

WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS — Jim Keeling uses Gleason ball clay in his pottery.

GIFT IDEA: Earthen Vessels Pottery

Nestled within Gleason's quaint streets in the town square sits a shop and bakery, Earthen Vessels. As you enter your senses are set on fire. First, with the scents of freshly baked goods then, by the brilliant and earthy colors of the pottery that lines the walls. Finally, the sound of soft music completes the homelike feel of the Earthen Vessel. The front gallery is also a bistro and coffee house. The menu board is full of delicious coffees, teas, and smoothies along with a lunch menu. The cinnamon rolls made on Mondays and Wednesdays are lusciously sinful. Maria McClain, Earthen Vessels' on-site baker, is a master

in the kitchen. She sells custom-ordered cupcakes for your special occasions.



SAVE IT —This piggy bank is a wonderful gift for a child in your life.

McClain's cupcake and baking business is called Life is What You Bake It. If you would like to order special cupcakes you can reach her at 731-571-0218. The owner of Earthen Vessels, Jim Keeling, also known as the Preaching Potter, is a Baptist minister. Keeling has been making pottery for nine years with the last year being in the store's new location, 210 E. Main St. in Gleason. The Preaching Potter is selftaught and enjoys the pottery-making process. He loves to draw the clay on the wheel, to feel it through his fingers, and to create something unique and special out of the materials that God has made for us. Keeling only uses Gleason ball clay, which is mined in Gleason and then sent off for purification.



THE APPRENTICE — Benteligh McClain, apprentice potter, makes beautifully crafted items.

