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**Christmas Cheer**  
 City of Greensburg,  
 schools welcome  
 holidays in a big way



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## Rotary expands lighting contest

*Judging to  
begin soon*

BY CLEVIS JEFFRIES  
STAFF WRITER

The Greensburg Rotary Club will have an additional category for its Christmas lighting contest this year. Added will be a county business division.

“Rotary wanted to include county businesses that decorate for the holidays and should be recognized for that effort,” said President Gaye McCubbin.

Currently, winners are chosen in the following categories: county residence, Greensburg residence and business, and Summersville residence.

This year’s judging will be held Dec. 9-18.

“Rotary extended judging to ten days to give the contest committee time to visit the residences and businesses nominated. The committee will travel the county starting after dark when lights/decorations are more visible,” said President McCubbin.

All city and county homes/businesses are eligible to be considered.

If you wish to nominate a residence or business, call or text 270-668-7720 or 270-405-4041.

Winners of each division will be given two free Sunday buffets from Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company as well as an 8x10 photo of their residence or business.

The Greensburg Record-Herald will publish the winning residence and business photos.

## Dear Santa...



Photo by Walt Gorin

Blakelee Wheat, daughter of Jason and Kristen Wheat, tells Santa and Mrs. Claus what is on her Christmas list this year at the Longhunters Coffee and Tea Co. Pajama Party Monday evening in Downtown Greensburg. The City celebrated Light Up Greensburg just prior to the annual Christmas Parade down Main Street. More photos can be found in section B.

## Don't get scammed this holiday season

ADVOCATE MESSENGER

Although Black Friday and Cyber Monday are history, there are several more shopping days until Christmas.

According to the Better Business Bureau, consumers spent an average of \$313 on gifts and other holiday items over the five-day period between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday. That average was tracked by the National Retail Federation, which says the most popular items are apparel, toys, books and video games.

Black Friday was named because retailers “go into the black,” meaning no longer “in the red,” which indicates losing money.

Heather Clary, BBB’s di-

rector of communications, says shoppers this season should exercise precaution anytime they are shopping. She warns that companies advertising a high percentage off of any item — like 75% off, for example — could be inflating original prices to make the sale look good.

Another thing many shoppers don’t think about being mindful of public wi-fi, Clary says. Public wi-fi is not secure, so checking your bank, credit card accounts or any other financially sensitive information should be saved for home.

But, Clary says, “As far as complaints, I would have to say that I think we hear more consumers who have issues with items they buy online” rather than in per-

son. She says Cyber Monday, a day known for online discounts being offered, helps shoppers get some really good deals from legitimate businesses.

“It’s the shoppers who go for whatever websites and ads they come across from unknown businesses that get into trouble.”

Clary says she stays troubled by the fact that so many folks out there believe that just because someone has a website and is posting ads online and in social media, it must be totally “legit.”

“And the scammers are very good at making their sites look like the real deal, easily fooling even the most savvy shopper,” she says.

If a company is selling the hottest item of the year

as a price that seems too good to be true, it probably is — a huge red flag Clary is constantly reminding folks to watch out for on high-end items.

“Many times people who do receive something from sites selling those find that what they received was a ‘knock-off’ of poor quality. They were unable to return the item,” she says. The same goes for hard-to-find hot toys and other items.

“One year, there was a website called Santa’s Toy Shop offering toys from the popular movie ‘Frozen’ and other types of children’s toys. People paid money via wire or prepaid card; they never got anything.

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## “Jane Todd Crawford, Her Story” to be presented

### Greensburg Arts Council to present program Dec. 13

BY SHERRY PALMER  
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

By the photo, you might think you are looking at 1809. But fast forward to 2005 and what you are looking at is Suzanne Bennett, in her portrayal of Jane Todd Crawford, right here in the Greensburg Old Courthouse.

The notion of bringing Jane Todd Crawford to life was the dream of Peggy Moore Jones, who thought it was a story worth telling, and a compelling one, at that.

When asked what it was that propelled her to

bring the story to the stage, Peggy stated, “In thinking back over the past almost 20 years of being back in Kentucky and my interest in promoting Jane Todd Crawford, I think back a little before that time, when Sam Moore had an article in the Record Herald asking folks to share with him their dreams for Greensburg’s future. The dream that I remember sharing with him was that we could have an outdoor theater down in Goose Creek and present the Jane Todd Crawford Story. I even drew up some plans for that! I guess that was not too realistic, but in June 2001, we organized the Arts Council, and in December 2005 we began a celebration of her life which was held for many years in the Old Courthouse. On those cold winter nights with help from a roaring fire, Suzanne and Warren Wolfe took us back to the year 1809 as they retold the story of this coura-

geous woman.”

If you were fortunate enough to see previous performances, then you witnessed the selfless legacy of a pioneer.

Many years have passed since that infamous 60 mile trip on horseback, when Jane Todd Crawford courageously found herself in surgery on Christmas Day to remove a 22.5 pound tumor. Can you just imagine thinking you were carrying twins, only to have the due date come and go, and eventually learning the cruel truth that you’ve been diagnosed with an ovarian tumor? And, the size of a one year old, to boot. Jane Todd Crawford was faced with an impossible decision; have the tumor removed, or die.

Ovariectomy (Ovarian Cyst removal) was a surgery that had never been successfully performed before. One can safely assume that few patients volunteered. After all, there was no such thing as anesthe-



Photo submitted

Suzanne Bennett as she portrays Jane Todd Crawford.

sia, as it was unknown to the medical profession at that time. But one person endured the unimaginable and who knows how many lives have been spared because of her bravery. This

is Jane Todd Crawford, and this is “Her Story.”

Meet our  
Actor:

A storyteller from an early age, Suzanne Bennett has a lifelong love for theater and performing. In fact, the monologue was written by Wilma DeSpain and Suzanne added to her original monologue for the subsequent portrayals.

No stranger to our community, Suzanne is a retired Green County elementary school teacher, who was an active member of the Arts Council while living in Greensburg, until she relocated to her native Lexington with her husband, Joel, to be near her three grown children and their families. The Greensburg Arts Council appreciates Suzanne’s generosity for sharing her talents with us, and we are looking forward to giving her an enthusiastic audience.

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