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Season's greetings from all of us at Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative.

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Works of Art

GARY DIEHL, MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER

QUITE OFTEN WE BRAINSTORM IDEAS for *Penn Lines* articles at Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative (REC). When December looms large, our thoughts often turn to the Christmas season and activities surrounding the holidays. While any Christmas story is probably a good one, every now and again you have to stray from the norm. I asked myself: “What besides Christmas happens in December around this neck of the woods?”

In Bedford County, like most rural areas of Pennsylvania, hunting is wildly popular. Some folks I know plan their entire year around it and save all their paid time off for whitetail rifle season, hoping they’ll be lucky enough to bag that trophy buck. No matter what your hunting passion is — be it mammal, fish or reptile — sometimes the avid sportsman wants to preserve the memory of their hunt by having their harvest mounted.

Enter: Shane Corle, who owns and operates Corle Wildlife Taxidermy in Pavia. Shane and his family built a house on the Bedford REC system last year, but he is no stranger to the cooperative. The taxidermy shop where he creates his masterpieces happens to be at his father’s house, and his dad has been a co-op member for about 50 years.

“I’ve always loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing, and I ended up doing a mount for my senior project in high school,” explains Shane, who started his business in 2006. “So I got started early.”

Staying current is imperative, he says, and he is constantly continuing his education. Until recently, he worked a full-time job while still cranking out great pieces of work. He always loved it. Eventually, though, he got so busy he decided to devote all of his time to taxidermy.



A WINNER: Shane Corle, owner of Corle Wildlife Taxidermy in Pavia, poses with his daughter, Calli, alongside some of his taxidermy work.



TROPHIES GALORE: This is a small sample of the numerous awards earned by Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative member Shane Corle, owner of Corle Wildlife Taxidermy in Pavia.

When you enter Shane’s shop, there are works in progress staged everywhere. Even to an untrained eye, it’s clear he produces outstanding quality work. And his talent and dedication have earned him quite a few awards that he displays near the entrance of the shop. From the 2023 Pennsylvania Taxidermy and Wildlife Art Championship alone, he won the National Wild Turkey Federation’s Best Turkey Award, the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Best Deer Head Award, the Pennsylvania Taxidermist Association’s (PTA) Best Bear Award, and the PTA’s Best All-Around Taxidermist. He is also the 2023 PTA state champion in both whitetail and turkey. These are no small feats against stiff competition with judges from across the country.

Aside from these accolades, Corle Wildlife Taxidermy has received significant praise and compliments from customers. One of Shane’s repeat customers — Jon Dicken, owner of D&D Constructions — walked into the shop while I was conducting the interview.

When Shane introduced us, Jon was quick to throw several compliments Shane’s way, saying he was very deserving of any press he gets. Shane was humble and quiet, but you

could tell he was proud.

Jon and his son were at the shop because they had harvested a deer during archery season and wanted to have it shoulder mounted. Watching Shane go over the options, share information, and talk about different poses and angles, it was clear he really knew his craft and genuinely cared about the end result and the customer's happiness.

With rifle season currently in full swing, most of Shane's customers are bringing in whitetail deer. While mounting whitetails is one of his favorite tasks, he also enjoys working on turkeys. We talked a little bit about fish, but he says the time and effort to mount them versus the money is not really worth it. Shane said he isn't doing small game anymore for the same reason. He also has several out-of-state customers and works on larger animals like elk and bears. In fact, there was a beautiful black bear looking over my shoulder during the interview.

Typical lead times on a mount could be in excess of a year or more depending on the size and complexity of the work involved. Shane says he can do about a dozen deer a month without jeopardizing the quality of his work.

Outdoorsmen and hunters who want to get what they harvest mounted know it can be a pricey venture.

"When it comes to taxidermy, you very much get what you pay for," Shane explains. He advises those doing business with him or any taxidermist to stay in constant contact.

Check out some of Shane's work and other pertinent information on his Facebook page, Corle Wildlife Taxidermy. 📱



OH DEAR: Mounting whitetail deer is one of Shane Corle's favorite tasks, and he does about a dozen a month at his shop in Bedford County.



BEAR NECESSITY: This gorgeous black bear climbing on a rock showcases taxidermist Shane Corle's artistic creativity.



TALKING TURKEY: This is one of many turkeys prepared by Shane Corle, who has received numerous awards for his work.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you're planning to purchase electronic gifts this holiday season, look for the ENERGY STAR® label, which indicates higher energy efficiency performance.

Electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating are up to 25% more efficient than standard products. This holiday season, give the gift of energy savings with ENERGY STAR®-rated electronics and equipment.

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Bedford REC's office will be closed Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas Day and Jan. 1, 2025, for New Year's Day.

Bedford REC will close at noon on Dec. 24.

DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) directors and employees are asking members to join them in donating to area food banks. Those wishing to donate items should bring them to the Bedford REC office on Lincoln Highway by Dec. 13.

Items needed include: canned goods, paper products, soap and other hygiene-related items, and food products, such as noodles, cake mixes, spaghetti, or boxed foods of any kind. The items will be donated to local food banks throughout the county.

Your help and kindness will be appreciated during this holiday season.

Those making a donation will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50 credit toward their electric bill.

OUTAGE REPORTING

In case of an outage...

- 1** Check your fuses or circuit breakers.
- 2** Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.
- 3** Call the 24-hour number, 814-623-7568, OR call 800-808-2732* during office hours.

**(Please help us save money – only use this number if toll charges apply.)*

Please give the person receiving the call your name as it appears on your bill, your telephone number and your map number, if known. Any specific information about the outage will also be helpful in pinpointing the problem.

**To report an outage call:
814-623-7568**

During widespread power outages, many members are calling to report power failures. You may receive a busy signal, or in certain cases, your call may go unanswered. This occurs in after-hours outages when the office is not fully staffed. Please be patient and try again in a few minutes.