri. **Joe Bonge**





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Winter



McNulty



Hawley



Bonge

recently has joined The Callaway Bank as a vice president with the commercial lending department. Bonge will be responsible for developing business relationships and the origination, underwriting and closing of commercial loans.

KUDOS

U.S. Rep. **Kenny Hulshof**, R-Mo. and a candidate for governor of Missouri, received the National Association of Manufacturers Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence. The award honors federal lawmakers whose voting records have consistently supported manufacturing in America.

David W. Ransin of Springfield was selected as Missouri's "Best Solo Practitioner" by Missouri Lawyers Weekly for the second year in a row. Ransin's firm, David W. Ransin, P.C., focuses on catastrophic injury and

death litigation, primarily from car, motorcycle and tractor-trailer wrecks.

GIVING

Sport Clips is raising money for Operation Uplink, a Veterans of Foreign Wars program that keeps military personnel and hospitalized veterans keep in touch with their families. The goal is to raise \$100,000. Last year's effort raised \$90,000, enough for 800,000 minutes of talk time.

The Columbia Kiwanis Club recently donated \$2,000 to the Central Missouri Food Bank.

The Scholastic Shooting Trust has given a \$12,670 grant to the University of Missouri Shooting Team to help provide the opportunity for the team to practice more, compete in additional tournaments and improve competitiveness. The Scholastic Shooting Trust is a mission of MidwayUSA Foundation Inc., which was started by Larry and Brenda Potterfield last year to support education in shooting sports, hunting, firearms safety and outdoor skills.

Socket, a Columbia-based telephone and Internet company, recently donated 12 modular lab tables to the Steelville R-III school district for its new middle school. The school, which will be completed later this month, will include a science lab that will accommodate more than 350 students in grades five through 12.

GlenMartin Inc. of Boonville celebrated its 90th anniversary by making a donation to Boonville Makes the Grade, which provides school supplies for students in need in the Boonville area. GlenMartin employ-

ees raised nearly \$500 in cash and school supplies.

Columbia Metro Rotary donated \$1,500 to three elementary schools. Rotary representatives presented Literacy Development Awards and \$500 checks to Parkade Elementary, Park Avenue Child and Family Development Center and Blue Ridge Elementary.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Chamber of Commerce events are scheduled for the following days:

Monday

The Women's Network Special Activities Committee will meet at noon at the Thomas G. Walton Building, 300 S. Providence Road.

The Women's Network Leadership Series is scheduled for 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. at Christian Chapel Church, 3300 S. Providence Road. The program is open to Women's Network members. Cost is \$25. For information, contact Stephanie Klietz at sklietz@columbiamochamber.com or 817-9119.

Junior Leadership Columbia Health Care Session is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. at the YouZeum, 608 Cherry St. For information, contact Stephanie Klietz at sklietz@columbiamochamber.com or 817-9119.

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