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*Uniquely Nodaway*

## County organizers launch holiday shopping experience

Nodaway County Economic Development, (NCED) along with the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, have planned an eight-week promotion geared toward holiday shopping with the local small business firms throughout the county.

"Shop Small, Uniquely Nodaway" will create shopping excitement with weekly prizes climaxed with three cash prizes at the end of the promotion, December 12.

"Nodaway County businesses have experienced tough times through the COVID-19 pandemic," noted

Josh McKim, executive director of NCED.

He and Maryville Chamber executive director Lily White garnered funds from Missouri state tourism, Nodaway County and City of Maryville to allow for the extended shopping

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## Maryville BOE extends virtual time, demands better instruction on off day, Fridays

The Maryville R-II Board of Education gathered October 14 to decide what to do about virtual learning as the October 16 date of it ending was looming.

After over an hour of discussion involving board members and administration, the board voted 4 to 3 to continue the virtual learning until the Thanksgiving vacation. Members Josh McKim, Elaine Wilson and Frank Grispino were the dissenting votes.

There was some discussion about possible more in-school face-to-face time for the students with all acknowledging that is the



The artist rendition of the Black Pony Brewery, located at the corner of Fourth Street and North Main.

## Maryville council approves the Black Pony Brewery plan

To open the October 12 Maryville City Council meeting, there were two public hearings connected to property developments within the city limits.

The first public hearing was for the proposed annexation of property located at 24646 Business Highway 71, formerly Drake Lumber, which is owned by Justin and Tiffany Dredge and Robert and Annie Zirfas.

The second public hearing was for the Black Pony Brewery redevelopment plan, certain tax abatement through a Chapter 353 plan and the determination of blight for the redevelopment of the property located at 101 East Fourth and Maryville's downtown area.

No one spoke at either public hearing.

Later in the open session, there was a presentation by City Manager Greg McDanel about the Black Pony Brewery redevelopment plan and proposed tax abatement. The council approved the 25-year tax abatement, adding up to \$306,000 in taxes, contingent on several documents to be submitted including addressing the state statute Chapter 353 upcoming redevelopment plan. The redevelopment plan, an estimated \$750,000 phased in invest-



The proposed new look of the renovations to Maryville City Hall.

ment. is presently assessed with a value of \$13,000 while the next year's assessment is estimated to be \$415,000. The owners, Four Horseman Properties, LLC, that being Brandon and Jennifer Jensen, Stephanie Campbell and Kent Yount, were present at the meeting.

The development plan proposes complete renovation of the three-story structure to occur in three phases.

Phase one will include interior demolition, exterior brickwork/surewall painting and installation of all new windows and doors. This scope of work is projected to take approximately 30 days to complete. The estimated cost for phase one is \$150,000.

Phase two will consist of renovation of the interior of

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## Downtown Trick or Treat to continue without sponsor

As in the past, the Maryville Downtown Trick or Treat will continue this year without a sponsor.

The event will be from 5 to 7 pm, Thursday, October 29. The event will be smaller this year than what has been experienced in the past. Treating will take place along Main Street and around the Courthouse square. Parents and children are asked to be aware of traffic as streets may not be closed.

Maryville Downtown Trick or Treat started 25 years ago as an effort by a downtown merchants association to showcase the wide range of goods and services available in the area which ranges from Buchanan east to Market Street and Jenkins north to Sixth Street.

Over the years, organizations, clubs, churches, political candidates, other businesses and entities have set up in the downtown area. This event is a celebration showcasing Maryville.

It has allowed families to

experience the fun of dressing up and trick or treating from the wide number of publicized participants.

This year all involved are asked to use common sense. Recommendations for business participants this year include setting up outside of the business, wearing a mask, placing candy into child's bag, basket or bucket, use gloves or hand sanitizer and social distance as much as possible.

Families are requested to stay in groups, maintaining space between them and the group ahead. If possible even though this is an outdoor activity, masks are recommended for family members old enough to wear. The CDC warns against double masking, don't wear a Halloween mask with a face mask. Preference is given to wearing just a face mask.

The decision to participate is up to families and businesses.



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