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A wooden Christmas tree adorned with lights and handmade ornaments stands among the vendor displays at the Loretto Holiday Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 13, at Loretto City Hall.

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crafters. Vendors filled their tables with handmade gifts, holiday decorations, baked goods, preserves and other items.

Among the offerings were hand-sewn bags and fabric bowl holders, handmade hats, wooden ornaments and painted wood slices featuring festive snowmen. Lexlas 3D Printing offered a variety of 3D-printed creations, including uncolored ornaments that children could decorate themselves before hanging them on the Christmas tree.

Other vendors offered homemade treats and personal care products, including hand scrubs from Mama's Little Secret.

Participating vendors included Riverbend Sportsman's Lake, Simply Play, Hickory House Homestead, Miss Jeannie's Handcrafted Creations, Lexlas 3D Printing, Rocky Ridge Farm, Buck's Farm and Mama's Little Secret.

In addition to holiday shopping, families had an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. Santa made an appearance Friday evening, giving children a chance to share their Christmas wishes and have their pictures taken with him.

The bazaar ran from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and continued from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, bringing a variety of handmade goods and holiday festivities together under one roof at Loretto City Hall.

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given it was the last opportunity for seniors to play football. It was noted that one of those aforementioned schools had apparently made the decision to forfeit even before the season started.

Marion County Principal Robbie Peterson expressed that by forfeiting the school district would be fined by the KHSAA. But the amount of the fine was nearly the same as the cost of transportation all the way to Paducah.

Peterson, a former coach, blamed the system set up by the KHSAA. The organization added a first round to the football playoffs so that four teams would make the postseason instead of the traditional two. The change has resulted in numerous blowouts in the first round, creating very few competitive games.

"If football was like the other sports, you'd play someone within your district in the opening round. In our case, if we were playing against Elizabethtown, there would not be any question about going. Now, the fourth-place teams are driving all across the state just to get blown out," Peterson added.

Brown commented that just being in the playoffs doesn't trump the mismatches that have occurred with this current set-up,

"There are some that would say that our kids deserve the experience of playing in the playoffs. But this was a completely unwinnable situation. It's one thing to have a positive experience to finish the season, but it's another to have one that is completely negative.

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