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Friday basketball action.

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Gary Turnbull of Fort Madison stands behind his more than 400-strong miniature Christmas countryside. Turnbull has been collecting the pieces for the more than 30 years.

Three decades of a miniature Christmas

Gary and Karen Turnbull give up half their family room to put up miniature countryside

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The holiday spirit is alive and well for a Fort Madison man who's been building a collecting miniatures for a Christmas village that runs about 60 square feet right throughout most of his family room.

Gary and Karen Turnbull, who live on Avenue J in Fort Madison, turn their living room into a makeshift Christmas countryside every year right after Thanksgiving.

With more than 400 models and pieces in the collection, Gary said he's just about out of room, but



he'll find it when he needs it.

As it stands, the model countryside has two theaters, more than five churches, a carousel, a ski resort, a snow sledding hill and an LED train community, a military post, lighthouses, tree houses, and even ole St. Nick and his reindeer humming quietly over houses along the countryside.

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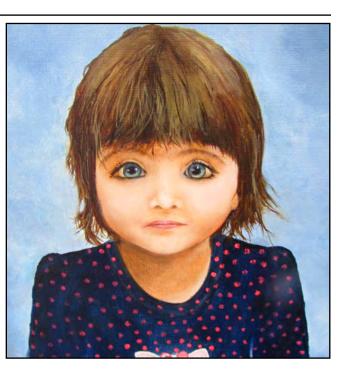
FMAAA to hold member reception Friday

BY BRIAN RIGGS Fort Madison Area Artists Association

FORT MADISON -Fort Madison Area Arts Association has a fan favorite ready just in time for the holidays. FMAAA Member Artists have filled the feature gallery at 825 Ave G to the seams, bursting with good cheer and astounding regional cultural representation. A reception for the artists will occur on December 15th from 5:00-7:00pm. Seither & Cherry is the sponsor for the exhibition.

Refreshments are

coffee will be available this month at Hyvee in Ft Madison. You can check out the new Avenue G venture at <u>Swedandco.</u> Best Photograph at \$50 stipend, Best Two-Dimensional at \$50 stipend, and Best Three-Dimensional at \$50 stipend. The



provided and the event is always free and open to the public. FMAAA will feature wine tasting from Baxter's Vineyards and Winery. Also on hand are samples of fresh roasted coffee from Swed & Co. This is the newest venture from our neighbors at Fox Theatre. The <u>com</u> and Facebook. They have built a gigantic coffee roaster in back of the theatre!

The upcoming reception is the perfect opportunity to greet the artisans of FMAAA as many will be on hand for the presentation of Best of Show at \$200 stipend, FMAAA is spending this holiday season, celebrating with the regional artisans of the area and successful delivery of another strong year of cultural programs and events to the area. Sort of an end of year tribute to

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OBITUARIES

NICHOLAS BEELMAN

Nicholas T. Beelman, 51, Mt. Union, died Saturday, December 9th at his home. He was born October 27, 1966 in Ft. Madison to Jack and Ruth Elizabeth Hoenig Beelman. On March 5, 1994, he married Lara Marie Reid at Harmony Bible Church. He was Salutatorian of the class of 1985 at Aquinas High School; attended one year at Southeastern Community College; and graduated from Iowa State in 1989 at the



top of his class. He worked as a professional forester and arborist and owned and operated Good Steward Forestry and Tree Care since 1993. He was of the Christian faith; enjoyed fishing, bicycling, his hobby

farm, spending time with his family. He loved research and expanding his mind. He also treasured his special bond with his nephew, Trent. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Joshua (Sophia) Beelman

BEELMAN

of Mt. Pleasant; two grandsons, Jack and Greyson, who he adored; his mother, Ruth Coffey of Wever; two brothers, David (Carol) Beelman

of Montrose; and Patrick (Denna) Beelman of Farmington; two sisters; Rebecca (Dr. John) Marriott of The Woodlands, Texas, and Deborah (Julie) Beelman of Burlington; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, father, brother Stephen Beelman and stepfather, Fred Coffey.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Friday at Elliott Chapel, New London, with Pastor Matt Yaley officiating. Friends may call from 9 AM until the time of the service. Burial will immediately follow. A memorial has been established.

JONI LYNN WELLMAN

Joni Lynn Wellman, 56, of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 8:44 AM at Great River Medical Center.

She was born on July 5, 1961 in Ft. Madison to Richard and Jean Nelson Brasfield. On July 17, 1982 she married Brian Wellman in Ft. Madison. Joni worked in the



kitchen at the cottage café for several years. She was a 1979 graduate of Ft. Madison High School. Joni loved her cats and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Wellman of Ft. Madison; a son, David Wellman of Ft. Madison; her parents, Richard and Jean Brasfield of Ft. Madison; her sister, Janet Long of Houston, TX; several

WELLMAN

nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents. The family will meet with friends on Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 9-11 AM

at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A wake service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Joseph Phung presiding. Burial will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Oakland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at <u>www.kinglyk.com</u>.

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For the Record/Weather

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

12/11/17 - 11:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue F. 12/11/17 - 22:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Marc Anthony Johnson, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of Avenue C, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail. 12/12/17 - 2:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to larceny/theft in the 700 block of 8th Street. 12/12/17 - 4:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of Avenue F. 12/13/17 - 3:49 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a Nicholas Matthew Garcia, 31, of Fort Madison in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on charges of Harrasment in the 1st degree. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 12/13/17 - 3:49 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Andrew James Atwater, 32, of Fort Madison, on a warrant for OWI 1st offense, possession of drug paraphernalia and carrying weapons. He was

taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's report

12/11/17 - 7:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Warran Richard LaValle, 53, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of 240th Street in Fort Madison on charges of driving under suspension and OWI. He was taken to the Lee County jail. 12/11/17 - 10:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Arthur Andries, 26, of Burlington, no arrest location provided, on a warrant of theft in the 5th degree. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 12/11/17 - 10:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Arthur Andries, 26 of Burlington, no arrest location provided, on warrants for trespass and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/12/17 - 11:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Theodore Bradley Moyes, 50, of Carthage, III., in the 2500 block of 255th Street in Montrose, on a warrant for violation of probation. 12/12/17 - 11:30 a.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Theodore Bradley Moyes, 50, on warrant for volunteer absence and a charge of a judgment entry. 12/12/17 - 10:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charles Edward Watts, 47, of Ozaark, Mo., no arrest location providedo on a warrants for operating a vehicle without owners consent and identity theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail where she was released on bond. 12/12/17 5:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Dustan Mills, 31, of Montrose, at the Clark County Jail on two warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/12/17 - 11:37 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Valerie Grace Brown, 43 of Keokuk, in the 2300 block of 335th Street, on a charge of domestic assault causing bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are always presumed innocent until and unless they are proven guilty in a court of law.

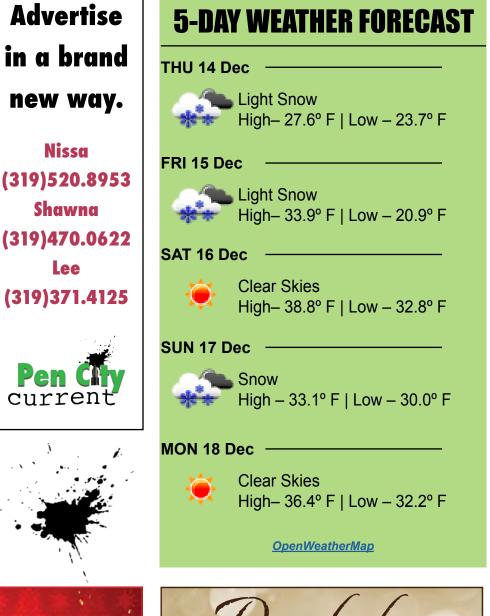
Correction

The Dec 13 story on Clinton Boddicker being appointed to a judicial seat in Iowa's Judicial District 8B is being corrected to address two inaccuracies.

First anyone, not just attorneys, can submit

a petition for a special election. That petition will require 1,615 signatures according to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise.

Also the election would be a special election as a Fort Madison school bond referendum election would not be countywide. Pen City Current regrets those errors and strives for accuracy in all its reporting.





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Local News/Lottery Numbers



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Sign workers put up the searsHOMETOWN sign across the front of the Sears Hometown store on Avenue G in Fort Madison. Kerry and Tina Snyder purchased the store on Aug. 16 of this year. The business is located at 704 Avenue G and can be reached at 319-372-0871. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 to 4 on Sunday.





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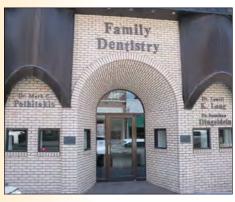


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FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
12/5/2017

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Wright, Andrews and Lair present. Council

Members Rink, Seidel and Cangas were absent. On motion, Council approved the agenda as written.

proved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 11/21/2017; Liquor License Renewal: Pizza Hut, 1123 – 24th Street, effective 12/20/2017; and Payment of Claims. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-65, accepting and approving

EXPENDITURES		REVENUES	11/16-11/30/2017
General	\$ 16,996.79	General	\$ 15,676.22
Sp. Rev. Funds	176,147.08	Special Rev.	913,524.20
Road Use	23,421.62	Road Use	128,112.66
Debt	6,050.00	Debt	668.53
Capital	52,088.99	Capital	8,217.32
Water	37,494.96	Water	261,213.58
Sewer	174,564.73	Sewer	344,340.27
Solid Waste	10,205.87	Solid Waste	61,940.17
	\$496,970.04	Storm Water Util	16,478.27
			\$1,750,171.22
PAYROLL	11/22/2017		
General	\$182,724.89		
Spec. Revenues	9,435.15		
Road Use	24,745.06		
Water	24,872.71		
Sewer	41,770.97		

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Solid Waste

Storm Water

On motion, Council ap-

final plat for Woodland Heights Subdivision. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-66, waiving subdivision requirements for Carol Schneider for property located north of Clearview Heights.

Following a five-minute recess, at 5:55 P.M., on motion, Council entered into Closed Session to evaluate an employee pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). With no action taken, Council came out of Closed Session at 6:37 P.M. At 6:38 P.M. on motion

Council adjourned until December 19, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L.

Blind, City Clerk

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You may obtain further information or express your views concerning this issue either in person or through an authorized representative at the public hearing, or prior to the meeting by fax at (319) 372-8661, by telephone at (319) 3727700 ext. 206, by E-mail at mblind@fortmadison-ia. com or in writing to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on December 19, 2017. Melinda L. Blind City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON **COMMUNITY SCHOOL** DISTRICT **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING** December 18, 2017 6:00 P.M. Finance: Wondra / DiPrima AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Recognition of guests

III. Reading of Foundation documents

IV. Monthly communications A. Student Rep Report -

Braxtyn McGhghy B. Curriculum Corner • National Council of Teachers of Mathematics trip to Chicago C. "Did You Know?" D. Superintendent Goal Report E. District Presentations V. Approve the agenda VI. Consent Agenda A. Minutes November 20, 2017, regular meeting 2. December 4, 2017, work session B. Financial reports

1. November balance sheet

2. November Revenue summary

3. Expenditure report November Expenditure Report

4. Student Activity report

- C. Accounts payable
- 1. November General Account
- 2. December General Account
- 3. Student Activity Account
- 4. Nutrition Account D. Consider personnel

resignations 1. Jan Dohman, Teacher at Richardson Elementary effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year 2. Christian Boyer, 8th grade boys basketball coach E. Consider employment of personnel 1. Christine Hatfield, Special Education teacher at **Richardson Elementary** 2. Ashley Fraise, Elementary nurse assistant 3. Deva Ross, CLC associate F. Consider contract modifications 1. Cindy Tillow, Richardson associate, change in assignment and classification G. Consider leave of absence H. Consider open enrollment requests I. Other reports 1. Director moved and director seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.

VII. Action Items A. Director of Curriculum



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and Student Services - Kim Harmon 1. Consider approval of At-Risk report

B. Superintendent - Erin Slater

1. Consider approval of policy changes

a. 501.3 - Compulsory Attendance

b. 501.6 - Student Transfer-In c. 501.6a - Admission of

Exchange Students d. 501.8 - Student Atten-

dance Records e. 501.10 - Uniform Attendance & Truancy Policy

f. 501.10R1 - Truancy - Unexcused Absences

Regulation g. 501.11 - Student Release During School Hours h. 501.12 - Pregnant Stu-

dents - Add i. 501.16 - Homeless Chil-

dren and Youth j. 501.19 - Temporarily

Disabled Students -Delete k. 502.2 - Care of School

Property/Vandalism 2. Consider approval of request for travel from Kay

Petersen and Jessica Gutzman to attend the Learning **Disabilities Association**

National Conference in Atlanta, GA C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore

1. VIII. Discussion Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon

1. B. Superintendent – Erin Slater 1. Review policy #501.3-

R-1 and 502.4 - 503.2. Recommended for review: 501.3-R-1 - Attendance

Cooperation Process Recommend to Delete 502.4- Student Com-

plaints and Grievances Recommend to adopt IASB Model 502.5 - Student Lockers

Recommend to add this policy (IASB only)

502.6- Weapons Recommend to adopt IASB model 502.7 - Smoking - Drinking - Drugs Recommend to add this policy (IASB only) 502.7a - Student Tobacco Possession Recommend to Delete (covered in 502-7) 502.7b - Alcohol Use/

Drug Abuse by Students

Delete (covered in 502.7) 502.8- Search and Seizure Recommend to adopt IASB Model 502.8-E-1- Search and Seizure Documentation Administrator's Form and Guide No revision 502.8-E-2 - Notice Recommend to Delete 502.8-R - Search and Seizure Guideline Recommend to adopt IASB Model 502.8-R-2 - Student Searches Recommend to Delete 502.9 - Interview of Students by Outside Agencies Recommend to adopt IASB Model 502.10 - Use of Motor Vehicles no revision 503.0 - Student Conduct 503.1 IASB model of our 503.0 Adopt IASB Model 503.1- Student Suspension Recommend to adopt IASB's 503.1-R-1 & renumber 503.1-R-1 IASB model of

our 503.1 - Student Suspension 503.2 - Student Expulsion

503.2 IASB Model Recommend to adopt IASB Model 2. IASB Convention

discussion

3. Schedule January building instructional tour 4. Certified Employee Attendance

5. Board Member Attendance C. Board Secretary/

Business Manager - Sandy Elmore 1.

IX. Comments from the audience

X. Legislative update XI. Announcements Next work session, Janu-

ary 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Next regular meeting, Jan-

uary 22, 2018, 6:00 p.m. The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, Febru-

ary 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Future work sessions: February 5, 2018. 6:00

PM, Middle School Library - Guiding Coalition Discussion March 5, 2018, 6:00 PM,

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Sports/From the Front

Hounds set for showdown with #6 Mt. Pleasant

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Mt. Pleasant has given the Fort Madison Bloodhounds fits for the past four years and they come to town Friday with a senior class that is one of the best in the state.

The Bloodhounds gave the Panthers all they wanted last year in the district finals in Mt. Pleasant, but the Panthers eliminated Fort Madison 62-51 ending their season.

Cedar Rapids Xavier then dropped the Panthers in the first round of the state tournament 44-59.

That team comes to the Hound-Dome pretty much intact, especially with regard to scoring, with the exception of senior Tom O'Connor lost to graduation and Brody McGhygy due to injury.

The Hounds also bring most of their scoring back with seniors Kaleb Cresswell and Treavor James-Kokjohn. James-Kokjohn is averaging close to 19 points per game, second in the conference behind Mt. Pleasant's Brady Sartorius. James-Kokjohn also pulls down right at 14 rebounds per game, leading the Southeast Conference in both offensive and defensive boards.

Cresswell is fifth in the conference in scoring at just around 12 points per game, but garners a lot of defensive attention as a 3-point threat. But Fort Madison Head Coach Ryan Wilson said it's the other pieces of the puzzle that boost the Hounds' chances of knocking off the Panthers.

Junior Logan Rashid has taken over for CJ Richardson at the point guard spot. Richardson, who graduated last year, averaged right at 10 points per game, Wilson said last year Rashid was able to run the floor and shoot, but this year he has to be the floor general.

"It's taken Logan a little time to adjust because now he's the point guard, the ball is in his hands but we still need him to score," Wilson said. "He had a real good game against Centerville. With him, he's just a great kid that works hard and needs more confidence in his game to do something."

Junior Brandon Keester has also been a bright spot for the Hounds with some timely 3-point shooting and has been in double figures three times for the Hounds.

"We've got Rashid, Cresswell, Kokjohn, but we need more pieces of the puzzle than that. (Brandon) Keester has done a pretty good job of hitting some open shots but he has a lot of growth yet," Wilson said.

Wilson said to have a chance against Mt. Pleasant you have to realize someone's going to score for the Panthers but the Hounds need to slow that down and keep the other players' games limited.

"We have to slow (Sartorius and Magnani) down for sure. It's going to take defensive discipline," he said. "We need to keep them in front of us. We gotta know that one of them is gonna get some points and if we can limit the others that'll help. (Colin) Mulford's a good shooter, (Jonathan) Ita's a good shooter, and (Kieran) Kohorst plays well in the post."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Treavor James-Kokjohn drives last week against Centerville. The Hounds take on #6 Mt. Pleasant Friday at the Hound-Dome.

He said Mt. Pleasant coach Paul Rundquist will have his team ready with Fort Madison after being pushed in district's last year.

"Rundquist is a good coach and he has plays designed for Sartorius, so he can hurt you in many different ways. He's kind of like (Miles) Wentzien in that respect. He can score from a lot of places." Wilson said his team realizes Mt. Pleasant will be a team to beat if the Hounds want to have a shot a state this year.

"I think the biggest thing holding us back is playing as a team and trusting each other," Wilson said. "They know that Mt. Pleasant is the team to beat in the conference and the area. And if they want a chance to get to state we're going to have to get by them. Our seniors are confident. They know we need to change some things. Confidence isn't an issue with our group, it's just playing the way we need to play to beat the No. 6 team in the state."

The night will feature freshman/junior varsity/varsity boys games with tip off of the freshman game at 4:45.

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From the Front

House conjurs dreams of snowier holiday season

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"I've been collecting these since about 1986," Gary said Wednesday afternoon.

He couldn't say how much he's spent or what the value of the collection is because he doesn't typically pay full value for them.

"I have no idea what the value is," he said. "I guess the real value is the joy the family gets from it. But I can't put a dollar value on it."

He said he's purchased the miniature collectibles from almost every big box store, usually when they go on clearance. But he said a lot of the pieces have come from family members, friends, and community members who know about the size of his collection and his passion for setting them up each year.

Turnbull said it takes about 18 hours to set all the models up and get them plugged in. He said the electrical can be the most difficult part, but improvements in offerings on the lights has made



things a bit easier. "I can get strings of 5 or 7 C7 lights now and there is just enough room between the lights to use them to string together 5 to 7 houses so that has reduced the number of plugs that are needed.

The collectibles sit on some four-foot vinyl tables, some stepped wooden shelving, and even some newly added benches this year to accommodate the growing collection. He even incorporated a bit of gutter vinyl to create a slope for miniature sledders. Then he uses basic white sheets as the table covers and uses a little bit of white stuffing material to create the slopes for the ski resort and the sledding hills.

The new models have LED lights and one of his favorite pieces is a replica church of an older model that he already had in the collection. The church has LED detail lights around the steeple and windows.

"I really liked this LED church when I first saw it. And after I looked at it closely I realized it's



the same church as the one I already have, but it's a smaller version with LEDs," Turnbull said.

The couple have three grandchildren and nine grandchildren and Turnbull said he hopes that one of the children will pick up the mantel and run with it at some point. But he said he and his wife have changed some things to make the assembly and tear down simpler logistically.

"I can only go about five hours a day when I'm setting it up, so it usually takes about three or four days. My knees just

can't take it anymore. But sometimes the grandkids will come over and want to help. They usually end up playing with them more than helping. But I don't mind. The only rule is whatever they take down to play with, they have to put it back."

Another piece Turnbull is sentimental about is a bullet casing from his father's 21-gun salute. His father, who was in the military, died after battling Alzheimer's disease. At the military salute, Turnbull asked if he could have some of the shells for himself, his kids, and his

grandchildren. Now one of the shells sits on the military miniature scene and is engraved as part of his display.

"I asked them if I could have some of the casings for my family and they gave them to me," Turnbull said. "Then I wanted to get them engraved and looked around and people were asking as much as \$40 per casing. I took it here locally and the dealer said, 'Your family served our country and mine didn't so I'll engrave all of them for free.' I told him I would be happy to pay for them and he said, 'No, you won't."



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