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Dance Shoppe students performing a beautiful Christmas routine.

with the Magic of Christmas and Santa's Workshop. Then, the second

half of the showed us the story of the Birth of Jesus. The Nativity Story

was shared as they traveled through Bethlehem to experience that beau-

tiful birth.

After speaking with Co-Director Zach Gridler, he told me they only chose to do one show for "Believe" because they were unsure how the turnout would be. The Dance Shoppe was in amazement. The show was SOLD OUT! There were 744 tickets sold to make that sell out and all those tickets were sold prior to opening night!

Owner of The Dance Shoppe, Marty Sallee, and the rest of the staff at The Dance Shoppe wanted to say thank you to the community for the love and support showed for all the hard work that was put into the show.

For more information on being a part of The Dance Shoppe please reach out to them on their Facebook Page, "The Dance Shoppe" or you can call them at 270-866-4064.



McKinzie Henson and Zach Gridler

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on their presentation strategy. Each group had 10 minutes to present their business plans and answer any questions from the panel of judges.

At the end of the challenge, the judges came to the decision of who would receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. First place of \$100 went to Jayden Padilla, Prem Patel, and Hector Escamilla for their 360 Turbo Brush Product. Second Place of \$75 went to Jaden Poppewell, Emma Pootee, Kaitlyn Harris, and Trenton Keen for their Cumberland Concierge Business. Lastly, the third-place award of \$50 went to Isaiah Rexroat, Caleb Howard, and Seth Overly for their SIC Phones Business.

The judges for the event

were: Betty Clark of First National Bank, Mike Selby of Selby Asphalt, Michael Ford of Russell County Schools, JR Thompson of the SCC Russell Center, and Kristin Goff the Marketing Manager at ServPro.

The mentors for the students were: Matt Gosser of Lakewoods Appliances, Marty Kazsuk of the Eli Country Store, Moochie Hart of Cumberland Family Medical, Christin Matney of Monticello Bank, and Heather Weaver of Timber Pointe Resort and Reel Java & Creamery.

A special thank you for the prize donations goes to ArtWorks Community Arts Education Center and Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery. Congrat-

ulations to all the young entrepreneurs who participated.

Moochie Hart was the mentor of the winning group this year last year as well! Moochie stated that she had an absolute blast working with these extremely bright young people. They were so kind, respectful, and teachable. She stated she also had the chance to mentor a second team, and while they didn't win, she admired their willingness to step outside their comfort zones to speak in front of a group. She said she is very proud of both groups she mentored and was honored that Ms. Wooten asked her to mentor again this year.

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ager, Cody Reeder and the winner of Priceless Foods Christmas Giveaway, Ms. Polly Jacobs.

After speaking with Mr. Reeder, I had a better understanding of what went into the Priceless Grocery Giveaway. Cody said that his team had the idea to fix a Christmas Basket for one of their customers as a gift to bless someone for Christmas, but what they didn't realize is just how bless they would actually be!

Between Cody and the team at Priceless they were able to create a Christmas basket worth over \$165 of items including a ham, a turkey, milk, eggs, rolls, a fruit basket and a WHOLE lot more! Mr. Reeder said his team really out did themselves and he was so proud of each of them for making this possible!

When Cody called Ms. Jacobs to let her know that she had won, she was overwhelmed with excitement. He said this in turn made him and his team extremely happy and blessed!

Before Christmas he decided to call her and figure out where she lived so he could personally deliver the items to her. When he got to her house, she proceeded to tell him how blessed and grateful she was for Priceless doing this and how much it had raised her spirits.

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as a gift to a child at Christmas, who may not have had anything otherwise?" Gerald, Angela and the rest from Coe's

Ms. Jacob has been battling cancer. She gave Mr. Reeder a quick story about everything she's been through the last year and how she's got an upcoming surgery after Christmas. However, she knows that God is good, and he has been taking care of her and she is looking up! But she expressed that she really needed something like this to help get her spirits up!

Cody said he wanted to use his job and team to help someone, to bless someone, but it was Ms. Jacob who blessed them! He said this experience is one of the reasons why he loves his job.

Cody wanted to thank all the customers, and a huge thanks to his great team at Priceless Foods for making this possible, but most of all, thank you to Ms. Jacob for allowing him to meet her and hear her story and for letting us give back. This is what the holiday season is about!

Ms. Jacob's story of strength and optimism has touched everyone at Priceless.

Cody would like to ask everyone to please send your prayers to Ms. Jacobs for good health! Cody and the Priceless staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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