Baking brings families together

BY ANNE REBAR

Senior Corinne Nagel said that every year she and her mother bake sugar cookies to give as Christmas presents, and of course, to eat for Santa. “Every year when I was younger, I loved helping my mom and grandma make sugar cookies because I always got to help roll them out and cut them with our special Christmas cookie cutters, and decorate them with frosting and colored sugar,” Nagel said.

Baking is something Nagel said she and her mom do every Christmas in bond and get into the Christmas spirit. “It’s fun and you can be as creative as you like, plus it’s a good way to bond and get into the Christmas spirit. Every year her whole family gathers to make currant cookies, which her grandma always does for generations. ‘We have kind of a competition to see whose is the best. We always have kind of a competition to see whose is the best. We have some pretty realistic Santas, Rudolphs and Frosties,” Nagel said.

Sugar cookies are a staple in many Christmas cookie line-ups, but senior Jenna Sesti has a more unique cookie tradition. “Every year when I was younger, I loved helping my mom and grandma make sugar cookies because I would get to help roll them out and cut them with our special Christmas cookie cutters, and decorate them with frosting and colored sugar,” Nagel said.

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Sesti said the gingerbread houses have been a tradition as long as she can remember. “We have fun with it,” Caldwell said. “We don’t have a lot of the specific styles that other stores do, but we have fun. It gives people a chance to see creativity. Every year we use the same garland and ornaments, but every year it turns out different. It lets you have some pretty realistic Santas, Rudolphs and Frosties,” Nagel said.

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By Jennifer Lewis Staff Reporter

Three green garlands, moto- rized lights, glittering ornaments, drooping dogs, and animated Christmas trees have appeared in the front windows of local stores in the Kirksville Square preparing to welcome the Christmas season. The Green Door, a specialty shop located on the north side of the Square at 103 W. Martin St., has put classic Christmas touches to its good use. The store’s large front window is-strewn with a garland and red and green lights, peeping cheer- fully through the plastic limbs. December red, green and gold or- naments lay across the top of the display, framing a red ribbon that trails free perched on top of a display of Green Door products. Brenda Caldwell, owner of The Green Door, said and the employees look forward to decorating the store every year. “We have fun with it,” Caldwell said. “We don’t have a lot of the specific styles that other stores do, but we have fun. It gives people a chance to see creativity. Every year we use the same garland and ornaments, but every year it turns out different. Although only one of The Green Door’s two display win- dows has been completely deco- rated, Caldwell said the other window room will contain a hom- e-like Christmas scene to help pro- mote the charity for which the store raises money every year. “We’ve worked out a deal with the Kirksville Shriners and they let us use the square for free,” Caldwell said. “It will look like a room where someone has been Christmasing, and we’re go- ing to have a woman wrapping presents because we take dona- tions for the Kirksville Shriners. People that want to bring us anything, and contribute it to the Shriners Hospital for Children.”

Edna Campbell Brownlee, 70, and her 145 W. Washington- ton St., directly next-door to The Green Door, took their Christmas decorating in a more whimsical direction.

“I was tired of doing the Christmas wreaths so I decided to do the windows,” Brownlee, who is an art major, said she really likes making the sugar cookies because I would get to help roll them out and cut them with our special Christmas cookie cutters, and decorate them with frosting and colored sugar,” Nagel said. “I always look forward to the time I get to spend with my family. Plus, the cookies are delicious.”

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