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Proper tea for everyone at the Swan House Tea Room Exploring a hidden gem, tucked away in residential Findlay

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A proper tea weekend is a busy weekend, said Libby Holman. Holman has been a server at the Swan Room Tea House for a little over two years.

"Usually on Saturdays we have been pretty booked, I think the past several Saturdays at least. So it really depends on the day or the season," she said, folding silverware into napkins.

Known historically as the McConnell-Butler House, the rose-hued brick building was built in 1864 for couple William and Caroline McConnell. McConnell

owned what was then the Eagle Flour Mills on East Sandusky Street in Findlay.

The house, nestled into a West Sandusky Street neighborhood, is designed after "Bracketed Italianate" architecture, which was popular during the Civil War era.

Once the McConnells moved out in 1880, the house changed many hands until it was first used as a tea house for one year in 1929. For another 60 years, it was used for several reasons by several owners as a medical office, apartments and a beauty store, until the late 1990s, when Rindy Creates, Kay Kose and Vicki Powell purchased it.

The trio spent six months restoring

t h e h o u s e ; the lowered first floor

ceiling was restored to its original height, and the original front entrance and original interior shutters were discovered. The three operated the Swan House until they sold it to Beverly Robb in 2015, who continued the legacy of the tea room.



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Finally, the McConnell-Butler House fell into the hands of Kimberly Butler, who reopened the building as the Swan House Tea Room, where it continues

stand with three levels. The top tier always features a swan cream puff alongside other rotating two desserts. The middle tier usually contains sandwiches finger and other savory foods. The bottom tier

contains the slices of the quiche of the month and two other foods — usually a muffin and another savory item.



to serve patrons each week.

The menu for the Swan House Team Room changes every month, but follows a pattern. Guests are served a tiered



Water is served cold and teas are served piping hot.

"My favorite regular tea is Almond Cookie Green," said Candace Frey, who's been working in the Swan House Tea Room kitchen for five years.

"During Christmas I like the Vintage Christmas tea."

Creativity is also really important to the Swan House Tea Room.

> "We do fun creative things like that that just take extra time," said Frey. A coworker behind her was diligently making a ladder pattern on small slices of bread for a tea sandwich.

In front of her, server Madeleine Goshe was folding green napkins into Christmas tree shapes.

"It's just fun and different. I like working with food and its fun to bring a little bit of joy to our customers. They like coming here in the environment that we present and it's different from my day-to-day job. So it's just like a breath of fresh air in a sense," Frey continued. Her main job is as a pharmacy tech in Pandora.

Just like the employees go all out, some guests go all out when visiting the Swan House Tea Room.

"Nothing's ever really the same, you know?" Holman said.

"And its fun seeing people come in and their pretty little outfits and their fancy hats," Frey added.

"Sometimes it looks like the Kentucky Derby in here," continued Holman.

But whether or not you dress-up or dress down, all are welcome to enjoy tea time.

"I think it's really fun to see," said Holman. "The Swan House isn't like a regular restaurant and it's really ftun to see the smile from people's faces when we bring out the big tier."















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Walter Camp "Father of American Football"

established many of the rules and positions we know today, distinguishing the game from its rugby roots American football, also known as gridiron football, evolved from the games of rugby and soccer. The first game was played in 1869 between the Rutgers and Princeton college teams, although the rules at that time more closely resembled soccer.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY



North Pole Express 5:30 - 8:30 pm Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation, Findlay

Ride the North Pole Express for the final time of the holiday season on the evening of New Year's Day. Kids and their parents can see a wonderland of Christmas trees after takinga train ride around the preservation grounds lit up with decorations. Tickets must be purchased at the museum, at the rate of **\$4 for adults** and **\$3 for kids 12 and under**.



Funday Sunday 1 - 3 pm Mazza Museum on University of Findlay campus

Kids and adults alike can have fun with arts and crafts, music, stories and refreshments. Registration is required, in the weeks leading up to the date. Today is "Let's Go LEGO" day, which means fun with all manner of LEGOs.



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Cooking with Honey 1 - 4 pm McKinnis House, Litzenberg Memorial Woods, Findlay

Guests can enjoy honey-sweetened tea and yummy desserts, including honey cake and cookies. Honey recipes will also be shared, and ideas about how to substitute honey for white sugar in your own recipes.

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Friday Night Live National Theatre at The Ritz, Tiffin

Experience an eclectic selection of artists in an unplugged performance environment. Join them for a glass of wine in this casual, intimate setting. **\$10 admission.**



Ohio Winter Birds Open House 1-4 pm Oakwoods Nature Preserve Discovery Center, Findlay

Hancock Park District will showcase local birds still in the area in the thick of winter, and why they're still here. Also talking bird feeding, recipes for making suet cakes, and which birds have been visiting the feeders at Oakwoods Nature Preserve.





Arts Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm NAMI of Hancock County, Findlay

Bring your art, music or writing and share with others, or share a favorite piece by another. No judgment and no talent required. **Must be 18+ to attend.**



22nd Annual Comedy Jam 8 pm Marathon Center for the Performing Arts, Findlay

Yearly comedy show, produced collaboratively with University of Findlay. Performers are host Tim Young, feature comedian Wali Collins and headliner Karith Foster. **Pre-sale tickets \$25, \$40 day of show.**

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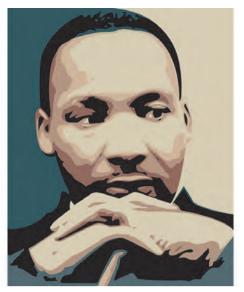
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Notable moments in the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Few individuals in American history have made an impact as sizable as Martin Luther King, Jr. King wore many hats throughout his tragically short life, from minister to activist to scholar, leaving behind a legacy that is worthy of celebration.

Though King was assassinated before he even reached his fortieth birthday, his life was filled with many notable events. Many of those events positively affected, and continue to affect, the lives of millions of others. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University note that the following are some of the major events of King's life.

• January 15, 1929: Now commemorated annually as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (in 2023, the holiday is observed on Monday, January 16), January 15 marks the day King was born in 1929. King was born in Atlanta, where his father was a pastor at the Ebenezer church.

• September 20, 1944: Despite being only 15 years old, King begins his freshman year at Morehouse College. King was only a high school junior in 1944, but he was admitted to Morehouse, where his father studied for his ministerial degree, after passing the school's entrance exam.

· August 6, 1946: King's letter to the editor

of The Atlanta Constitution is published. The letter reflects King's belief that Black Americans are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as White Americans. King's father later admitted this letter was the first time he and his wife recognized their son's "developing greatness."

• February 25, 1948: Following in his father's footsteps, King is ordained and appointed assistant pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in his hometown of Atlanta.

· June 8, 1948: King earns his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Morehouse College.

• May 6-8, 1951: King graduates from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. He delivers the valedictory address during the graduation ceremony.

· June 18, 1953: King marries Coretta Scott near the bride's family home in Marion, Alabama. Coretta Scott King would also become a vocal activist, advocating for peace and gay rights and expressing her opposition to apartheid in the 1980s. She would not remarry after her husband's assassination.

· June 5, 1955: King earns his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University.

• December 5, 1955: King becomes president of the Montgomery Improvement Association after the organization is formed at the Holt Street Baptist Church. MIA is formed in response to the arrest of Rosa Parks five days earlier after she refused to vacate her seat for a white passenger.

• January 27, 1956: A threatening phone call late in the evening inspires King to carry on with his activism.

• January 30, 1956: King's home is bombed while he is elsewhere delivering a speech. His wife and daughter are not injured in the blast.

• January 10-11, 1957: King is named chairman of what becomes the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC),

which was an organization of southern black ministers working together to combat segregation.

· June 23, 1958: King and other leaders meet with U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, D.C.

• September 17, 1958: Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story is published. It is King's first book.

• September 20, 1958: King survives a stabbing during a book signing in Harlem, New York. During a surgery after the stabbing, doctors remove a seven-inch letter opener from King's chest.

• April 16, 1963: King writes his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in response to criticisms of the Birmingham Campaign, a collective effort on the part of the SCLC and the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR) to combat segregation in the Alabama city. The letter becomes one of King's most famous writings.

• August 28, 1963: King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

 \cdot January 3, 1964: King is named "Man of the Year" by Time magazine.

• December 10, 1964: King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

• March 17-25, 1965: King helps to lead civil rights marchers from Selma to Montgomery.

· June 7, 1966: King and other leaders resume James Meredith's "March Against Fear" from Memphis to Jackson, Mississippi. Meredith was unable to continue after he was shot and wounded.

 \cdot April 3, 1968: King delivers his final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," as he returns to Memphis to lead a peaceful march of striking sanitation workers.

• April 4, 1968: King is shot and killed on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. He is buried in Atlanta five days later.

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6 strategies to get more organized

When the new year arrives, many people focus on changes that can be implemented in the months of come. This time of year is a popular one to make resolutions to clean and organize homes and offices.

There are plenty of things that can use a little organizational attention. There's no ideal way to get organized. Whatever works is a good approach, but the following are six strategies to help individuals clear the clutter.

1. Utilize to-do lists

People tend to be less productive when they're storing all of their tasks in their brains. The first

step to getting organized is to remove those plans from the head and put them down on paper or in some other tracking tool. A digital to-do list manager, for example, enables you to see all of your tasks, deadlines and due dates in one place so you can get things done more efficiently. Carry around a notepad or use the digital notes app on a phone to jot down thoughts and needs as they come up.

2. Corral your "smalls"

Smalls are keys, phones, chargers, wallets, headphones, and other accessories. When these items are grouped together, they're easier to find so you can stay on track. Invest in an attractive organizer and install it by the front door or another hightraffic area. You'll cut down on trying to find those smaller items when running errands.

3. Conquer clutter regularly

It's easy to be put off by cleaning and organizing when clutter has gotten out of control. Instead, by cleaning up items on a daily or weekly basis, it's much easier to keep ahead of clutter. Treat it like a daily job, including sorting mail and tossing unnecessary items; emptying waste pails; dusting the desk; deleting emails; and putting items back where they belong.

4. Categorize emails

Utilize the folder creation option from popular email providers to sort your messages. Drop messages that need attention into categories of your choosing, such as school, health and receipts. Then you'll know which folder to go into when searching for what you need, eliminating the time-consuming task of scrolling through a full inbox.

5. Give one; toss one

When bringing new items into the home, follow the procedure of giving away or throwing out one item for each new item that is received or purchased. This can help to tame clutter.

6. Mise en place your life

"Mise en place" is French for "put in place." It is used in the kitchen to refer to preparing and setting out all ingredients needed in a recipe. The same concept can be used elsewhere. Lay out clothing on the dresser for the next day at work or school. Prep the foyer of a home with items you need, like an umbrella, shoes and paperwork. Organize backpacks so they're ready for the school day. Establish a to-go bag at work for items that need to be brought home.

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