



Tina Pasley Caroland and her son, Christopher Pasley, registered the vehicles for their gifts as they drove through the line.



Inside the fair barn, volunteers Faye Reece and Erin Leach selected gifts in the order as the children arrived at the fair barn.



(*Russula emetica*, commonly known as the sickener, emetic russula, or vomiting russula.)

Growing up in Estill County, I am very familiar with searching through the woods hunting for the elusive Morel Mushroom around April each year. I was very fortunate last April to find enough morel mushrooms to cook up with my biscuit and gravy for a seasonal springtime treat! Anyway, much to my surprise on this frosty December morning hiking through the woods, I found a very different type of mushroom growing on Furnace Mountain. At first I thought someone had thrown down the top of a red apple core, but it didn't really look like an apple. Curiosity got the best of me, and I reached down among the pine needles to pick it up. It was so fragile, it pretty much fell apart in my hands. Obviously, this was no apple core. Inspecting it further, I realized it had to be a mushroom. I looked around, and surprisingly, I was in a patch of the brightest, prettiest mushrooms I've ever seen. Even though it may be a distant cousin of the Morel Mushroom, these bright red capped mushrooms reminded me of those you read about in fairy tales, or see in Mario games. They were very bright red, oh so fragile, and definitely not to be eaten. I'm sure they have one thing in common with their distant cousin the Morel Mushroom, this fungus will only be around for a fleeting moment.

Tammy W. Cole



Brenda Puckett, Donna Pearson, and Terry Williams volunteered at Saturday's 40th Elizabeth Witt Christmas party as they have done for many years. Each year, they dress in their Christmas finest.



A residence at 207 6th Street in Ravenna has their house all lit up for Christmas.

CHRISTmas: HIS Story! Outdoor Drama Drive

Salem Baptist Church Pavilion
4470 Spout Springs Road, Irvine

December 18, 19, and 20th
6pm-8:30pm

**Come experience and learn the true meaning of the CHRISTmas story!*

For unto YOU is BORN this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOR, which is CHRIST the Lord.

Luke 2:11

DECK THE HALLS WITH **BOUGHS OF SAFETY**

Follow these tips for a safe holiday season.

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Here are some easy ways to ensure that you deck your halls free from fires, falls and fears:

- Never plug more than three standard-size sets of lights into an extension cord.
- Extension cords can occasionally overheat. Periodically touch-test the cord. If it's hot, unplug it.
- Elevate outdoor extension cords' plugs and connectors with a brick to keep snow, water and debris out of the connections.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
- It's lights out at bedtime and when you leave your house. That includes lights on your tree and other decorations. Lights can short and start a fire.
- When it's time to pack the lights away until next year, put them in a well-sealed container that will keep them dry.

Merry Christmas
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